

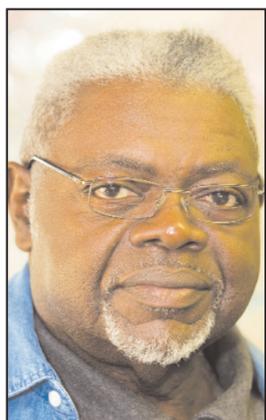
OUTside Looking IN

OUR VOICE



Lisa Gissendaner GUEST EDITORIAL "Black girls carry extra burdens to stay in school" BY Lisa Gissendaner PAGE 4

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

"Black Lives Matter"

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last Saturday, I attended the "Black Lives Matter" program at Harrison Creek AME Zion Church where I sat with people such as Mr. John Thatch and Mrs. Mary Alice Thatch, Attorney Peter Gear, Mr. Charles Warren, State President of the Black Leadership Caucus, Debra Maxwell NAACP District Director NAACP, Xavier Daniels, Bladen County NAACP, Reverend Darby, Cedar Grove, Nancy Shakir, Democracy for America, and many more as they made speech after speech, all in their own way, about the problems that face the poor, elderly, Blacks, other minorities, and the sick. It all comes down to our elected officials and their one sided views of what a free society should be like. After all the talk and prayers, we came up with some suggestions that we need to place on our elected officials' desks, starting in Raleigh at the Governor's office, and coming down to our local elected officials. Why is it that Henry McCollum and Leon Brown, two brothers who spent over 20 years each in prison and were then found innocent of the crime. Then they were let out with \$45.00 and sent home. They need to be pardoned and paid. Why hasn't the Governor appointed a special prosecutor for all this police abuse going on in this state? We will recommend that a citizen review board with subpoena power be formed, getting the word out to our youth on what actions should be taken when stopped by police. We had Reverend Jimmy

Please see BRUNSWICK/Page 2

THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

News from the African American perspective without fear or favor

VOLUME 88/No. 10

MARCH 5-MARCH 11, 2015

FIFTY CENTS

WASHINGTON

Concerns grow about the Lynch confirmation

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If published reports are to be believed, US Attorney Loretta Lynch has the US Senate votes to be confirmed the next Attorney General of the United States, succeeding the outgoing Eric Holder.

But supporters are growing more and more concerned that the longer the Senate takes to hold a confirmation vote on the North Carolina native's nomination, the more time those who oppose her have to cause problems, and make that vote a lot closer than many believe it should be.

According to the Washington Post this week, Senate Republicans "...aren't talking to Democrats about when they will" hold the vote.

"Attorney General nominee Loretta Lynch has passed her senatorial job

interview. She answered questions for eight hours during her confirmation hearing, submitted detailed responses to almost 900 written questions, and met individually with at least 59 senators. She has earned the support of members of both parties, top law enforcement groups and 25 former U.S. attorneys from Republican and Democratic administrations," wrote Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-Minn] this week in a Politico Magazine op-ed titled "Immediately Confirm Loretta Lynch."

"So why has her nomination languished for nearly four months - longer than any nominee for attorney general in recent memory?" the Minnesota senator continued. "And why have senators like my colleague Ted Cruz [R-Arizona] insisted that she is somehow lawless? Why have they gone to such lengths to torpedo her

confirmation?"

"Loretta Lynch is supremely qualified to be our nation's top cop," Sen. Klobuchar concluded, "and she should be confirmed immediately."

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12-8 last month to send Lynch's nomination to the full Senate for confirmation.

Three Republicans - senators Orrin Hatch of Utah, Lindsay Graham of South Carolina and Jeff Flake of Arizona - voted with the committee's Democrats in support.

But the rest of the panel's Republicans, most notably Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina, voted against Lynch, primarily because of her seeming support for President Obama's executive action on immigration.

Please see LYNCH/Page 3



U.S. ATTY. LORETTA LYNCH

WASHINGTON Justice Department report cites Ferguson police racism

However, Officer Darren Wilson will not be charged.

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In the aftermath of the fatal August 2014 police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. that touched off weeks of national debate and demonstrations, the US Justice Dept. has concluded that even before that fateful incident, the police department there demonstrated clear patterns of racial bias toward its black citizens.

According to published reports this week, a Justice Dept. review, that The New York Times called "scathing," found that the Ferguson Police Dept. routinely acted on racial stereotypes to make a disproportionate



BROWN

Please see FERGUSON/Page 3



The Wilmington, N.C. Chapter of The Links, Incorporated sponsored its second African-American History Museum at the Village at Greenfield during Black History Month 2015.

WILMINGTON

Celebrating Black History Month

BY CYNTHIA BROWN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Continuing its legacy of educating youth, building their self-esteem and partnering with other community organizations to achieve this goal, the Wilmington, N.C. Chapter of The Links, Incorporated sponsored its second African-American History Museum at the Village at Greenfield during Black History Month 2015. The museum concept was launched in 2014 under the leadership of Mrs. Marva Robinson, Chair of the Arts Facet in the local Links chapter. Following months of arts education and activities

with youth residing in the Village at Greenfield, the Links created an exhibit on Black History to offer an innovative way of helping African American children learn their history.

This year's exhibit included artifacts, books and collectibles illustrating African American history. The displays were placed in the Family Resource Center at the Village at Greenfield and arranged so that youth could take a self-guided tour. Members of the organization were on hand to provide detailed

Please see BLACK HISTORY/Page 2

America's record of Black lynchings worse than previously thought

BY ZENITHA PRINCE OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER

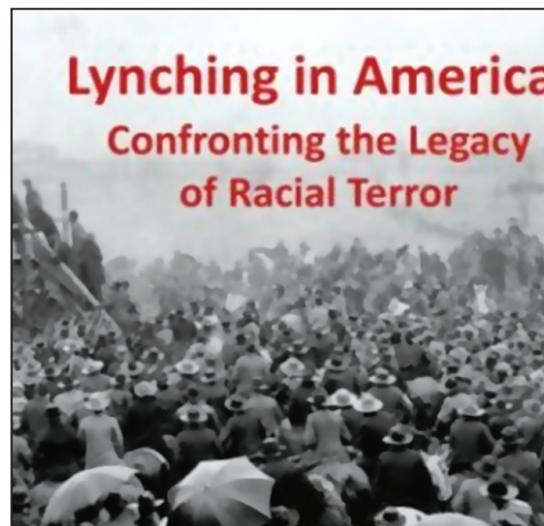
NNPA--Almost 4,000 Blacks-about 700 more than previously reported-were lynched in 12 Southern states during the period between Reconstruction and World War II, according to a new report by the Equal Justice Initiative.

"Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror" is the result of five years of research and 160 visits to sites across the South. The report

makes the argument that these killings were a form of racial terrorism aimed at subjugating the Black community and maintaining Jim Crow segregation.

"We're focusing on lynchings of African-Americans because when Whites were lynched it was really more about punishment - it wasn't sent to terrorize the White community, it was intended to actually

Please see LYNCHINGS/Page 3



THE WILMINGTON
JOURNAL

ISSN 0049-7649 - AN
INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
Dedicated to R.S. Jervay,
Founder of R.S. Jervay
Printers, 1901
and T.C. Jervay, Sr., Founder
of The Wilmington Journal,
An offspring of the Cape Fear
Journal, 1927

Published Weekly At
412 South Seventh Street,
Wilmington, NC 28401
By Black Press SENC, LLC
P.O. Box 1020, Wilmington,
NC 28402
Periodical Postage Paid At
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 762-5502,
Fax: (910) 343-1334,
Email: wilmjourn@aol.com
Website:

www.wilmingtonjournal.com
Single Copy 50 Cents
Subscription Rates
All Subscriptions \$32 Yearly,
Except Foreign, \$37 Yearly,
Payable in Advance. (Taxes
Included for NC Residents)
Address all communications
and make all checks and
money orders payable to:
The Wilmington Journal,
P.O. Box 1020,
Wilmington, NC 28402

WE ACCEPT



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

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

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

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

Please send news near the event
date. Briefs/news cannot be
taken over the phone. Photos
and stories may also be
mailed to us at

wilmjournnews@aol.com. News,
but not photos, may be faxed to
us at 910-343-1334. Photos
may be picked up after appear-
ing in the paper. The

publisher is not responsible for
the return of unsolicited news,
pictures or advertising copy
unless necessary postage
accompanies the copy on a
self-addressed envelope.

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

BRUNSWICK

Continued from Page 1

Melvin, Reverend Edgar
Roberts, Reverend Michael
Ballard of the AMEZ church-
es.

Black lives do matter, and
it's time that all of us S-T-A-
N-D!!!! Bernest L. Hewett is
the President of the
Brunswick County Branch of
NAACP.

Today's
Black
News
Is
Tomorrow's
Black
History



BLACK HISTORY

Continued from Page 1

information or to answer
questions about the exhibits.
Dr. Lee Monroe (spouse of
Link Gloria Monroe) con-
ducted a mini-workshop with
youth about famous African
Americans who are featured
on U.S. postal stamps, and
distributed an African
American stamp along with
information about stamp col-
lecting to each child.

Also included in the exhib-
it was information about
African American artists,
entertainers, politicians,
civil rights activists and
other African American his-
tory makers. A special dis-
play about the Buffalo
Soldiers was on loan to the
exhibit from Mr. Donald
Green (spouse of Link
Constance Drain Green).

To further its goals of build-
ing self-esteem and aware-
ness, on March 28, 2015 the
Wilmington, N.C. Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated will
present Dr. Dolly D. Adams as
the keynote speaker during
its 45th annual Fine Arts
Brunch. Dr. Adams is a for-
mer national president of the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dr. Lee Monroe shares African American Heritage United States postage stamps with the youth of Village at Greenfield. This project was sponsored by the Wilmington, NC Chapter of the Links, Incorporated.

Links, Incorporated and has
also served as Episcopal
Supervisor for the Second
Episcopal District of the

A.M.E. Church. The theme
of this year's brunch is
"Building a Healthy Legacy:
Our Prescription for the

Future". The public is invit-
ed to attend and tickets are
available from members of
the Links, Incorporated or by

going online to wilmingtonnclinksinc.org.

Blacks underrepresented in STEM classes

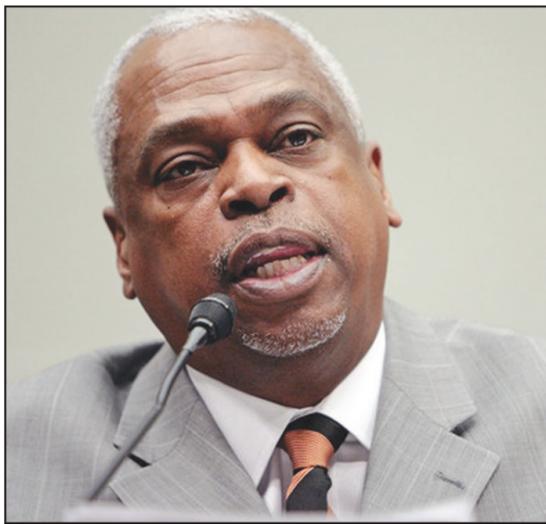
BY FREDDIE ALLEN
NNPA SENIOR
WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) -
Many young African
Americans will be shut out of
the high paying jobs of the
future, if they don't earn a
degree in the science, tech-
nology, engineering and
mathematics (STEM), accord-
ing to a new report.

The new report by The
Leadership Conference on
Civil and Human Rights, a
coalition of more than 200
advocacy and outreach
groups, said that less than 3
percent of Blacks have
earned a degree in the nat-
ural sciences or engineering
fields by the age of 24 and
that the STEM labor force is
projected to grow by 2.6 mil-
lion jobs over the next five
years. Researchers said that
more than half of those jobs
will go to people with bache-
lor's or master's degrees.

In a press release about the
report Wade Henderson,
president and CEO of both
the Leadership Conference
on Civil and Human Rights
and the Leadership
Conference Education Fund,
said that equal access to a
STEM education is crucial to
the future of our country and
economy, and to the lives of
millions of minority and
women students.

"We must - all of us - exam-
ine what systemic changes
are necessary to ensuring
that STEM learning is inclu-
sive, engaging, and equally
accessible, so that all of our
children have the same



WADE HENDERSON, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF
THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL
AND HUMAN RIGHTS

opportunities to adequately
prepare for college and for
careers that will allow them
to support themselves and
their families," said
Henderson.

According to the U.S. Bureau
of Labor Statistics, STEM
workers, specifically in com-
puter and math careers,
make more than \$80,000 per
year. Even workers that grad-
uate with associate's degrees
earn about 10 percent more
than those working in non-
STEM jobs.

"Yet, right now, all across
America, there are nearly 40
million adults - dispropor-
tionately people of color and
those who grew up in poverty
- who do not have a high
school diploma or its equiva-

lent," stated the report. "And
they are effectively locked
into the lowest rungs of the
occupational ladder."

The majority of poor chil-
dren don't know enough
words or have enough math
skills when they start kinder-
garten and confronted with
less experienced teachers
and limited resources are ill-
equipped for Algebra, a pre-
requisite for higher-level
math courses, by the time
they reach the 8th grade.

Some states failed to provide
minority students access to
those high-level math and
English courses altogether.
"In 2013, there were 11 states
where not one Black student
took the Advanced Placement
(AP) computer science exam,
which allows high school stu-
dents to earn college credit:
Alaska, Idaho, Kansas, Maine,
Mississippi, Montana,
Nebraska, New Mexico, North
Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming,"
stated the report. "Nearly 20
percent of African-American
high school students attend a
high school that does not offer
any AP courses."

The report included a num-
ber of policy proposals and nec-
essary actions for federal, state,
and local lawmakers as well
the private sector and philan-
thropic groups designed to en-
courage diversity in STEM
careers and to raise the aware-
ness of opportunities in STEM
in the Black community. Those
proposals included provided
access to STEM courses as
early as elementary school,
investing more resources into
training teachers, developing
technical job programs for an
evolving workforce, and asking
business and industry leaders
to collaborate with colleges
to make sure that students
are gaining skills to fill vacant
STEM jobs.

The report noted that, "The
President's Council of
Advisors on Science and
Technology (PCAST) warned
that 300,000 or so college stu-
dents graduating each year

with bachelor's and associate's
degrees in STEM fields is one
million off the mark

The Department of
Education launched The
Equity and Excellence
Commission, in an effort to
eliminate the racial and socio-
economic disparities in educa-
tion. That group recommended
ensuring high-quality early
learning programs for low-
income students, distributing
highly effective teachers equi-
tably, incentivizing the develop-
ment of racially and socioeco-
nomically diverse schools, and
strengthening parent engage-
ment programs.

The Leadership Confer-
ence report said that it's time
for the United States to the
examine the pressures that
squeeze minority children
out of the STEM pipeline and
to accelerate the reforms that
work to close the opportunity
and achievement gaps.

"STEM education isn't
merely a new feel-good fad,"
stated the report. "It is now -
and will continue to be - the
backbone of our dynamic
and constantly changing
world. And it's critical that
we make sure that it's equally
available to every child."

Statement from Jason C.
Harris, Chairman of the
CFCC Board of Trustees

Editor's note: This statement
is in regard to the investiga-
tion being carried out by the
SBI regarding the former
president of Cape Fear
Community College, Dr. Ted
Spring, who recently resigned
in the midst of controversy.
It has been reported that he
has now requested that he be
reinstated.

"The CFCC Board of
Trustees takes allegations of
inappropriate behavior very
seriously, and the College is
fully cooperating with the SBI
and State Auditor investiga-
tions. An objective and thor-
ough investigation is welcome,
and we look forward to any
findings or suggestions for
improvement that may result
from this process.

In order to ensure that the
investigation's integrity is

not compromised and that
the public's interest in fair-
ness is preserved, the
College's staff and Trustees
must not make any public
comments about the investi-
gation or the resignation of
former president Dr. Ted
Spring until after all of the
legal and personnel matters
have been resolved.

Regardless of the outcome
of these issues, the College
will remain dedicated and
focused on improving the
quality of life of our commu-
nity and providing the high-
est quality education for our
students, job training for our
labor force, and enrichment
programs for our residents
and businesses."--Jason C.
Harris, Chairman of the
CFCC Board of Trustees,
February 26, 2015.

RECYCLE

THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL
BY SPREADING THE NEWS

Save the Date and Celebrate with Us!

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

The 45th Annual Fine Arts Brunch
Kaleidoscope XXXII

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

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

Saturday, March 28, 2015
11:00 AM

Wilmington Convention Center
515 Nutt Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Donations \$40

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

UNC SYSTEM BOARD ELIMINATES THREE CAMPUS CENTERS

[CHARLOTTE] As expected, the UNC Board of Governors Feb. 27th voted to discontinue three campus centers it deemed to be unnecessary, amid criticism that the Republican-led board did so out of political retribution. Acting on a recommendation from its committee, the board eliminated the UNC Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at Chapel Hill, the NC Center for Biodiversity at East Carolina University in



STATE BRIEFS

Greenville, and the Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change at North Carolina Central University in Durham. The centers, none of which receive any state funding, are slated to close by Sept. 1st. Prof. Gene Nichol, director of the UNC Poverty Center, is a known critic of Republican Gov. Pat McCrory and GOP-led NC General Assembly. NCCU Prof. Jarvis Hall is the director of the Institute. Both have strong ties to NCNAACP President Rev. William Barber, who is a devout critic of Republican leadership.

SENATORS TILLIS AND BURR OPPOSE LYNCH AG NOMINATION
[WASH., D.C.] Both of North

Carolina's Republican US senators have made it clear that despite the Senate Judiciary Committee's 12-8 approval of US Attorney Loretta Lynch as the next US Attorney General, and the likelihood of the full US Senate's confirmation, they will vote no against her because Lynch will maintain the US Justice Dept.'s lawsuit against North Carolina's voter ID law when she takes office. Senators Tillis and Burr say the law "upholds the integrity of elections" and that Lynch "would continue to pursue the costly and frivolous lawsuit against North Carolina." A Wake Superior Court Judge last week ruled that lawsuit may proceed to federal trial in July Lynch would succeed out-

going US Attorney General Eric Holder once she's confirmed. US Rep. G. K. Butterfield [D-1-NC], chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, has blasted Tillis and Burr for their opposition, and is urging the full US Senate to confirm Loretta Lynch without delay.

MCCRORY DEFENDS NCDOT SEC. TATA'S DAY OFF DURING SNOWSTORM
[RALEIGH] The last place most North Carolinians would expect the secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation to be during a snowstorm crippling the state would be in Chicago promoting his new book. But that's exactly where NCDOT Sec. Tony Tata

was last Tuesday as snow six to ten inches in some places snarled traffic and cancelled several school systems. Tata's boss, Gov. Pat McCrory, says he has no problem with Tata's absence, adding that Tata "did an outstanding job" overseeing statewide road clearing operations throughout the day from Illinois. The governor said his employees are expected to handle their jobs on their days off when needed, and adapt to "changing conditions."

DEATH PENALTY SOUGHT IN TRIPLE MURDER CASE
The suspect in the triple murder of a three Chapel Hill Muslim students will now face the death penalty, says Durham District Attorney Roger

Echols. Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the Feb. 10th execution-style slayings of Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23; his wife, Yusor Mohammad, 21; as her young sister Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19. Investigators say Hicks allegedly killed the three college students over parking spaces at their condominium complex. Federal authorities are still trying to determine if Hicks killed them because of their Islamic faith. Hicks' wife, who says she is now divorcing him, insists that their faith had nothing to do with their murders.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

FERGUSON

Continued from Page 1

ate number of unwarranted traffic stops, arrests and to employ the use of excessive force.

The report stated flatly that the constitutional rights of African Americans were repeatedly violated.

And the racism wasn't limited to just Ferguson police officers. Emails secured during the exhaustive federal review of some 35,000 pages of the small city's records, in addition to hundreds of interviews, revealed racist emails from municipal court officials about black people on official documents.

A 2008 Ferguson official email joked that President Obama couldn't be president for very long because "what black man holds a steady job for four years." Another racist email from a Ferguson public official cited a local black woman receiving a check from Crimestoppers two weeks after she had had an abortion.

The Justice Dept. is expected to now force the Ferguson Police Dept. to make substantial changes in both policies and practices, if not personnel, under the threat of a federal court order if an agreement cannot be reached.

Published reports say Ferguson officials are coop-

erating.

The Justice Dept. report confirmed what many black longtime citizens of Ferguson have been saying ever since the fatal shooting of an un-armed black teenager by Officer Darren Wilson last year. Even though Ferguson is 67 percent black, African Americans historically shared little of the power and control over their town, or their lives.

Whites literally dominate all areas of city government, particularly the police force, where there are only three black officers. As a result from 2012 to 2014, the Justice report says, African Americans made up 85 percent of all traffic stops, 90

percent of all citations, 93 percent of all arrests, and an astonishing 88 percent of cases where police used force.

Given those numbers, the Justice report cited an even more astonishing statistic - even though blacks were at least twice as likely as whites to be stopped in traffic and searched, whites were found more than blacks to be carrying illegal drugs and weapons.

The report makes clear that the majority of the black traffic stops and arrests were without reasonable suspicion or probable cause. And part of the motivation for the traffic stops was charging fines and fees

to the mostly low-income blacks that were forced to go to court repeatedly.

The resulting revenues, the second largest source behind sales taxes, literally helped to balance the Ferguson city budget, the Justice report says.

Darren Wilson, the now former Ferguson police officer who fatally shot unarmed black teenager Michael Brown last August, will not be charged with a civil rights violation in the matter, published reports say. Outgoing US Attorney General Eric Holder says he'd like to see the threshold for making civil rights charges stick in police shooting cases lowered.



OFFICER DARREN WILSON

LYNCH

Continued from Page 1

"I think she's probably a pretty fine person," Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain told Politico. "But when she said she thought that the president's executive orders were 'reasonable,' I can't support her. I can't support her."

For Tillis, there was one additional bone of contention with Loretta Lynch - her refusal to commit to ending the federal lawsuit against North Carolina over its new voter ID laws if she's confirmed. Tillis was the North Carolina speaker of the House that helped to push what many say are some of the most restrictive voter identification laws in the nation. He's named in that lawsuit, and asked Lynch during the Judiciary Committee hearings if it was the "best use" of ten Justice Dept. attorneys.

"I look forward to learning more about it should I be confirmed, and I believe the matter will proceed to court and we will await the results there," the nominee replied, to Sen. Tillis' dissatisfaction.

Tillis also didn't like that Lynch had directly referenced the Justice Dept.'s voter ID litigation during a speech she made in January 2014 in Long Beach, NY, months before Pres. Obama nominated her for

Attorney General. "We stand in this country, at a time when we see people trying to take back so much of what Dr. King fought for. We stand in this country. People try and take over the statehouse and reverse the goals that have been made in voting in this country," a tape of Lynch's remarks show her saying.

"But I'm proud to tell you that the Department of Justice has looked at these laws and looked at what's happening in the Deep South, and in my home state of North Carolina, has brought lawsuits against those voting rights changes that seek to limit our ability to stand up and exercise our rights as citizens. And those lawsuits will continue."

The junior Republican senator from North Carolina was not pleased.

"By all indications, Ms. Lynch would continue to pursue the costly and frivolous lawsuit against the state of North Carolina to overturn a common sense and constitutionally sound voter ID law," Sen. Tillis said. "That same law is supported by the vast majority of North Carolinians, and the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that similar state photo ID laws are in fact constitutional."

"In light of the testimony at her confirmation hearing and her subsequent refusal to

provide straightforward answers to written questions from myself and other senators, it appears that she would represent little, if any, tangible policy or management difference from Attorney General Eric Holder," Tillis said. "I cannot vote to confirm a nominee who will not make a firm and explicit commitment to reverse the partisan politicization that presently exists at the Department of Justice."

North Carolina' other Republican senator, Richard Burr, joined Tillis in his opposition.

"I am unable to support her nomination due to her advocacy for continuing federal lawsuits against states like North Carolina who seek to uphold the integrity of their elections. I believe states have an obligation to ensure the fairness and accuracy of their elections, but unfortunately this hyperpartisan Justice Department has challenged voter ID laws for political advantage. I wish Ms. Lynch the best in her future endeavors, but she is not the right choice for Attorney General."

North Carolina Congressman and chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, G. K. Butterfield, wasted no time blasting Tillis for his no-vote on Lynch.

"I am deeply disappointed, as I'm sure many North

Carolinians are, in Senator Thom Tillis' vote this morning in the Senate Judiciary Committee," Rep. Butterfield said Feb. 26th. "Senator Tillis voted against the nomination of North Carolina's own, Loretta Lynch, for Attorney General of the United States, despite a successful 30-year legal career as a lawyer, prosecutor, and U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. Senator Tillis had an opportunity today to be on the right side of history in supporting the nomination of Ms. Lynch, who would be the first African-American woman to serve as Attorney General."

"The politics that Republicans have played with Ms. Lynch's nomination is deplorable. Ms. Lynch's nomination has been pending for more than 100 days. During this time she has been open and transparent, answering hundreds of questions requested by members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Opposition to her nomination is nothing more than a political ploy by Republicans to once again use any means necessary to show their disdain for the President."

"It is disturbing that Senator Tillis is beginning his tenure in the Senate by casting such a misguided and politically calculated vote," Rep. Butterfield added. "However, I'm confident

that the full Senate will confirm Loretta Lynch, a daughter of North Carolina, as the next Attorney General of the United States."

In a published interview, Butterfield said that he was also concerned that 51 House Republicans had sent a letter over to the Senate Judiciary Committee prior to its vote, urging members not to sign-off on Lynch. North Carolina congressmen Mark Meadows and Richard Hudson were among them.

"We appreciate Ms. Lynch for her many years of outstanding service to our nation," the House GOP letter said in part. "Nonetheless, having observed her nomination hearing testimony, we can only conclude that she has no intention of departing in any meaningful way from the policies of Attorney General Eric Holder, who has politicized the Department of Justice and done considerable harm to the administration of justice. Our larger concern is with Ms. Lynch's apparent unwillingness to stand up to the President and his unconstitutional efforts to circumvent Congress and enlarge the powers of his office."

The civil rights community has joined the Congressional Black Caucus and Senate Democrats in pushing back against Republican opposition

to Loretta Lynch, and pushing for an immediate vote for her confirmation.

"Now, just as the long nomination process is about to draw to a close, a last minute ad feminam attack has been launched against her by Congressional Tea Party members, who apparently have no shame," wrote NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber and Executive Director Rev. Michelle Laws in a recent letter to Sen. Tillis. "We respectfully ask you to disassociate yourself from this attack that only dishonors Ms. Lynch, the Senate, and the high office she will soon hold."

Other statements of support for Lynch have come from the Washington, D.C. based Advancement Project, and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

If Loretta Lynch is eventually confirmed, she would become the first African American woman ever to serve as US Attorney General. Born in Greensboro and raised in Durham by Rev. Lorenzo Lynch Sr. and his wife, a librarian, Lynch is currently the US attorney for the Eastern District of New York, where she has prosecuted numerous terrorist, organized crime and civil rights cases successfully.

LYNCHING

Continued from Page 1

make the White community feel safe," said Bryan Stevenson, director of the Alabama-based nonprofit in an interview with National Public Radio. "The lynching of African-Americans, on the other hand, was really a direct message to the entire African-American community - it was designed to traumatize and terrorize."

To put in a modern-day context, the number of Blacks who were beaten, burned and ultimately hung while picnicking Whites cheered, is more than twice the number of Americans who died in the terrorist attacks on 9/11, more than twice those who died in the anti-terror campaign in Afghanistan and comparable to the number who died in Iraq.

And these acts of terror against Blacks were often state-sanctioned killings, Stevenson added.

"In most of the places where these lynchings took place - in fact in all of them - there was a functioning criminal justice system that was deemed too good for African-Americans," he said. "Often these men were pulled from jails and pulled out of court-houses, where they could be lynched literally on the courthouse lawn."

The inequalities reinforced by lynching has left its mark on the Black community and on public policy as seen in policies of mass incarceration, racially biased capital punishment, excessive or disproportionate sentencing of racial minorities, and police abuse of people of

color, the report concluded.

"We cannot heal the deep wounds inflicted during the era of racial terrorism until we tell the truth about it," Stevenson said in a separate statement. "The geographic, political, economic, and social consequences of decades of terror lynchings

can still be seen in many communities today and the damage created by lynching needs to be confronted and discussed. Only then can we meaningfully address the contemporary problems that are lynching's legacy."

THANK YOU

For Supporting Rejoice 1490 AM Gospel Joy

Tell A Friend, Tell A Neighbor, Tell Everybody

Are you looking for ways to

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

Then advertising with us is your next move.

Contact our sales team to help you get started NOW!

Rejoice 1490 AM on your Dial

For More Information Please Call 910-763-2452

ADVERTISE TODAY!!

CALL US AT 910-762-5502

POWER1220AM
WENC
Whiteville, North Carolina

Godwin Communication, LLC

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

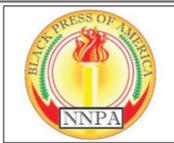
Our local station WENC has served Columbus County and surrounding areas since 1974. We are committed to providing the highest quality of service.

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

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

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

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



THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

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

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

Our Voice

Black girls carry extra burdens to stay in school

Whitney Richards Callathes - a young person navigating the difficulties she confronts as a woman of color and an undocumented immigrant completing her education - has an added responsibility. She is the primary caretaker for her incarcerated uncle. Whitney shared her story about how this additional burden has affected her life at a town hall meeting held last October hosted by the African American Policy Forum (AAPF) and Girls for Gender Equity. She explained:



Lisa Gissendanar

[This] adds undue pressure in our own lives, right? Potentially pushing us out of school, forcing us to get second, third jobs, and working late into the night, while we are still responsible for caretaking, right? And often times, it isn't considered or looked at as a burden or gendered form of oppression because we are expected to do it, right? It's women's work. It's supposed to be a labor of love...and even when we ask for help, there is often little help to be provided.

On top of experiencing racial inequities that parallel the ones confronting men and boys, women and girls of color face unique challenges because of their gender. Whitney's story illustrates how gender-specific factors function to exacerbate the effects of systemic forms of racism. Yet, traditional conceptions of racial justice consistently ignore these sorts of concerns.

In response to the erasure of these concerns, AAPF released Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected last month. This report sheds light on the barriers to success that Black and other girls of color encounter in the New York and Boston public schools. Toward this end, it assesses the impact of excessively punitive disciplinary policies on girls of color. In so doing, it demonstrates that the racialized risks associated with unduly harsh disciplinary measures and the school-to-prison pipeline are real and substantial obstacles for girls as well as boys.

The report pushes back against the popular narrative that only boys of color are seriously at risk in this arena. It illuminates the gender-specific obstacles such as pregnancy, sexual harassment, and caretaking responsibilities that can disastrously undermine the performance of girls in school. These concerns, however, are largely absent from the public discourse on the challenges confronted by youth of color.

One of the greatest impediments facing girls trying to stay in school is pregnancy. Pregnancy and teen parenting often disproportionately affect the lives of teen mothers, and can dramatically alter how their teachers and fellow students treat them. One girl interviewed for the AAPF report noted that "you can be the father of three in the 9th grade, and at the end of the day no one really cares, but if you're a girl, you know, those children are with you, they are seen."

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy found that because of the additional responsibilities of childcare, only half of teen mothers finish high school by the age of 22, compared to 89 percent of girls overall. Moreover, the report reveals that there is a lifelong income gap for those without high school diplomas that is greater for women than for men.

Another major risk facing girls of color in and outside of school is sexual abuse. A 2011 study by Black Women's Blueprint found that close to 60 percent of Black girls are victims of sexual assault by the age of 18. But, schools often fail to appropriately respond to or prevent this form of abuse.

Recently, two girls in sixth-grade in the Bronx alleged that they were sodomized for two hours; and no one had even bothered to look for them during that time, though they had missed two class periods. Afterward, rather than consent to the girl's request, the school administrators decided they would not suspend the boys in question unless their accusers participated in a hearing where the boys would be present, a situation that would only further terrify them.

When even your teachers and school officials treat you with profound disrespect, Black and other girls of color may come to see themselves as unworthy of success. While White girls living in poverty may also experience some of the same societal ills, they do not face the same debilitating racial stereotypes. Our challenge, then, is to assure that all girls are viewed with respect and nurtured in a way such that they come to understand that they are worth investing in.

To accomplish this objective, we must lift up the voices of these girls, listen to their stories, and center their concerns at the heart of our vision of racial justice - a vision that should be inextricably linked to innovative large scale programmatic initiatives that target the concerns of our girls as aggressively as those developed to meet the needs of our boys.

Lisa Gissendanar is the Young Scholars Program Coordinator for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Ohio State University. She sits on the Board of Education for Canton, Ohio. Throughout her career, Gissendanar has worked to make education a positive, empowering experience for all young people.

Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

Giuliani's words do more than hurt - they divide

"A new expression has entered the lexicon: dog-whistle politics. It means putting out a message that, like a high-pitched dog-whistle, is only fully audible to those at whom it is directly aimed. The intention is to make potential supporters sit up and take notice while avoiding offending those to whom the message will not appeal."



Marc Morial

The Economist, March 2005

After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, I brought a delegation of mayors to meet with the city's then-mayor, Rudolph Giuliani. The delegation's goal was to help restore confidence in the still-traumatized city and help rebuild what had been so inhumanly destroyed. At the time, I was mayor of New Orleans and president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Giuliani - widely acknowledged and praised for his leadership after the attacks - catapulted onto the national stage to become "America's Mayor."

How times have changed.

During a private New York fundraising dinner for Republican presidential candidate Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Giuliani popped onto the national stage yet again - not for the qualities he displayed as "America's Mayor," but for the unfounded accusation that President Obama does not love America.

"I do not believe, and I know this is a horrible thing to say, but I do not believe that the president loves America," Giuliani said in response to a question about the president's foreign policy and counter-terrorism strategies. He added, "He doesn't love you. And he doesn't love me. He wasn't brought up the way you were brought up and I was brought up, through love of this country."

Speaking in front of a 2016 Republican presidential contender and a mixed crowd of conservatives and business executives, Giuliani - who failed to win the 2008 GOP presidential nomination - attacked the patriotism of our nation's president, a man whose grandfather served in World War II, whose grand-uncle helped liberate the Nazi death camp at Buchenwald and who was the chief executive behind the operation to kill 9/11's mastermind, Osama Bin Laden.

Questioning the president's patriotism isn't just inappropriate; it demonstrates a complete lack of respect. It begs the question that as Giuliani continues to seek a prominent role on the national political stage: Will he choose to rehearse only in the Theater of the Absurd?

Giuliani's response was neither an honest critique of the president's foreign policy, nor was it a considered analysis of our nation's ongoing discussion on how to combat terrorism.

It was, however, a veiled attack on the character of our president. It was a better-buried relic from 2008 when candidates - including Giuliani - purposely appealed to a particular strain of the GOP base who viewed Obama, the Harvard-educated Black man raised by his White family in Hawaii, as "the other" and "not like us." It was a rehearsal of the kind of divisive rhetoric that has no place in the 2016 race for the White House.

I am the first to assert that honest critiques of any president, administration and its policies are critical in a functioning democracy. But in this case, there is nothing constructive or relevant in maligning a man because of the way he was raised. Further, Giuliani has yet to explain how the president's upbringing jeopardizes the national security of our nation. How can personal attacks ever have a construc-

ive place in our conversations about degrading and ultimately destroying ISIL or creating jobs or energy independence?

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said, "It is sad to see when somebody who has attained a certain level of public stature and even admiration tarnishes that legacy so thoroughly."

Without hesitation, I can say that the Giuliani I met with that mayors' delegation in the smoldering aftermath of the terror attacks - a bridge-builder, a reconciler and a healer - was not the Giuliani I heard last week. It is quite unfortunate that his reappearance on the national stage recasts and squanders that legacy for a new one that limits him to catering to groups animated by the rhetoric of division at best, and veiled hatemongering at worst.

If I agreed with anything in Giuliani's statement, it is that, yes, it was a horrible thing to say on many levels. I would add, in a word of advice to the former mayor of New York, that whenever you feel compelled to preface a comment with "I know this is a horrible thing to say," it is likely a comment better left unsaid.

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

Dr. King's bold case for economic equality

Black History Month is over, but we should move past the standardized foci and platitudes that mark our commemoration. We have a history that challenges us to address vestiges of intolerance and redress the inequality that still undermines African American upward mobility throughout the year.



Matthew C. Whitaker

Since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. seems to be the safe and acceptable embodiment of the best of Black history to those who are wary of more "radical" elements, let us marry King's visionary brilliance with his practical, bolder prescriptions for racial equality. King was more than a transformative Black preacher. He was a social architect who demanded specific actions to move Black people from the back of the bus to the boardroom. The legendary March on Washington in 1963, for example, was not merely an interracial love-in. It was a call for action. Indeed, it was a "March for Jobs and Freedom," with an emphasis on jobs and the financial independence that comes with economic opportunity at every level.

In 1968, as King delivered one of his last speeches, he passionately addressed America's failure to acknowledge White privilege and redress the lack of commiserate economic opportunity for Black people. "At the very same time that America refused to give the Negro any land, through an act of Congress our government was giving away millions of acres of land in the West and the Midwest, which meant it was willing to undergird its white peasants from Europe with an economic floor. But not only did they give them and, they built land grant colleges with government money to teach them how to farm. Not only that, they provided county agents to further their expertise in farming. Not only that, they provided low interest rates in order that they could mechanize their farms. Not only that, today many of these people are receiving millions of dollars in federal subsidies not to farm, and they are the very people telling the black man that he ought to lift himself by his own bootstraps. And this is what we are faced with, and this is the reality. Now, when we come to Washington in this campaign, we are coming to get our check."

This is not the kumbaya King that we are bombarded with every Black History Month. This is King drawing attention to the history of affirmative action for White people and the need for Black

people to have seats at the economic table at every level. King argued that "practical racists affirm the existence of racism with their lips, and deny the existence of racism with their lives and their actions. They have a high blood pressure of creeds and an anemia of deeds." His "practical racism" can be used as a prism through which racial disparities in the workplace, earnings, and wealth can be illuminated and corrected. Indeed, corporate leaders often affirm the existence of racial inequality and disparity in their offices with their words, and reject their existence in their hiring, promotions, management, and board appointments patterns. The consequences of which include low morale, decreased productivity and attrition, in addition to lost creativity, innovation, intellectually diversity, and goodwill with the larger Black community, whose purchasing power will top \$1.1 trillion dollars by the end of this year.

King was very concerned about economic inequality. Indeed, Jobs, upward mobility, and access to the highest levels of influence within the business world, are as crucial to establishing racial parity as the civil rights that King fought and died for. In 2014, however, journalist Michael W. Chapman wrote that the Black American unemployment rate was 11.4 percent, more than twice the

5.3 percent rate for White Americans.

Furthermore, according to sociologist G. William Domhoff, nearly 50 years since King's assassination, "American wealth is highly concentrated in a relatively few [predominantly White] hands. As of 2010 20% of the people owned a remarkable 89%, leaving only 11% of the wealth for the bottom 80%."

The PewResearchCenter noted that by 2013 "The wealth of White households was 13 times the median wealth of black households" and expanding. In the aftermath of Black History Month, let us not only bask in stories of African American heroism, framed by King's faith and soaring oratory, let us also remember his calls for financial manifestations of our commitment to equality and opportunity.

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

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

Democrats still searching for winning formula

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel just got spanked. Despite a campaign war chest of more than \$15 million and the support of President Barack Obama, the former Congressman and White House chief of staff could not avoid a run-off in the non-partisan election.

Garnering 45 percent of the vote to runner-up Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's 34 percent, he did not clear the 50 percent bar for victory. Emanuel, the darling of the mainstream Democratic Party, has earned the dubious distinction of being in the first Chicago mayoral runoff in nearly 20 years. He also runs the risk of being the first incumbent mayor ousted since Harold Washington beat Jane Byrne in 1983.

The man who delivered the Emanuel whipping, Chuy Garcia is a county commissioner and former alderman. His base is the poorer neighborhoods of Chicago, the Latino community, and the teachers' union. He pounded on the theme of income inequality and exploited the widespread perception that Emanuel is arrogant and removed from poor people. Indeed, most of Rahm Emanuel's support came from wealthy White voters who helped raise his large cam-

paigned fund. Garcia didn't have a fraction of Emanuel's money, but he had a large cadre of volunteers to help deliver his votes.

There were three other candidates in the race, and their combined 20 percent of the vote will likely determine the outcome of the April 7 election. Just a day after the election, both Emanuel and Garcia were courting their competitors, seeking their endorsements. So far, those opponents have been noncommittal.

Emanuel's loss is a major setback to the Democratic establishment. Voters are tired of income inequality being acknowledged, with nothing being done about it. Their only recourse is the vote, and on February 24 in Chicago, they used it.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, Emanuel rode to victory on the coats of Blacks four years ago with 58 percent of the votes in the six wards that are more than 90 percent Black. This time, he won 42 to 45 percent of those same wards. Blacks may determine the victor of the April 7 election.

Another possible Democratic setback is looming as Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) weighs the possibility of challenging former Secretary of State Hilary Rodham Clinton.

Warren has been portrayed as a champion of the people, especially where consumer protection and financial matters are concerned. She has raised her voice against financial skullduggery by banking

institutions, been a critic of attempts to weaken the Dodd-Frank bill, and a defender of consumer rights.

The architect of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Warren has been the darling of the left, and has enhanced that status with her travel to many progressive gatherings. While she has demurred when asked if she will run for president, her replies, if somewhat definite, also seem coy. Additionally, there have been efforts to draft her into running, with online petitions and other efforts.

While Warren seems to have little baggage, Hilary Rodham Clinton seems less than invincible. Questions have been raised about the Clinton Foundation and the sources of its money, especially when this money has come from foreign governments that have mixed relationships with the United States.

Other questions have been raised about the high six-figure speeches Clinton gives and the audiences she gives them to. Certainly, she is entitled to earn what the market will bear, but some say those who foot the bill are the very Wall Street scions that Elizabeth Warren rails against.

Could Elizabeth Warren seriously challenge Clinton? Is there a chance that she could win the Democratic nomination? If she chooses to enter the presidential race in the next several months, she will be entering the race at about the time Barack Obama did

eight years ago. Like Obama, she has penned an autobiographical book that explains the origins of her populist views. And like Obama, she has the chance of "catching on" with voters.

After Clinton, the only competition Warren is likely to have for the Democratic nomination is Vice President Joe Biden. But Biden, at 73, may be considered too old to be considered a viable choice for president. Biden also has a history of both oral and behavioral gaffes, most recently offering a rather intimate whisper into the ear of Defense Secretary Ashton Carter's wife Stephanie at Carter's swearing in.

Whether she enters the race or not, Warren's very presence pushes Clinton to the left on populist economic issues. And if Warren enters the race and pulls three or four states, and about 20 percent of the popular vote, she offers Clinton a serious challenge. If these "draft Warren" petitions catch on and hundreds of thousands of signatures are gathered, that too, presents a challenge to Hilary Clinton.

Voters are looking for alternatives and Democrats aren't providing them. Instead, they are offering a party line that inhibits discussion of issues and hews to the inevitability of party favorites. Rahm Emanuel's defeat and the Warren challenge to Hilary Clinton suggest that the party line is unsatisfactory.

Julianne Malveaux is a Washington, D.C.-based economist and writer.

CURRY'S COMMENTS

Shelby County to Washington, D.C. March needed

After ceremonies wrap up Sunday in Alabama commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Selma-to-Montgomery March and the signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, a group of die-hard demonstrators will re-enact the full march.

"We are re-enacting the full 54-mile March this year," Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) President Charles Steele announced at a press conference in Montgomery. "The March will begin in Selma on Sunday, March 8th, with the Commemoration of Bloody Sunday, and will conclude on Friday, March 13th, with an 11:00 a.m. event on the steps of the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery."

At the news conference, Alabama State Senator Hank Sanders (D-Selma) correctly noted, "The right to vote is being challenged at every turn. From voter photo ID (modern day

poll tax), proof of citizenship to register (modern day literacy test) and reduction in voting and voter registration days to the Shelby County v. Holder decision gutting the 1965 Voting Rights Act and more, Americans are losing the right to vote, which so many people sacrificed their lives and blood to secure."

In Shelby V. Holder, by a margin of 5 to 4 in June 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court voted to gut Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, which required jurisdictions with a proven history of racial discrimination to pre-clear any election law change with the U.S. Attorney General or the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

The case grew out of a decision by Calera, a small city in Shelby County, Ala., to implement a redistricting plan that led to the defeat of the city's lone African American City Council member. Under the plan, a district that was 71 percent Black was redrawn so that its Black population was reduced to 23 percent. The plan was never submitted for pre-approval.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law, more than 40 bills have been introduced in 17 states that would restrict access to registration or voting.

In view of these politically motivated efforts to suppress the Black vote in particular, I am hereby proposing a Shelby County, Ala. to Washington, D.C. March, with the goal of getting Congress to protect the integrity of voting in the U.S. Just as the Selma-to-Montgomery March led to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, a Shelby County to D.C. March could pressure Congress to act again to protect the sacred right to vote.

The march would kick-off in Calera, about 30 minutes south of Birmingham, and address the relevant voting issues along the march route.

After Calera, Ala., the next stop would be in Georgia, where marchers could express support for proposed legislation that would expand opportunities for eligible citizens to vote, and provide for or expand the electronic transfer of voters' information between state agencies.

In South Carolina, demonstrators could support a bill that would relax voter ID or citizenship laws and legislation that would make it easier for people with disabilities to cast a ballot.

Crossing into North Carolina, demonstrators can join an effort to overturn the Voter Information Verification Act, a voter suppression bill signed into law by Republican Gov. Pat McCrory. The controversial measure requires government-issued voter ID, ends same day voter registration, bans Sunday voting and discontinues pre-voter registration for 16- and 17-year-olds. Several organizations, including the NAACP State Conference of Branches, have sued to overturn the law.

Marchers might want to spend some extra time in Virginia before moving on to D.C. to oppose a bill that would restrict access to registration and voting and support a competing one that would increase access to voting, oppose a bill that would require proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate) to register or to vote, support proposed legislation that would expand early in-person voting, back a proposed legislation to reduce waiting times for voting, endorse a bill to expand opportunities to vote by absentee ballot, support a bill to protect voters from having their name wrongfully removed from voting lists, and back a proposed bill to increase the likelihood of contested provisional ballots being counted.

In Washington, demonstrators should underscore the embarrassing reality that D.C. is the only capital of a democratic country in the world that does not enjoy voting representation in its national legislative body or true home rule.

I am glad we're commemorating the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. But after the celebration, it's time to undo the damage the Supreme Court and largely-Republican state legislatures have done to the landmark voting legislation.

The Brennan Center report stated, "This year, the courts - including the U.S. Supreme Court - are again poised to rule on voter ID and other election laws. Courts failed to block a number of restrictive laws last year, and without clear limits, states appear ready to move forward with harsh new measures."

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

BLACKONOMICS

Black dollars matter!

The protest slogans addressing our latest struggle for justice and equity compel me to come up with a new phrase. The signs and T-Shirts emblazoned with "I Can't Breathe!" "No Justice, No Peace!" and the latest, "Black Lives Matter," carry connotations related to

action. I often wonder what the folks who wear the T-shirts and hold the signs are doing to back up the slogans they spout. More importantly, I wonder who makes the shirts and who sells them. With that in mind, my slogan for action - economic action is, "Black Dollars Matter!"

The "I Can't Breathe" shirts worn by the Brooklyn Nets and Cleveland Cavaliers, for instance, were sold by NYC Customs, a shop in Long Island, owned by Helen Mihalatos, a friend of Rameen Aminzadeh, member of Justice League of NYC. The initial gesture and resulting "hook-up" came from Nets team member, Jarrett Jack, followed by help from LeBron James and Russell Simmons' political director, Michael Skolnick. The shirts were ordered by Jay-Z, who bought 1,000 more shirts after the bas-

ketball game.

I truly hope those "Big Ballers" and "Shot Callers" had enough consciousness to give the profits to Eric Garner's family. The Washington Post reported that "Skolnick obtained shirts from a store in Long Island City, whose owner confirmed in an interview that the shirts were manufactured by Gildan, a large Canada-based apparel company...According to pro-labor activists, Gildan has a poor record when it comes to respecting workers in its manufacturing plants in Haiti." The story discloses that Gildan's workers are paid \$6 per day for their work. Skolnick's response was, "I think we want to assume sometimes when we're ordering shirts that they're not being made in a sweatshop; we've got to do better." You think?

Now you would think that someone in this chain of events involving T-shirts that carry the last words of a Black man killed on the streets of New York City by police officers would be conscious enough to say, "Hold up! Let's not just go for the symbolism of wearing shirts on the basketball court; let's make a substantive statement as well, via a Black business transaction and a financial benefit for the Garner family." Sound reasonable?

Instead we now have "I Can't Breathe" shirts sold on Amazon and elsewhere as if

they are some kind of novelty rather than a sincere, compassionate, and meaningful response to the homicidal death of Eric Garner, the originator of the "I can't breathe" phrase. We saw him take his last breath; he was the one who couldn't breathe for real. The above travesty reminds me of an article I wrote after Trayvon Martin was killed, titled, "The Profit of Protest."

In light of the hype of "I Can't Breathe" and now the phrase, "Black Lives Matter," the slogan we should emblazon on shirts, and instill in our brains, the one by which we should live and the one that, if inculcated into our daily lives, will move us from the rhetoric of freedom to the action of freedom is, "Black Dollars Matter!"

Despite the wasteful and nonsensical spending by Black folks, from the poorest to the super-rich flamboyant celebrities, we must all realize that "Black Dollars Matter" and they should matter to us first. Right now, they matter most to everyone else; and other folks are doing everything they can to get more of our dollars with no reciprocity other than symbolic gestures that make us feel good.

It's great for athletes to wear shirts with slogans, but they should move to the next step of starting initiatives that not only sustain their gestures but build economic empowerment for Black people. Our athletes

and celebrities, as they protest inequities and injustice, should keep in mind that "Black Dollars Matter," and they should consider that as they come up with their solutions to effect real change within the systems against which they protest - and so should we.

After the chanting, the marching, the protests and demonstrations, the outrage, the threats, and the unjustified killings of our people with impunity, if all we do is sit back and wait on the next crisis, why should we even bother with the above actions in the first place? We must be smarter and we must be conscious. We must always be aware that money runs this country and it has its place in everything, yes, even in the deaths of our people.

Indeed, Black lives matter above all; but to those who kill us, those who economically exploit us, and those who are indifferent toward us, Black lives don't matter as much as Black dollars do. Start a "Black Dollars Matter" campaign. Make some shirts displaying that attention-grabbing slogan, and act upon it. "Black Dollars Matter," but only if they start making more sense.

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.

The content of Steve Scalise's character

Here they go again! Just as the Republican Party is poised to take control of Congress, a key official's actions and words remind us - just in time for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - that it remains implacably hostile to what King represented and what the holiday stands for.

Louisiana blogger Lamar White Jr.'s revealing last week that Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.), now the third-ranking officer in the GOP's House majority leadership structure, spoke at a White-supremacist convention in 2002 while a state representative, set off the by now well-practiced minuet of yet another prominent conservative trying to distance himself or herself from having associated

with bigots. First, Scalise through a spokesperson acknowledged that he had spoken to the group, the European-American Unity and Rights Organization, or EURO, but said he had had no inkling of their anti-Black, -Hispanic and -Jewish views. No transcript or otherwise hard evidence of what Scalise said then has surfaced to contradict - or support - his assertion that he spoke only of general public-policy matters.

However, Scalise's claim of ignorance about EURO produced widespread skepticism, even among some conservatives, given that he spoke to the group during its two-day convention at a hotel in his own district and that its racist views had been discussed in several recent local news articles.

EURO, which had been founded two years earlier by David Duke, the notorious racist and former Louisiana state legislator, had links to several other similar Southern-

based racist groups, although, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks U.S. hate groups, it was and is largely "a paper tiger, serving primarily as a vehicle to publicize Duke's writing and sell his books."

Nonetheless, like its confederates among hate groups, it was a poster-board for stomach-churning racist invective. For example, one post from 2007 denounced the increasingly multiracial character of today's Germany, declaring, "The beautiful Germany of the 1930s with blonde children happily running through the streets has been replaced by a multi-racial cesspool. Out of work Africans can be seen shuffling along the same streets which used to be clean and safe in the days of [Hitler's Nazi Party]."

The pushback forced Scalise to quickly issue another statement declaring that his appearance at the event was "a mistake in judgment," caused by the organi-

zational disarray of his scheduling team and this time he emphatically denied approving of EURO's views. "I didn't know who all of these groups were and I detest any kind of hate group," Scalise told the New Orleans-based NOLA.com/Times-Picayune website. "For anyone to suggest that I was involved with a group like that is insulting and ludicrous."

By then, prominent Republicans in Congress had begun speaking up in his defense, and Rep. Cedric Richmond, of New Orleans, Louisiana's only Black Democratic Congressman, vouched for Scalise's tolerance and integrity.

By the end of the week, those elements combined to take the steam out of the story. After all, one might

Please see DANIELS This Page

DANIELS

Continued from This Page

also say, given the GOP's voluminous recent record of bigoted comments and actions against Blacks and Hispanics, gays and lesbians, undocumented immigrants, and women, and its many racist references to President Obama, what's "new" about a decade-and-more-old story of a Deep-South Republican's trolling for votes among the nation's most racist elements?

But what caught my attention most about this story was the largely ignored fact that in 1999 and again in 2004 Steve Scalise as a state representative was one of a very few Louisiana state legislators to vote against establishing a state holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

On those occasions, only three and six Louisiana state legislators, respectively, voted against those proposals. Why at the opening of

the 21st century, after the King national holiday had been celebrated for 15 years, would any public official be against establishing an official state holiday? Doesn't that call for an explanation? Are those votes the actions of someone who's not a bigot? Are they the actions of someone who wouldn't know they were at a White-supremacist conference despite being, literally, in the middle of it?

In all the hullabaloo about Scalise's speaking before the EURO group, his anti-King votes have been overlooked. But don't those votes also raise a question about the content of Steve Scalise's character? Perhaps this month he'll find a respectable forum and give a speech about that.

Lee A. Daniels is a longtime journalist based in New York City. His essay, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Great Provocateur," appears in Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Peace Laureates of African Descent (2014), published by Zed Books.



Lee A. Daniels



James Clingman



Dr. Julianne Malveaux



George Curry

As loan debts rise, foreclosures dip

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
NNPA COLUMNIST

A new economic analysis by the New York Federal Reserve Bank found fewer foreclosures, bankruptcies and credit card delinquencies. However the rates of delinquent auto and student loans are worse than before.



Charlene Crowell

For most consumers, debt may seem like a constant companion – not a friend but somehow lurking near. How consumers manage their debts can also trigger financial stress. In December 2014, the nation's consumers collectively carried \$710 billion of debt. Of this amount, \$570 billion was 90 days or more delinquent.

It should also be noted that from mortgages to car loans, credit cards, auto financing and more – the high costs of predatory lending unnecessarily raise the costs of a wide range of products. In two specific lending areas – student and auto loans – both the amount of debt and delinquencies are rising.

Both areas have also been under scrutiny by regulators and researcher alike as evidence mounts on predatory loan practices.

For the first time since before the recession started in 2007, the 90-day delinquency rate for auto loans (3.5 percent) is now greater than that of mortgages (3.1 percent). Auto loan balances continued to increase this quarter by \$21 billion, and is larger than any time in history. That growth also comes with greater financial risk.

"Underwriting standards have steadily weakened in

auto lending," says Chris Kukla, senior vice-president with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). "Dealers are pushing borrowers into longer loans and routinely making loans that are more than the car is worth. When dealer interest rate markups are allowed, the interest rate for compensation and other risky practices are added on top of the loans. CRL is concerned that these losses will continue to mount."

Student loan debts in this same period rose to a new total of \$1.16 trillion. In comparing student loan balances between 2013 and 2014, the New York Fed found the yearly increase to be \$77 billion.

Further, student loan delinquencies and defaults were even more than double that of auto lending at 11.3 percent and may actually understate the full delinquency rate due to deferments, grace periods, forbearance that are not

included in the repayment cycle.

"Although we've seen an overall improvement in delinquency rates since the Great Recession, the increasing trend in student loan balances and delinquencies is concerning," said Donghoon Lee, research officer at the New York Fed. "Student loan delinquencies and repayment problems appear to be reducing borrowers' ability to form their own households."

Maura Dundon, a CRL senior policy counsel, said: "Student loan debt can be a great financial tool for many borrowers to obtain a valuable college degree. Sharply rising balances coupled with slow repayment and high delinquency rates may indicate that student loan debt is beginning to drain Americans economically. A disproportionate share of defaulters attended for-profit colleges, which are in urgent need of reform."

Lee's observation on the slowdown of new households is also shared by a number of other policy experts who also view that growing student debts have delayed home purchases for many who are just beginning their careers. New mortgage loan originations totaled \$355 billion, a historically low figure according to the New York Fed.

At the same time, mortgage delinquencies continued to decline, balances on home equity lines of credit dropped by \$2 billion and fewer consumers are filing for bankruptcy. In the last quarter of 2014, nearly 20 percent fewer bankruptcies were filed than at the same time last year: 268,000.

Before making a decision on a major purchase or finance, try to learn as much as you can about the range of products and finance options available. The Internet offers a wealth of information from governmental office such as the

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Education.

CFPB offers the opportunity to file or check the status of formal complaints or blow the whistle on businesses suspected of violating laws. Similarly, the FTC's web accepts consumer complaints, including identity theft or adding your phone number to the nation's Do Not Call Registry. Consumers can also request free copies of their credit reports.

Additional consumer lending information is also available on CRL's web.

Remember: When it comes to lending, if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at: Charlene.crowell@responsible-lending.org.

Sharpton the newsmaker

SPECIAL TO THE NNPA
FROM THE NEW YORK
AMSTERDAM NEWS

(NNPA)- It may be a great disservice to mention the Rev. Al Sharpton and Rudy Giuliani in the same article, but they are two public figures with a long affair with the media-one longing for it to go away and the other courting it for coverage.

This week they are both back in the news-again. Rumors are afloat that Sharpton's "PoliticsNation" on MSNBC may be put on a weekend schedule. Other hosts on the network are also, as they say in the business world, scheduled for reassignment, including Joy Reid, Ronan Farrow, Ed Schultz, Chris Hayes and Lawrence O'Donnell. It sounds as if MSNBC is cleaning house and dissatisfied with its leftist orientation.

And if we can believe

Erica Snipes, Eric Garner's daughter, Sharpton "is only in it for the money," as she said to a right-wing mischief maker recording her comments on a concealed camera. She later recanted, indicating that Sharpton and the National Action Network had paid for her father's funeral.

Later, in a statement to NAN, she clarified her position on the matter. "It is unfortunate that the New York Post and James O'Keefe have taken a moment of reflection and mourning as an opportunity to sow discord and confusion among a peaceful and unified movement," she began. "The comments were taken out of context, edited and released to partisan outlets for nefarious reasons. Reverend Sharpton, Cynthia Davis and NAN are greatly appreciated in their assistance in helping me to fight for justice in my father's murder. O'Keefe and the Post

do not represent the kind type of dialogue that I am trying to engage in, nor does that article reflect my feelings towards the reverend and National Action Network."

Giuliani's loose lips have also placed him at the center of controversy. During a fundraiser for Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, he asserted that President Barack Obama did not love America, but later, in an op-ed piece in the Wall Street Journal, he tried to backtrack, saying "he didn't intend to question President Obama's motives or the content of his heart."

The first impulse of many pundits was not to dignify his remarks, deeming it an obvious ploy by Giuliani to get back into the news, by whatever means. "This was more about Rudy Giuliani, a fading politician, a kind of lighting himself on fire and trying to get some attention, and he



REVEREND AL SHARPTON

was successful at doing that," said former Obama Chief of Staff and political adviser David Axelrod.

Far more important than the spotlight on Sharpton or Giuliani is the news that the Justice Department is closing its investigation into the shooting death of Trayvon Martin. After meeting with the Martin family, the DOJ said no charges will be brought against George Zimmerman, who shot and killed Martin, 17, three years

ago after an altercation near the home of the girlfriend of Martin's father, where Martin was a visitor.

According to a press statement, the DOJ said there was not enough evidence to prove Zimmerman, a volunteer neighborhood watchman, violated Martin's civil rights.

"Although the department has determined that this matter cannot be prosecuted federally, it is important to remember that this incident resulted in the tragic loss of a

teenager's life," Acting Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta of the Civil Rights Division said. "Our decision not to pursue federal charges does not condone the shooting that resulted in the death of Trayvon Martin and is based solely on the high legal standard applicable to these cases."

This decision is an ominous sign for the other cases on the DOJ's docket, including the Eric Garner and Michael Brown incidents.

President meets with Black civil rights, political and religious leaders

BY SHANTELLA Y.
SHERMAN
OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN
NEWSPAPER

(NNPA)- President Obama met with African-American civil rights and faith leaders to provide an update on the administration's priorities as described in the State of the Union. The meeting was also an opportunity to have a dialogue with the leaders about the issues facing their communities, including criminal justice, education, health care and economic development.

Participants included Sherrilyn Ifill, of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; Marc Morial, of the National Urban League; the Rev. Al Sharpton, of the National Action Network; and, Maryland Sen. Catherine Pugh, D-Baltimore, Majority Leader, Maryland State Senate, District 40.

In addition to highlighting the upcoming release of a special report from the Task Force on 21st Century Policing, President Obama acknowledged the Feb. 28 anniversary of his My Brother's Keeper Initiative and continuing efforts to reduce restrictions to voting.

Pugh, who is also the President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, said, "Our agendas - the president's and mine - are right in line with each other. I was elected by a very diverse population in Baltimore; one thing we want to do is be more inclusive [with] opportunities



PRESIDENT OBAMA

available to help to improve the lives of all of those for whom we are responsible,".

Citing her own diligent work to push forward the "Healthy Working Families Act" legislation that allows family members necessary time off with earned paid sick leave, Pugh said it compliments Obama's push for better, more accessible health care. Achievements can be found in the fact that 31 percent more Americans now have health care through Obamacare, as well as the increased number of programs designed to help improve African-American neighborhoods.

Pugh said that it was important to use the presi-

dent's readout as a gauge for African-American social advancement since the Civil Rights Movement. Pugh described Obama as the "most disrespected president ever," and encouraged the nation to view the film Selma to gain a larger understanding of his efforts to solidify economic and social equity.

"Everyone needs to go see the film Selma because often we forget the struggle Blacks faced in this country. We were enslaved here. The Declaration of Independence talked about freedom and justice for all - but these were laws that did not apply to us," Pugh said. "It is important not to make the same mistakes made in the past."

UNCW Office of Cultural Arts presents

THE CLOTHESLINE MUSE

Saturday, March 28, 2015

UNCW Kenan Auditorium | 8 p.m.

Six-time Grammy
nominated
vocalist
Nnenna Freelon's
new theatrical
work explores -
through music,
dance and
theatre -
the role of the
clothesline in
African American
culture.



uncw.
edu/
ARTS

world-class performances...
without traveling the world



UNCW is an EEO/AA Institution.

Accommodations for disabilities may be requested by contacting the box office at least 3 days prior to the event.

Tickets and information available at
Kenan Auditorium Box Office: 910.962.3500

New Hanover County

GE Retirees Association will meet at noon, Thursday, March 19th, at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Rd. Lunch \$5, open to GE retirees and spouses. Speakers will be Jon Ball from GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy and Jason Swinny from GE Aviation - Wilmington who will discuss the "State of the Business." For more information call 910-819-2776.

Community Briefs

Narconon would like to remind families that the use of addicting drugs is on the rise, take steps to protect your family from drug use. If you know anyone who is struggling with drug addiction get them the help they need. Call for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or DrugAbuseSolution.com.

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

New Hanover County Democratic Party Precinct 29 will hold their meeting on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Williston Middle School, 401 S. 10th St. Registration will start at 6:45 p.m. Election of officers and delegates for NHC Democratic Party Convention in April will be voted on. This is a very important meeting.

New Hanover County Democratic Women will meet Thursday, March 12 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. Our Guest speaker will be from Planned Parenthood. Membership includes registered Democrat women and men. Men may join but do not have voting privileges. If any questions, please call 910-395-4502.

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

Smart Start of New Hanover County will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Large Training Room at the Smart Start Office, 3534-F South College Rd. All meetings are open to the public. If you require additional information please contact Smart Start at 910-815-3731.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.
Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

More from senior citizens

Seniors Citizens of the United States have the freedom to speak out about important issues. The President's economic recovery plan will continue to expand and help the income of working people, raising the minimum wages and protecting American jobs.

Verniece Stanley

We feel the disagreement on immigration reform between Democrats and Republicans is worse. They are finding it to be more difficult to agree on most important issues.

ly was, "Let the well educated immigrants come to America. What about the immigrants that wanted to work and become educated in the United States, etc.? They are still finding ways to get here. We will not make false statements about President Obama. We honor him as being one of the greatest Presidents of the United States.

We must not forget that America was built on the backs of Black African slaves.

There are times when we must take a look at history and think of slavery. Here in front of me is a photo of a slave taken April 2, 1863 in Baton Rouge, L. A. He was whipped until he had to spend two months in bed, with sores from the whip-

ping. It was interesting to know the 13th Amendment gave African-American nothing but freedom, and little was done to promote integration and the rights of Blacks as equal citizens. Today many American Whites would like to have African Americans as slaves again. This could be another wake-up call to all African Americans. There is no way anyone can stop us now. We must build up a deep working relationship in every way possible. The senior citizens, for years, have opened doors for young people to enter. We have the education to address issues at a national, as well as local, level. Others will follow. We have the ability to make changes happen. We

will always be sensitive to the needs of others.

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.

NHCS Public Relations Department achieves six state level awards

School public relations professionals across the state are honored annually for the products of their craft during the North Carolina School Public Relations Association's (NCSPPRA) annual Blue Ribbon Awards for Effective Communications celebration.

New Hanover County Schools' (NHCS) Public Relations Department was honored with six Blue Ribbon achievement awards in five different categories. The Teacher of the Year poster and the Facts Brochure both received awards in the Special Purposes Publication category; the United Way Campaign won in the Identity/Image Campaign category; the 2014 School Bond Campaign won in the Marketing Campaign category; the Spring Fashion Show edition of Diversity Matters won in the Electronic Media category; and the NHCS homepage received an award in the Internet/Website category. The homepage is maintained through collaboration between

the Public Relations Department and the Technology Department.

NCSPPRA President Sharon Spence, said the work of the award winners rivaled the best work of public relations practitioners in any field. "The work of these colleagues was judged to be superior and a credit to the practice of school public relations," Spence said. "This roster of excellence is tangible evidence that NCSPPRA's public relations professionals are among the nation's finest."

Award categories included annual reports, calendars, electronic media, writing, Internet website, marketing, newsletters/ newspapers, special purpose publications, identity/imaging packages, handbooks and photography. Entries were judged by the Georgia School Public Relations Association.

NCSPPRA's mission is to build support for public education through well-planned and responsible public relations.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Valita Quattlebaum(R), Director of Public Relations for NHCS, with NCSPPRA President Sharon Spence at the awards brunch on January, 30, 2015, in Greensboro, NC.

NHC Board of Education announces upcoming meetings

The New Hanover County Board of Education will meet for its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the NHC Board of Education Center, 1805 S. 13th Street.

The New Hanover County Board of Education will meet for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the NHC Board of Education Center, 1805 S. 13th Street. The only item on the agenda is a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(1) and 115c-402

The Budget Development Committee of the New Hanover County Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Room 301 of the Administration Building, 6410 Carolina Beach Road.

The New Hanover County Board of Education will meet for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the NHC Board of Education Center, 1805 S. 13th Street. The only item on the agenda is a Closed Session

pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(1) and 115c-402.

The New Hanover County Board of Education will attend Best Foot Forward on Friday, March 13, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. on the campus of New Hanover High School. The Budget Development Committee of the New Hanover County Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 301 of the Administration Building, 6410 Carolina Beach Road.

The New Hanover County Board of Education will meet for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 301 of the Administration Building. The only item on the agenda is a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS143-318.11 (a)(1), 115c-319 and -321.

The New Hanover County Board of Education will attend the Superintendent's Student Advisory Breakfast on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. the New Hanover County Board of Education, 1805 S. 13th Street.

UNCW to host the Police Athletic League's Crosstown Championship today

BY VENITA JENKINS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST | OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

The Police Athletic League's (PAL) Crosstown Championship returns to Trask Coliseum on March 5. The Community and Brigade Boys & Girls Clubs all-star teams will face off at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The league's championship game is sponsored by the Wilmington Police Department, the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences (SHAHS) and UNCW Athletics.

The Wilmington Police Department's PAL program promotes gang resistance and awareness through competi-

tive basketball. Officers serve as coaches and are assisted by volunteers from the community, including SHAHS students, faculty and staff. The goal of the program is to create positive relationships between police officers and the youth.

The partnership with Wilmington Police helps the university address public health needs that exist in the community, said Christ Lantz, SHAHS director.

"It provides us with a great opportunity for members of the institution and members of the community to work collaboratively to directly benefit our vulnerable and underserved populations," he said.

As part of the UNCW College of Health and Human Services, SHAHS is dedicated

to helping individuals, families and communities live healthier, more prosperous and more productive lives.

"We are providing these children a vision of alternative choices that they may not be aware of," Lantz said. "It is my hope we are giving them an opportunity to make wise decisions that will impact their lives for many years to come."

With the university's strong commitment to community engagement, a number of areas on campus are involved in the Crosstown Championship, including: the Office of the Chancellor, Division of Student Affairs, Office of Community Partnerships and the Office of University Relations, Lantz

said. This is the second year UNCW has hosted the championship game.

"Not only are we addressing a public health need, we are bringing the UNCW community closer together," he said.

Officer Deborah Wolfson, PAL coordinator, said the youth involved in the championship game are excited about playing at Trask.

"The support from the community for the Crosstown Championship game is huge," she said. "We have people stepping in, asking how they can help, from all over the community. UNCW's support in the championship game has been phenomenal and all of the help from the UNCW faculty, staff and students is greatly appreciated."

Support OUR advertisers! They support YOUR community newspaper!

Act 1 HATS AND ACCESSORIES FOR WOMEN & MEN

419 S. College Rd. Unit 34
University Landing
Wilmington, NC 28403
★ ★ ★ 910-791-0909 ★ ★ ★

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

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

TUTORING

Saint Luke Church Enrichment Academy

help with **A+** homework assignments

St. Luke AMEZ Church
709 Church Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Free After School Tutoring Program

ENGLISH MATH SCIENCE READING

WHO Students in K - High School
WHEN Tuesdays: February 2015 to May 2015
TIME Elementary 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Middle & High School 4:00PM- 5:00 PM

Healthy snacks will be served

Questions? Contact Dr. Diane Emerson at demerson609@icloud.com or contact church office at (910) 762-7876.

Ada Mae Wade

Ada Mae Wade formerly of the Sea Breeze Community died in Marion, SC. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Mt. Pisgah Church in Marion, SC. A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Roger Aiken

Mr. Roger Aiken died Monday, March 2, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Lifecare Center. Visitation is 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 5th. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015 at St. Luke AME Zion Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Ronald "Cuda" Gooden

Ronald "Cuda" Gooden died Monday at NHRMC. Visitation is Friday, March 6th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 7th at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. John H. Shaw. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary "Kitty" Fulton

Mary "Kitty" Fulton died Sunday, March 1, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015 at St. Mark Episcopal Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mr. John Newton

Mr. John Newton died Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Rachone Johnson

Rachone Johnson died Saturday, February 21, 2015. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Brogden Hall. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Ra'Chone Cartez Johnson, son of Tasha Johnson and Reginald Billingslea was born February 12, 1997 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Ra'Chone was known by family and friends by "CHONE", but no matter what you called him, he was the most handsome, athletic, intelligent and charismatic person you could ever imagine being around. His smile and infectious laughter would brighten any room he entered. Ra'Chone regularly attended services at Warner Temple AME Zion Church, although he was not a member. His football career began at an early age while playing Pop Warner Football for the Wilmington Colts. He continued his career at Williston Middle School as a Tiger and flourished during his high school career as a New Hanover High School Wildcat. Ra'Chone was a talented member of the New Hanover High

varsity and Junior Varsity Teams. He was very versatile but his favorite positions were running back and wide receiver. Sadly his football career was cut short but we will forever remember seeing number seventeen, scoring touchdowns in the end zone at Legion Stadium.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Tasha Johnson; father, Reginald Billingslea; sisters, La'Chone Harrison, Angela Reblero and Nai'ha Billingslea; brothers, Rodriquez Johnson, Justin Billingslea and Tyler Taylor; nephew, Jayden Harrison; grandmothers, Mayola Johnson and Lillian Billingslea; grandfathers, Eddie Johnson and Willie James Billingslea; great-grandmothers, Mary Andrews and Mildred Johnson (Richard); aunts, Mary Johnson, Bessie Crawford (Darryl), Maxine Addison (Paul), Nora Batts, Vera Evans (Thomas), Ruth Cook (Tony), Linda Andrews, Judy Davis, Priscilla Bragg, and Anita Williams Bragg; uncles, Samuel Johnson, James Johnson, Harvey Johnson, Richard Johnson, Jr., Oscar Johnson, Bernard Johnson, Willie James Billingslea, Jr., Tracy Billingslea, Marcus Billingslea, William Henry Batts, Jessie Bragg, George Bragg, Sr., Terry Andrews (Cressie), James Bragg (Jean); great aunts, Georgia Dowdell and Esther Brown; god parents, Alisha Johnson and Juakita Davis; very special cousins, Renee Rogers, Yvonne Johnson, Darius Genwright, Kejuan Johnson, Logan Johnson, Shawn Bell, and Esaias Bell "Tre"; god sisters, Ziara McKoy, Le'Shawn Harris, Akena Drayton, Anjia Drayton, and Kenisha Rodgers; Ra'Chone's Boys: Shawn Bell, Robert Pigford, Trequan Age, Antwan Long, Sean Boston, Taquan Davis, Shaquan Boston "Beans", Dillon Paladino, Dandrell Utley, Keylon Davis, Jamal Grady, Esaias Bell "Tre", Elijah Waddell, Ronnie Beatty, and Seth Paladino; Ra'Chone's Girls: Tanajah Boddie, Akena Drayton, Stephanie Pryor and Naomi Pryor; a host of other relatives and numerous friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jeanette McIntyre

Jeanette McIntyre died Thursday, February 26, 2015. Funeral were held 12 noon on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at St. Luke AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

On February 26, 2015, having fulfilled her life of 90 years on this earth, Jeanette McIntyre, affectionately called "Aunt Jeanette" departed this earthly life. Jeanette was born February 16, 1925 in Rocky Point, North Carolina to the late Robert and Julia Lofton McIntyre. She was the twelfth child of thirteen children. Jeanette was preceded in death by five sisters: Annie M. Dickerson, Norphy M. Willis, Ella M. Spearman, Callie M. Moore, and Doris M. Nelson and seven brothers: Robert McIntyre, Jr., General McIntyre, Sr., Lloyd McIntyre,

Floyd McIntyre, Wallace McIntyre, James McIntyre, and Louis McIntyre. She was the last one to return home to complete her family again. Jeanette was educated in the Pender County School System. When she became a young adult she relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina to work with her sister, the late Callie Moore, who owned two cafes. She was a caregiver for her parents and her sister Callie until God called them home. Jeanette had a very beautiful personality and a sweet spirit. She would give you her shirt off her back. She had an attitude that allowed her to speak her mind and set you straight. Jeanette didn't have any children so she accepted all of her nieces and nephews as her own. While assisting with raising all of them, she would slip a piece of change in their pockets without anyone knowing. She compassionately loved her family. Jeanette did things pleasing in God's eyes to have been among the living for ninety years. She will truly be missed by her family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one sister-in-law, Leola McIntyre; twenty-six nieces and nephews; ninety-six great-nieces and nephews; one hundred seventy-two great-grandnieces and great-grand-nephews; many cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ms. Catherine Galloway Donaldson

Catherine Galloway Donaldson, daughter of the late Van Galloway, Sr. and Dora Pearl Galloway, was born on December 7, 1925 and departed this life on February 26, 2015. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by brothers: Joseph Galloway, Norman Galloway, Van W. Galloway and Roscoe Galloway; sisters: Dorothy Kirby, Almeta Ratley, Leona Gibson and Mary Brown; and one son, Horace Galloway.

Catherine accepted Christ at an early age as her personal Savior and joined St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a faithful active member until her health failed. She retired from the job of insurance agent for the Golden State Insurance Company where she worked for many years.

Affectionately known as "Auntie" to all who knew her, she was active in many, many activities. She was a member of the Eastern Star Order of #599 and later became Worthy Matron. She received the Mother of the Year Award in 1983 and was a member of the NAACP; 1983, was honored by the Rose of Sharon #555 OES for her leadership in the year 2000, Brunswick Community College Service in January 1990, honored by May Queen #599 in 2005. Catherine started the Gleamers for young ladies which later became the Catherine Donaldson Gleamers.

"Auntie" touched the lives of

many people with her wonderful smile and was a friend to many because she never met a stranger. She will be truly missed by everyone.

Catherine leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Freddie Lee Jones, brother, Thomas Galloway (Rose) of Winnabow, NC, sister, Anna Ballard of Wilmington, NC, grandson, Deshawn Richardson and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Ms. Mary Emma Holden Bellamy

A Centenarian, Mary Emma Holden was born July 14, 1914, the youngest of seventeen, to Dave and Winnie Holden of Winnabow. The funeral service was held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in Christian Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery.

At a young age, Mary married the love of her life, the late Oliver Huggins Bellamy, and was most proudly the mother of ten children, eight of which survive her - James Henry (Rebecca), Winnie Lucille Jones, Willie Nelson, Lawrence Jackson (Mitchell), John David (Paulette), Thomas Nathaniel (Emma), Faye Ellen (Hank) Hankins, Velva Rae (Ronnie) Jenkins, and her two children who preceded her in death - Oliver Billy (Inez) and Rufus Cornelius (Irene).

This loving lady of God cared and raised many in the community. She leaves to cherish two adopted sons, her nephews, William Ashley Boyton and Arthur Bellamy and two granddaughters, she raised from birth to adulthood, Monique Hall and Rowanty Jenkins.

Loved by many and fondly called Mama, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Great-Great-Grandma - she was also known to many as Aunt Mary, Cousin Mary, and Mrs. Mary. She lived a full-life guided by her faith in the Almighty, and known to her family as always ending phone calls with "put God first, and don't forget to watch as well as pray" - and she truly meant the watch part.

For those who knew Mary, she was unapologetically protective of her family; she lived for them - her children, grands, great-grands and all who encompass the Bellamy and Holden clan, including her 58 grandchildren. Importantly, she was the hardest working person many of us have ever met, from star grass to the tobacco farm to working in the school cafeteria - she never complained and frequently recalled it was a hard life, but a good life.

Mary Bellamy accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of twelve years old, and committed herself to service at Christian Chapel AME Zion Church. She was a faithful member there, and held many roles over the years on the usher board and as a deaconess. Likewise, she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star May Queen Chapter 599.

Her family will always hold a lot of good and loving memories, as their lives were surrounded by her love and care

until the very end.

Until we meet again, rest easy, your legacy and words will forever live in our hearts.

The family would like to give special thanks to her caregivers, the Staff of Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Dr. Todd Kornegay, Donna Furr; Rose Aydeil and her very special niece Coretha Holden for the care and love they provided. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

In Loving Memory Of

**Lula Waddell Cleamons
"Mama Lula"
April 5, 1913 - March 1, 1998**

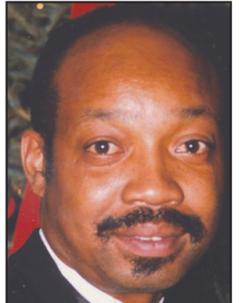
Mother we thought of you today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought of you yesterday,
And will tomorrow too.
We've known lots of pleasure,
At times endured pain,
We've lived in the sunshine
And walked in the rain.
We do not know the reasons
God allows both joy and tears, or
Why we must lose the precious ones we've cherished through the years,
No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
Our chain will link again.
Every time we see your picture,
You smile and seem to say,
"Don't cry, I'm only sleeping,
we'll meet again some day."
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
MAMA, still loved,
still missed and very dear.
We Love You,
Your Son,
Richard Waddell, Jr.
& Family

In Loving Memory Of

James (Moody) McLean

It's your birthday
February 27th
We really haven't had time to realize that you are gone and you will not be coming home to our gathering this summer.

Miss you and love you,
Mother, Magnolia McLean;
brothers, Freddie, John and Carl; sisters, Helen and Annie, family and loved ones

In Loving Memory Of

**Robert Jackson Briggs
Sunrise: November 28, 1948
Sunset: March 4, 2011**

Many times we think of you,
Think of the things we use to do,
Think of the things we use to say,
Of each olden golden yesterday,
Sometimes we smile,
sometimes we weep,
But always your memory we will keep.

Love,
The family

**Honor
Your
Loved One With
A Memorial
in
THE
WILMINGTON
JOURNAL
CALL US AT
910-762-5502**

ADKINS-DRAIN FUNERAL SERVICE

Peace of Mind for you and your family

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

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

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

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

**PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE AND
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE**

Because We Care

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



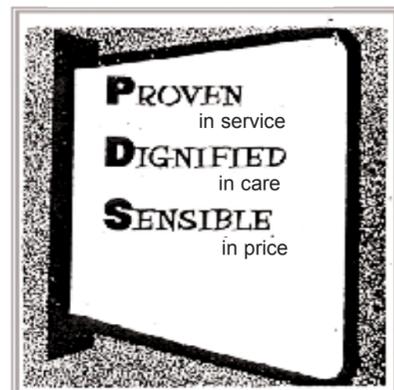
Samuel Drain
Funeral Director



Connie Drain Greene
Funeral Director

John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

'A Temple of Service'



1895

2015

120 Years of Continuous Service

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

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

New Hanover County

Bowens Chapel will sponsor a Musical Convention each Saturday in March at 4:00 p.m. at Anderson Tabernacle, corner of Ann and 17th Sts. For more information call Pastor Reginald Bowens at 910-763-5060.

Church Women United will hold Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6th at Grace United Methodist Church, 401 Grace St. Registration is at 10:00 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m. Contact Angel P. Dualeh at 910-833-0167.



Religious Briefs

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2929 Princess Place Drive will honor their pastor Rev. A.L. Gee on his 20th anniversary on March 8, 2015 at 4:00P.M. The guest preacher will be Elder Joseph C. Brown, Presiding Elder for the Dunn- Lillington District.

Faith Temple COGIC, 1119 S. 4th St., will hold their Annual Women's Day on Sunday, March 8th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Missionary Tonya Anderson of Abundant Life Ministries Family Worship Center, Raeford, NC.

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr., Easter Services, "Journey to Jerusalem" will be held on the following Wednesdays from 12:15 p.m.-12:50 p.m. March 11th-Minister Danielle Glaze, "Jesus Decides", March 18th-Reverend R.C. West, Jr.-"Blessed be the King, March 25th- Reverend Eric Porterfield, "A Time of Prayer" and April 1st- The Honorable Judge James Faison, "In the Courtroom."

Ministry of Deliverance will hold revival from March 3rd- March 8th at 7:30 nightly. The speaker will be Prophetness Andrea Brown of Detroit, MI. On Saturday, March 7th a prayer breakfast will be held at 9:00 a.m. honoring Evangelist Doreen Graham. For more information please call Evangelist Washington at 910-274-7067.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., youth choir will celebrate their anniversary on Saturday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Praise and Deliverance AME Church, 3601 Princess Place Dr., will hold a Trustee Program on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 p.m. with special guest Reverend James L. McKinnon of Island Creek Missionary Baptist along with his choir and congregation.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd., is looking for Gospel Talent for their Sunday Best talent contest. The categories are: Singers, Praise Dancers and Instrumentalist. Auditions began Saturday February 7, 2015 and will continue through April 4, 2015. The auditions will be held at Shiloh "on the sound" First, Second and Third prizes will be awarded to the winners at the main event. For details contact: Richard Johnson at 910-279-3637, Brenda General at 910-200-0787 or call the church and leave a message 910-799-9534.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut Street, General Missionaries will be presenting their Annual Shamrock Program, "Reaching the Masse."on Friday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Dr. Rachael Stephens of the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church of Burgaw, NC.

Brunswick County

By His Grace Ministries will present "Gospel Explosion" with various musical artists on Saturday, March 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the Waccamaw Community Building, 5585 Waccamaw School Rd., Ash, NC. Accepting school supplies for those in need.

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church, 1490 Village Rd. (Leland Senior Center) will be celebrating their usher's anniversary on Sunday, March 8th at 3:30 p.m. The speaker will be Reverend Patricia Smith of St. James of Southport.

Myrtle Grove AME Church, 216 Old Fayetteville Rd. will celebrate their Women's Day on Sunday, March 15th at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Lula Mae Webb of New Townsend Temple Holiness Church, Bolton, NC.

Walk into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries will be accepting clothing donations at 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC for the Free Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, April 25th from 7:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Please call Evangelist Utrillia Bryant at 910-294-0656 or Overseer Elgin Blake at 910-557-0438.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

MOUNT OLIVE YARD SALE AND HOT DOG SALE

Men, women's and children's clothing, Kitchenware - dishes, crab pot, etc.

Electronics, television

Home furnishings & furniture

Lawn care equipment

Books

Hot dogs

Saturday, March 7th 8AM - Noon

Church parking lot 8th & Wright Streets

Men's Day Committee

142nd Church Anniversary Celebration

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

March: First Woman's Month

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a cool and rainy day. Nevertheless, we were all glad to be here. We were greeted by our president, Mrs. Eloise Purdie. She said it was great to be here once again. She asked Mr. George Hill and his choir to come. He also said it was a great day and asked us to turn to the Lord. He said, "The Lord will make a way somehow." We had a warm prayer by Minister Henrietta McGlenn. We then sang "Christ Is All." Minister Doris McQuillain said "Yes, Christ is all." She said, "Good morning! In spite of the weather, God is good." Minister McQuillain presented Mrs. Emma Saunders. She said, "How good it is to be here! March is First Woman's

Month." Our first woman is Mrs. Karen Davis, of Davis Funeral Home. She said that she grew up living over the funeral home. She said her dad use to give out candy on Halloween. She said she always told her dad she wanted to come home, and it was a joy to come back home to her mother and dad. She said that it was such a blessing and that God did not have to do it. She said that it is a ministry to work with families. She said that it is their mission to help people when they are making decisions for their loved ones. She said it is important that we seniors give personal information to our children and grandchildren. It is very important and helpful. She said that we can always call anytime. She was given a round of applause and there were thoughts of appreci-

ation for the service she gives to the community. Mrs. Emma Saunders was nominated "Lady of the Cape Fear," which takes place every two years. Ten ladies are honored with a reception at the Coast Line Convention Center. She presented us with the unveiling of the beautiful portrait. We then heard from Minister Henrietta McGlenn. Her theme was "Just Pray." Her Scriptural reference was II Chronicles 2:14. There must be a way to return to God if we stray. God's people must recognize our mistakes. This is a hard things for Christians. Jesus Christ is our model. Humility brings us to a place, where we must depend on God. Humility makes us truthful. We can turn to God and empty out our hearts. God will bring us back in. We can tell God to

help us, and He will. Hebrews 11:6 She was given a round of applause and thanked for a great message. Mrs. Purdie turned the meeting over to Vice President Gladys Taylor. Mrs. Taylor thanked everyone for what has been done and said so far. She called for the minutes, which were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. We then had the roll call. The " Callers" report was given. The winner was Mrs. Mary Martin, with ten members present. All the callers were given a hand and, we are glad all members were here. We were given information about a trip that is planned for May. We had a trivia game for prizes. Our circle was formed. We were led in prayer by Minister Doris McQuillain. There were forty-seven present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Alzheimer's

My fellow seniors,

What would you do if a friend or a family member started showing signs of Alzheimer's? Since we all forget things from time to time, it's not easy to say if there is a serious problem. Even teenagers get distracted and then cannot remember what they started to do.

But when an elderly person is constantly forgetting things for a period of twelve months, you begin to realize he or she

has a problem. So what should you do? This is the time when we try to persuade our friend or loved one to see a doctor; but, in most cases they are reluctant to do so, and all we can do is wait and see. Then, too, most doctors will tell us there is no treatment for Alzheimer's and no cure.

There was an article in the Sunday paper, listing seven ways to tell if it is Alzheimer's or something else. The one phrase that was used several times throughout the article was "don't worry." it also said that, to avoid losing one's keys, he or she should put them in the same place every time. However, we need to go a little deeper.

We need to come together and discuss certain problems

without pointing to a particular person. If you would decide what Alzheimer's is like, I would know if I have any symptoms, or if I have encountered symptoms in my neighbors, we could discuss the problem without ever calling their names. It would be a learning experience for everyone.

That's why I continue writing about widening the doors of the church. There is so much we could learn from one another that is not mentioned in the Bible. We have made advances in every field over the centuries. So we need to keep our hearts and minds open to the progress of the twenty-first century.

Although Bible study will always be the foundation of

the Christian community, some people who have studied it all of their lives will drop out of church when there is nothing new to learn. Would you go to college for thirty years to study the same book when you have a copy at home? I don't think so.

Yet, we know the church is the foundation of our community, and our hopes for the future. We want to keep it vibrant for future generations. We want to pass along the "Golden Rule" and other significant verses, but I still say we should widen the doors of the church and invite some of our college professors to come in and speak to the community.

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

TELL SOMEBODY

"Signs of His Coming"

"**A**nd as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered, and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24 1-6

Deception: A Sign of His Coming
Deceive: To mislead or trick by falsehood

With so many catastrophic tragedies coming so frequently upon the world, many are beginning to wonder if the end of the world is near. Others who may or may not be disciples of Christ could be pondering in their minds, "Are these the signs of the end of the world and also of the coming of Christ?"

If one really wants to know what is going on, and what the future holds, then the one to go to, is the One who holds the future, the Lord himself. That is what the disciples did, both then, and now! When the disciples (followers of Christ) asked Jesus what would be the signs of His coming and of the end of the world, his first answer to them was, to take heed that no man deceive them. One of the first true signs of the coming of the Lord and the end of the world is the magnitude of deception. We see it in the world, and we see it also in the church! That

is why Jesus said to his disciples, "Take Heed".

The first record of deception occurred in Genesis 3:1-4. When satan said to the woman (Eve), do not believe what God said, that is when sin and deception entered into the world. Doubt and unbelief are among the greatest areas of deception to come upon the Body of Christ. To doubt means to be uncertain about something. Doubt also means to distrust the source of information. Unbelief is not accepting something said as truth. Doubt and unbelief entered her heart and mind, and caused her to disobey the Word of God. When we see doubt and unbelief affecting many in the Body of Christ, then we know that these are also signs of His coming.

Jesus told the disciples to take heed that no man deceive you. He said in Galatians 6:7-9, And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We have all heard for so long that Jesus is soon to come. Frankly, some of our brothers and sisters believe that, and some don't. The evident sign of doubt and unbelief is disobedience to God's Word. That is why we see throughout the bible, the words of warning and encouragement, "Be not deceived!" **BE NOT DECEIVED;** God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7-8. Deception is a definite sign of His coming!

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit

the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Cor: 6:9-11
"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." I Cor: 15:33 "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men." Proverbs 22:24 "Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. Proverbs 24:1 "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? II Corinthians 6:14

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 The bible was not written for the world, it is written to the church, the Body of Christ. The spirit of deception brought in doubt and unbelief. The spirit of unbelief will spawn a spirit of disobedience. Unbelief is a sin with catastrophic consequences (Revelation 21:

As disciples of Christ, we must take heed and prayerfully watch that we do not be deceived by others, neither should we deceive our selves!

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Book of James. So when we see and hear of a lot of things happening in the world and in the church, think it not strange, it is just another Sign of the Times.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inso much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Jesus told his disciples then, and he is yet saying to them, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24:24 Deception: A Sign of His Coming.

Prayer: Father in the Name of Jesus, I pray that you will keep my heart and mind from being deceived in these last days. Help me to hold fast to my faith in your Word, for I know that your Word is true!, Amen.

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

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

CLASSIFIED

PLACE YOUR AD

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

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

FAX & EMAIL ORDERS:
Include the following information:

- Full Name, billing address, and phone number
- Date(s) you want the ad to appear
- Name and daytime phone number of contact for any questions or clarifications

We accept



LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Billie Ann Burnett**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Constance Drain Greene, Executrix
416 North Seventh Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19,26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Public Administrator of the Estate of **William Edward McMillan**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Mark A. Rutledge, Jr., Public Administrator
401 Chestnut Street Suite F
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 13 JT 178, 179,
180**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
J.F.I. (DOB: 1/14/13)
A.M.G. (DOB: 1/11/12)
D.M.M. (DOB: 8/7/08)
TO: RESPONDENTS:
ERIK MARTINEZ GONZALEZ,
FATHER OF A.M.G. AND
D.M.M. AND ANY UNKNOWN
BIOLOGICAL FATHERS OF
THE ABOVE CAPTIONED
MALE AND FEMALE CHILDREN
BORN IN WILMINGTON,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA TO
BRANDI MONCZKA**

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:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 19, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, 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 and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Margaret Jennings has been appointed to represent Erik Martinez Gonzalez, and she can be contacted at 1501 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, vCNC 28401 (910) 762-0850 or at mjennings@ec.rr.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **APRIL 27, 2015**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 19th day of February, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

February 19, 26, March 5, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified on the 4th day of February, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate of **FLORIDA RICE**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to the undersigned on or before the **13th day of May, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 4th day of February, 2015.

LEONARD G. RICE,
ADMINISTRATOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Saffo Law Firm, P.C.
5900-B Oleander Drive
Wilmington, North Carolina 28403
Telephone (910) 256-3364

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lucian Ripley, Jr.**, late of 7117 Masonboro Sound Road, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before the **May 12, 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 10th day of February, 2015.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Margaret Toney Pugh Darden
Craig and Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Anika Aikman**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Kevin Aikman, Executor
2516 Ashby Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Thomas Houghton McGannon**, 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 **12th day of May, 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 12th day of February, 2015

Janet C. N. McGannon, Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Houghton McGannon
8220 Bald Eagle Lane
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Rosa A. Redfean AKA Rosa Anna Hamer**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Sophia Givens, Executrix
1204 S. 9th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **David R. Parker, 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 5th day of March, 2015

Kevin A. Parker and Lauris P. Long, Executors of the Estate of David R. Parker, Jr.
7024 Airlie Oaks Lane
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Joan Jarden Boyer**, 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 **5th 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 February, 2015

George Whitfield Jarden, IV, Administrator
8109 Masonboro Sound Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 15 JA 36**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
S.C. (Dob: 2/2/2015)**

**TO: KAYLA CLARK,
RESPONDENT-MOTHER and
MICHAEL SCHLEETER, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE
ABOVE-CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD.**

Take notice that a pleading has been filed in the above-entitled action. The New Hanover County Department of Social Services filed a Petition on February 9, 2015, alleging your daughter to be neglected.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following March 5, 2015, which is the date of first publication of this Notice. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Attorney Christine Farrell has been appointed as provisional counsel for Kayla Clark and may be contacted at (910)763-1100, 2802 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403, cfarrell@mulliganepstein.com.

Attorney Barry Henline has been appointed as provisional counsel for Michael Schleeter and may be contacted at (910) 523-6831, 925 S. Kerr Avenue, Suite D-4, Wilmington, NC 28403, baryrhenline@outlook.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE MERITS OF THE JUVENILE PETITION is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

Failure to attend said hearing may adversely affect any custodial or visitation rights you may have.

This the 5th day of March, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street

Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

March 5, 12, 19, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Agnes Marie Furey**, 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 May, 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 12th day of February, 2015

Theresa M. McCullogh, Executrix
719 Benchmark Court
Wilmington, NC 28409

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Lubin F. Bullard, Jr.**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Norman D. Bullard, Executor
PO Box 10243
Wilmington, NC 28404

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Ira Edwin Lowe**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 19th day of February, 2015

Marie Diana Lowe, Executrix of the Estate of Ira Edwin Lowe
9030 St. Stephen Place
Wilmington, NC 28412
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR NAME CHANGE
IN DISTRICT COURT
Mercer COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH
DAKOTA
Case No. 29-2014-CU00223**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION FOR NAME
CHANGE OF
AAWJ (initials of minor
child), A MINOR CHILD**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition in the above-entitled matter has been filed with the Clerk of District Court for Mercer County, North Dakota, requesting an Order changing the name of AAWJ (initials of child) to AAJ (initials of child after name change).

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. 32-28-02, thirty days previous notice of the intended application must be given in the official newspaper printed in this county as well as in the official newspaper of the county where the non-custodial parent resides. You are hereby notified that thirty days after publication, petitioner will request entry of the Court's Order changing the name of AAWJ (initials of child) to AAJ (initials of child after name change). Any person opposed to granting this Petition should file an objection with the Court, stating the reason(s) for the objection.

This 26th day of February, 2015.

Karmen Johner, Petitioner
14 10th Street NW, Hazen North Dakota 58545

March 5, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Besty McCall Todd**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Stephanie Gwen Todd,
Administratrix
302 Gregory Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Faye Elizabeth Craig**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Karen Lynn Chapman, Executrix
302 Gregory Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Mary E. Bellamy**, deceased, late 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 c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **15th day of May, 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 at the address below.

This the 3rd day of February, 2015

Hattie Lee Bellamy, Executrix
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No.: 910-762-4176

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Larry Lotus Newkirk**, 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 May, 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 February, 2015

Elton Orlando Newkirk,
Administrator
4709 Patrick Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Zola Mae Boston**, 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 May, 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 February, 2015

William G. Boston, Jr., Executor
2220 S. Canterbury Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Angelo Fargnoli**, 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 May, 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 February, 2015

Regina Fargnoli, Executrix
141 Foxwood Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Carol M. Atkins**, 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 5th day of March, 2015

Paul Charles Atkins, Sr., Executor of the Estate of Carol M. Atkins
404 Bayfield Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Mamie H. Thomas**, late of 1301 King Street, Castle Hayne, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **June 5, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of March, 2015.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator
Estate of Mamie H. Thomas
Craig & Fox, PLLC
Attorneys & Counselors at Law
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

EMPLOYMENT

**Position Available: Ashe
County Partnership for
Children Executive Director**

Rewarding and exciting leadership position in a children's and families' nonprofit located in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Ashe County.

Ashe County Partnership for Children, a public-nonprofit organization, is seeking an Executive Director for overall management of the organization's programs, personnel, and finances. Works at the direction of an engaged and supportive Board of Directors to achieve mission and goals of the Partnership.

Minimum requirement of completion of a Bachelor's degree; minimum of three years' experience in public or non-profit management.

Salary range: \$43,500 to \$47,500 plus excellent benefit package. Please visit www.ashechildren.org for complete job description and application. Send cover letter, completed application, and resume to Kay Philipp, ACP, 626 Ashe Central School Road, Unit #1, Jefferson, NC 28640. Or email same to her at kayp@ashechildren.org.

**It Pays To Advertise In
THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL
For Information, Call Us At 910-762-5502**

LEGAL NOTICES

RENOUNCE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER 14 SP 422

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Lewis G. Martin and wife, Jussara T. Bastos to Trustee Services, Inc., Trustee dated June 3, 2008, and recorded in Book 5319, Page 2638, New Hanover County Registry Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5815 at Page 700 of the New Hanover County Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Lewis G. Martin and wife, Jussara T. Bastos, dated June 3, 2008, and recorded in Book 5319 at Page 2638 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina (the "Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, and subsequent to the termination of the automatic stay under the Bankruptcy Code, the undersigned, Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 18th day of March, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. on the steps of the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of 617 South 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and on Exhibit 1 attached hereto which descriptions are incorporated by reference herein. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21, this sale may be held up to one (1) hour after the sale time stated above.

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

EXHIBIT 1
Being all of Tract 2 as same is shown on Map of Survey entitled "Lewis G. Martin and wife, Jussara T. Bastos", Portion of Lot 4 and Lot 5 Block 75 Official Plan of the City of Wilmington, Recorded in Map Book 48 at Page 291 in the New Hanover County Register of Deeds. Sometimes known as: 617 S. Third St. Wilmington, NC 28401

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

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

The record owners of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Renounce are Lewis G. Martin and wife, Jussara T. Bastos.

Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him 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, he shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308 (a)(1).

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

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

This the 12th day of February, 2015.

Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee
1427 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 208
Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 399-3447

March 5, 12, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Martha Scarborough**, deceased, late 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 c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **10th 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 at the address below.

This the 3rd day of March, 2015

Johnnie Scarborough, Administratrix
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No.: 910-762-4176

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contracts DA00235 in Perquimans Co., DA00238 & DA00240 in Pasquotank Co. and DA00246 in Currituck Co. bidding on 3/18/15. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 3/9/15 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

March 5, 2015

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 34

IN THE MATTER OF: FILE NO. 15 JT 34 F.D.D. (Dob: 10/05/2014)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following March 3, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18th, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of February, 2015.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel. #910-798-0230
Fax#910-401-1485

March 5, 12, 19, 2015

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 13 CVS 3078

JOHN B. CHEEK V. OSW ENTERPRISES, LLC, OMAR S. WASHINGTON, MILA B. TOBIN, SEAN TOBIN, WHITNEY TOBIN, TIMOTHY ZWARD, AND HUELO M. PEARSALL

TO: HUELO M. PEARSALL

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is negligence. You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than **April 17th, 2015**. Upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 2nd day of March, 2015

Matthew F. Altamura
Dodge & Altamura
615 Sunset Ave.
Asheboro, NC 27203
(336) 625-0791

March 5, 12, 19, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY SINGLE PRIME GENERAL CONTRACT BIDDERS - LELAND BSRI SENIOR CENTER

Sealed prequalification packages will be received until 5:00 p.m. on April 2nd, 2015 in the office of Sawyer Sherwood and Associates Architects, 124 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 for:

Project: BSRI Leland Senior Center
Owner: Brunswick County
Location: 485 Village Road - corner of Town Hall Road and Village Road, Leland, NC 28451

Applications received after the designated time will not be accepted. The Owner will evaluate general contract bidder's qualifications pursuant to NC Bid Laws. A general description of the work includes: Construction of a new two story ±15,000 SF senior center under a single prime contract. Major construction categories will include: Site work: Grading, utilities, walks, curbs, paving & storm water structures. Building construction: Slab on grade, light gauge stud exterior walls with plywood sheathing and brick veneer, light gauge stud interior walls, wood floor and roof trusses. Structural steel. Metal pan stairs and machine roomless elevator in reinforced masonry elevator hoistway. Roofing includes single-ply membrane and standing seam metal and metal copings. Interior finishes include painted GWB walls, tile wainscot in restrooms and acoustical tile ceilings. Flooring includes LVT, porcelain tile, roll carpet and welded vinyl flooring in commercial kitchen. Project includes operable walls. The work includes plumbing, HVAC, electrical & fire sprinkler.

Pre-Bid Meeting: An open pre-bid meeting will be held for all prequalified bidders and vendors at the Brunswick County Public Library located at 487 Village Road, Leland, NC, at a date and time to be determined later. Bid Submittal: Sealed bids will be received at a date and time to be determined later in the office of the Brunswick County Engineering Department from approved, prequalified contractors. Any adjustment to the bid documents, bid date, or bid time shall be by addendum issued to approved, prequalified bidders. Copies of the Prequalification Application shall be available during normal business hours at the following location after 9am, Wednesday March 4th, 2015

Contact: Scott Spike, LEED-AP BD+C Sawyer Sherwood & Associate Architects 124 Market Street Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 Office: (910) 762-0892 Email: Website: www.s2a3.com/contractors.html

The prequalification package is also available at the following locations: •Carolinas A.G.C. Digital Plan Room online www.cagc.org on IBuild® •McGraw Hill Construction Dodge Digital Plan Room online www.dodge.construction.com/plans Brunswick County reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all prequalification applications. A 5% bid bond or deposit required with the bid only. Brunswick County has implemented a Minority Business Enterprise Policy that requires contractors to exhibit a good faith effort during the bid phase to contact minority business subcontractors whose work on the project would represent 10% of the total value of the work. Contractors must be properly licensed. Additional instructions to bidders shall be included in the Contract Documents. Bonds and MBE documentation are not required with the Prequalification Application. End of Advertisement

March 5, 2015

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality TV Talk By Marquesa LaDawn



Emotions all over the place with the Housewives!!!

While most of the nation has been buried under mountains of snow and slapped in the face by sub-freezing temperatures, noting has been colder than friendships among the RHOBB in warm, sunny California this season.

Even the housewives finding out they were going to Amsterdam didn't stem the drama. Just imagine being on a private jet with Babyface when the queens enter and start throwing their verbal knives. Kim Richards was egged on by Brandi as usual and got deep into her feelings and let Lisa R. have it. Her poor sister Kyle, just sat there in shock. Once that passed, it seemed like a somewhat peaceful ride.

Brandi heard it all and defended herself in her usual way. You know Brandi, a/k/a Ms. Attack. But let's face it, she makes the show. We have a love/hate relationship with her. She had her buddies Kim Richards and Yolanda back her up for a while. But, she really needs no one and she brings the fireworks like no other!

Kim was in the hot chair as well, and it got real emotional. Put emotions and women in the same room and you got fire! All I want to know is, does she ever accept any responsibility for anything?

The newbies, Lisa R. and Eileen, held their own and kept it real and honest. It's refreshing seeing Lisa R. so real. I love it! She tries so hard to be the nice girl but it's impossible in the RHOBB world. She said on WWHL with Andy Cohen, that she is happy to have survived the reunion but it was not easy. I loved that viewers, when polled, let her know that she is the right one in the Kim Richards battle.

Lisa V. felt good to not be the main victim this round. It will be interesting to see how vocal she is after experiencing so much pain the previous season.

Kyle, was rumored to be one of the most emotional at the reunion with the sister drama this season. I was so proud of how she owned her own feelings. She had to let her mixed up and sometimes alcoholic sister deal with her own stuff. Kyle, who is normally quiet with her real feelings, let it out this season. You get a gold star Kyle!

Yolanda, stayed for a while at the reunion and supported Brandi as usual but had to leave because of her illness. First of all, I'm praying for Yolanda, I hate that she's dealing with this lyme disease. Aside from her incredible strength, I admire how she's been able to position herself as the "queen of nice" on the show but still have a voice. Don't get me wrong, she's had her moments, but in most scenes, she living the life with a wonderful successful husband, a beautiful home, a sexy yoga instructor, with the best of everything, including celebrity friends. And she's so darn modest. She's able to participate in just a bit of the drama and she's loyal to a fault, Brandi, anyone? Ok, I'll stop being jealous. Love ya Yolanda!

Here's an inside scoop: the RHOBB reunion was just taped and my source tells me it was the juiciest reunion broadcast in years. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, the Oscars pre-empted RHOA, but we were teased with a peek of what's coming next. It was real chilling to hear Apollo say, "I'm now going asunder." Wow! Translation: He going to prison. Still, he projected a chipper attitude along the way.

Chipper is not how I would describe his wife, Phaedra. She hired a security team. Yep, she did, and seemed relieved that he was gone. It was kinda sad.

Over in Kenya land, Cynthia shared the Mr. Chocolate as being Phaedra's lover rumor and well hell broke loose and the scene ended. I suspect Kenya feels that Phaedra is a hypocrite and she plans to tell her so. After all, the ladies did call Kenya a loose lady all season, or less flattering words that effect. What they will say next?

Marquesa LaDawn is a professional business woman who escapes the pressures of living in New York City by retreating into the real world of reality TV. Visit her at www.RealityTVgirl.c

NEWSPAPERS DELIVER

Newspaper media content and advertising rate as the most trusted, most valuable and most engaging. The numbers tell our story.

Newspaper media reach a **HUGE AUDIENCE**

Mobile audience **↑58%** (vs 2012)

Across platforms, **7 in 10** Americans read content from newspaper media each week. **THAT'S 158 MILLION U.S. ADULTS.**

59% OF YOUNG ADULTS READ NEWSPAPER MEDIA WEEKLY (AGE 18-24)

Not only do newspaper media reach a **HUGE** audience, they also reach an **ENGAGED AUDIENCE**

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT INDEX

PRINT NEWSPAPERS	112
PRINT/WEB NEWSPAPERS	108
RADIO	102
INTERNET	101
TELEVISION	92

100 (avg)

Newspaper-generated content is so valuable it's taken and repeated, condensed, broadcast, tweeted, discussed, posted, copied, edited and e-mailed countless times throughout the day by others.

NEWSPAPER MEDIA ARE MOST TRUSTED

56% trust newspapers

Newspapers and their websites rated **12%** higher than other media on how engaged audiences were with advertising.

Newspaper print ads drive the **highest purchase intent—a 35% higher score** than local television, cable television & local music radio.

Adults who name local newspapers as the **most effective** place to learn about Black Friday sale and store information.

This is a **37% higher score** than microblogs and a **58% higher score** than local TV.

37% trust social media

52% trust local television

NEWSPAPERS ARE TRANSFORMING.

Fueled by creative, fresh ideas, very real, very positive changes are afoot in the industry.

5% CIRCULATION REVENUE GROWTH

40% INDUSTRY REVENUE FROM NON-ADVERTISING SOURCES

A host of new revenue sources that did not exist a few years ago grew by **8%**, which now accounts for close to **1 in 10** dollars coming into newspaper media companies.

Sources:
Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013)
The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)
2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

@NAAupdates
@NewspapersLive
Facebook.com/NewspaperAssociationOfAmerica
www.naa.org

HERE ARE OUR CARDS..

Whatever you're looking for, consider these local businesses

FIRST

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



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

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

Act 1
 HATS AND ACCESSORIES
 FOR WOMEN & MEN



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

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

**EAGLE ISLAND
 FRUIT & SEAFOOD**



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

Highway 421 North
 Wilmington, NC 28401

762-1193

CHOICES
 Design, Copy & Print

713-B PRINCESS ST., WILMINGTON, NC 28401

Banners
 Booklets
 Brochures
 Business Cards
 Color Copies

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

Car Magnets
 Flyers/Ads
 Postcards
 Programs
 T-Shirts

Monday-Friday
 10 am - 6 pm

910-763-1366

VISA MasterCard

WWW.CHOICESDCP.COM

3-N-1 BAIL BONDING Co.



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

P.O. Box 12831
 Wilmington, NC 28405

NC LICENSE #2473
 NATION WIDE SERVICE

Owner/Operator
 Mary C. Nixon
 Bail Bonding Agent

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



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

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

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

ANYTIME - 24 HOURS



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

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

UNLIMITED BONDS

Patricia White

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



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

Five Minutes Away

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

OWEN METTS REALTY
We can help!



We specialize in the following services:

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

NEW LISTINGS NEEDED

DO YOU WANT TO SELL OR RENT YOUR PROPERTY?

WE MAY HAVE A BUYER OR RENTER WAITING FOR YOUR PROPERTY

DO YOU WANT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY?

Please call us first
TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT
 321 North Front Street • Phone: 910-763-3777
 Cell: 910-297-6997
 Email: ometts@yahoo.com
OWEN E. METTS, SR.,
 Licensed Realtor/Broker, Certified Housing Counselor

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



Come in and shop with us for your:

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

Business Hours
 9am-6pm - Monday - Saturday

Under New Management--Henry and Queen McCloud

Peter Grear, Attorney at Law



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

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

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



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

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

THE BENEFIT CONNECTION
We can help you!

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

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



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

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

Owen E. Metts, Sr., Licensed Agent

When experience matters, Call us today!

Monday - Friday 9 am-5 pm * 910.763.3777

We represent several insurance companies

LegalShield
 Total access. Total freedom.



John Wilder
 Independent Associate
 Executive Director
 Small Business & Group

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

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

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

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

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

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



CALL ME
Henry B. Brown
 Agent



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



State Farm Insurance Companies
 Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois