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**GUEST EDITORIAL  
BY GEORGE CURRY**  
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also abused Black  
youth"  
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**BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**Election,  
Election!  
Candidates!**

**BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

It's time to put out all those elected officials who have made life a living hell for our people, both Blacks and Whites. We hear a great deal of talk about the budget, but we see the laws that make for terribly hard times for poor and minorities. Yet, we see all kinds of breaks for the rich and the well off. We find ourselves burdened with high taxes, and, if you are willing to fool yourself into thinking that things are getting better, so be it.

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**Will there be more guns in circulation?  
Proposed gun measure concerns opponents**

**BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**

Supporters call it the "Second Amendment Affirmation Act," but opponents say if passed, North Carolina will have more guns in circulation, with very few limits, than ever before.

The concern is that the conservative Republican majority in the NC General Assembly has already flexed its muscles on overriding Gov. Pat McCrory's veto of their bill allowing county magistrates to refuse marriage service to same-sex couples on the basis of religious objection.

The Legislature's skewed redistricting maps and restrictive voter ID laws are being actively challenged in both state and federal courts. And earlier this week, the US Supreme Court refused to even hear a case involving

reviving a 2011 North Carolina law which required abortion providers to take ultrasounds of unborn children and literally force their mothers to look at them before the procedures.

That law is now dead.

But now, even though House Bill 562 amending North Carolina's gun laws is still in committee as of press time Monday, it wouldn't take much, if Republican leadership so ordered, for it to be voted out, hit the floor, and be ratified by both the state House and Senate before this year's long session ends, projected to be sometime in July or August.

To understand how radically HB562, if passed, would change gun restric-

tions in the state, one has to know where they are now.

Currently, all firearms in the state require a gun permit, usually issued by the county sheriff's department. HB562 originally did away with that requirement, but the most recent version seems to have reinstated that requirement.

Law enforcement agencies have strongly lobbied lawmakers that issuing permits is the only way to track who legally has a firearm in his/her jurisdiction.

The area district attorney, prosecutors and investigators with the DA's Office can now legally carry concealed weapons, though not in a courtroom, or while consuming alcohol.

So can state superior, district and

administrative law judges carry concealed firearms, in addition to magistrates, clerks of Court and Registrars of Deeds.

The law, if passed, would now allow state lawmakers in the Legislature to carry concealed weapons on their persons in the legislative buildings.

Gun owners will be able to carry firearms onto public school property, but have to leave them in their vehicles. However, the law would allow them to retrieve their firearms if they perceive a threat.

People will be able to bring their handguns to the NC State Fair, but would have to check them at the gate. That would require a place to store the weapons while the owners walk the grounds.

At a press conference several weeks ago, Rep. Rick Glazier (D - Cumberland) called the bill "Second Amendment insanity."



**WILLSTON IS 100 YEARS OLD.**

PHOTO BY JOHN DAVIS

**THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!**

**BY LINDA PEARCE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

**W**illiston buns, water and a few commemorative teeshirts will be sold by the WAA at the Mix being held in front of Williston on Saturday, July 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. There will be vendors selling other items or providing information. Please bring your chairs as none will be otherwise available. You will also have the opportunity to

start a subscription to *The Wilmington Journal* and purchase books by our former librarian, Bertha Todd. This is a public event and all are welcome to come out and greet former classmates and friends. The attire is casual. Our main event, the Banquet/Dance, being held in the Williston Gym on Saturday, the 4th of July, is sold out. We have

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**PRESIDING ELDER  
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**MINISTER CALVIN ROBINSON**

**Minister  
Calvin Robinson  
receives Doctorate**

**CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE**

Glory to God and Hallelujah! Minister Calvin Robinson, M.Th., received his earned Doctorate of Theology with honors from North Carolina Theological Seminary on May 30th, 2015.

He is God called, anointed, licensed, and ordained to preach and teach the Bible by the Spirit of God.

North Carolina Theological Seminary is accredited with Transworld Accrediting Commission International and Accrediting Commission International respectively.

It's main campus is headquartered in Clinton, North Carolina. The founder and President is Pastor, Bishop Varnie Nell Fullwood, Ph.D.

For information about North Carolina Theological Seminary contact the Office of Administration at 910-564-6630/ Fax: 910-564-0374, 4442 Bonnetsville Road, Clinton, NC 28328. <http://nctheologicalseminary.org>.

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

**Closing achievement gaps requires more than education reform**

**BY FREDDIE ALLEN  
NNPA SENIOR WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT**

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Education reform alone isn't enough to close achievement gaps between Blacks and Whites, according to a new report by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI).

The study by EPI, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank focused on the needs of low- and middle-income families, analyzed how key social and class factors work to diminish student achievement. Those characteristics include parenting practices, single parenthood, irregular work

schedules, lack of access to primary and preventive health care and lead exposure.

Leila Morsy, a lecturer from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, said that even though politicians understand that family and community characteristics affect student performance, they don't understand how to address its impact.

"Though not all lower-social-class families have each of these characteristics, all have many of them," Morsy said in a statement. "Pushing policies that address these social class characteristics might be a more powerful way to raise the achievement of disadvantaged children than

school improvement strategies."

Educators should still be encouraged to support strategies such as improving access to early childhood care and education, school-based health centers and after-school and summer opportunities, the report suggested, but those programs must be pursued in conjunction with "macroeconomic policies like full employment, higher wages, and stable work schedules," that also help to nurture children.

Parental engagement and an educational home

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However, I see destruction and starvation for the poor; the elderly, Blacks, etc. If you can't see this, then, begin to read! Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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The Management and Staff

BLACK LIVES MATTER Pressure builds for feds to 'ban the box'

BY FREDDIE ALLEN NNPA SENIOR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Seventeen states and Washington, D.C. have passed laws making it easier for ex-offenders to find jobs in the labor market. Now civil rights and community groups that advocate for returning citizens are pushing the White House to do the same.

Even though politicians on both sides of the aisle have warmed up to criminal justice reform and smarter sentencing policies, an estimated 70 million adults in the United States have arrests or conviction records and 9 in 10 employers conduct criminal background checks, according to a report by the National Employment Law Project (NELP), a workers' rights group.

The Sentencing Project, a group that has advocated for criminal justice reform nearly 30 years, called the United States "the world's leader in incarceration with 2.2 million people currently in the nation's prisons or jails - a 500% increase over the past thirty years."

Blacks, who are nearly 13 percent of the U.S. population, account for 35.7 percent of state and federal prison population, compared to Whites who make up 32.8 percent.

"Our justice system is deeply unjust and unfair," said Wade Henderson, the president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition of more than 200 national civil rights groups. "We often focus on the incarceration rate and the impact that policing and sentencing have on communities of color, but the injustice of

our system is much more widespread."

That's because the United States continues to punish people long after they have paid their debts to society, said Henderson.

Most people who are convicted of crimes return to their communities, often facing greater challenges to finding affordable housing, educational opportunities and jobs.

"These barriers make it incredibly difficult for people to rebuild their lives and become the contributing members of society that we want them to be," said Henderson. "As a result, millions of people are being left behind and left out."

When those workers are left out, the economy suffers.

"Economists estimated that because people with felony records and formerly incarcerated people have poor job prospects, the nation's gross domestic product in 2008 was between \$57 and \$65 billion lower than it would have been had they been gainfully employed," stated the National Employment Law Project (NELP) report.

"Federal action is what's right and is what's needed as a matter of fairness, but without addressing the employment needs of the massive numbers of people with records who are locked out of the labor market, the economy suffers as well," said Maurice Emsellem, the program director for NELP. "Especially in communities like Baltimore and elsewhere ravaged by criminal justice system."

Some of the biggest companies in the United States are taking notice and revising their hiring policies to provide greater opportunities to ex-

offenders. KOCH Industries, worth more than \$100 billion, recently joined Wal-Mart, Target and Home Depot to "ban the box" on job applications.

According to the NELP, "There are a total of 17 states representing nearly every region of the country that have adopted the policies - California (2013, 2010), Colorado (2012), Connecticut (2010), Delaware (2014), Georgia (2015), Hawaii (1998), Illinois (2014, 2013), Maryland (2013), Massachusetts (2010), Minnesota (2013, 2009), Nebraska (2014), New Jersey (2014), New Mexico (2010), Ohio (2015), Rhode Island (2013), Vermont (2015), and Virginia (2015)."

Six states have required that private employers remove the question about criminal background from job applications.

"These companies and states are seeing what the federal government hasn't - that fair chance hiring isn't just good for communities, it's good for our economy," said Henderson. "Certainly those industries would not adopt policies that hurt their bottom line and if they can show the kind of leadership, civic engagement and commitment to fair play in the workforce, then surely the federal government can follow behind."

Andrea Marta, the campaign manager for Lifelines to Healing, an initiative of the PICO National Network, said that finding a job is the key to helping people return to their communities.

"Jobs help provide redemption and the second chance that many of our folks need to be successful once they come home," said Marta. "People can walk away from the cycle of violence and poverty through a



The United States continues to punish people long after they have paid their debt to society.

job that can prevent it."

Dorsey Nunn, the executive director Legal Services for Prisoners with Children and the co-founder All of Us or None, said that it's a contradiction to say that citizens can return to their communities after serving their citizens while depriving them of the rights and resources needed to get ahead.

Earlier this month, a group from PICO National Network that included ex-offenders met with White House officials and staffers from the Congressional Black Caucus to talk about recommendations for returning citizens facing employment and housing barriers.

Akim Lattermore, a community leader with the Ohio Organizing Collaborative said in a statement, "You can't resolve policy issues surrounding fair hiring and the formerly incarcerated unless you have those impacted in the room."

Emsellem said that "Ban the Box" legislation is also in compliance with current civil rights laws that require employers to take into account the age of the record directly related to job or rehabilitation programs that the applicant has completed.

In 2012, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) released guidance on hiring practices, encouraging companies to be more mindful of how they use

an applicant's criminal background history in judging whether they're qualified to do the job because they might unintentionally violate Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Emsellem said that the beauty of "ban the box" policies is their ability to isolate an applicant's past criminal record, because those questions come at the end of the hiring process, after the employer has made every other decision. So it's clear that the employer is judging the potential employee based on his ability or prior conviction.

Emsellem continued, "That creates a real opening and makes it way easier to argue these legal issues and puts the employer, honestly, in a really tough spot."

Nunn said that if the federal government is going to spend his tax dollars, then he should have access to everything that they spend his money on. That includes jobs with companies that do business with and for the federal government.

"There are boxes all over the place that exclude me from access to a meaningful life," Nunn said. "Ban the box" is more than a question of fair chance hiring. I want the full restoration of my civil and human rights and this is just the first step in the process."

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environment are critical to fostering student achievement.

According to the Education Department's Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (Kindergarten Class of 2010-2011), Black parents reported an average of 44 books in the home, less than half the number given by White parents (112). Black parents also spend about 40 percent less time reading to their young children compared to Whites and Black mothers are "two-thirds as likely as White mothers to read to toddlers daily," according to the EPI report.

Parental engagement and home environment can be life-changing in those preschool years and research shows that poor families, independent of race, can take steps to make sure that their children don't lose ground to their financially-stable peers.

"Low-income parents of children in Head Start who spend more time reading to their children, visit the library more often, keep more children's books in the home, and begin reading to their children at an earlier age have children with higher literacy skills," the report said. "These children are more ready to read when they reach school age, have better vocabularies, are better able to identify words and letters, and know more story and print concepts - the title of a book, the author, reading from left to right, understanding characters' feelings."

More than half of Black children under the age of 18 live in homes with absent fathers, compared to just 18 percent of White children.

The report said that single parents are more stressed and that single mothers who suffer from depression at higher rates are "more likely to abuse children, causing worse outcomes for children themselves."

That stress is compounded when parents have irregular or nighttime work schedules.

"For example, for low-income African American mothers of preschool children, each additional nighttime hour of work is associated with a decrease in cognitively stimulating mother-child activities," the report

said.

Even though most poor children can get health care through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), they still face hurdles accessing primary and preventive care. Doctors are also in short supply in low-income communities. That means poor children, especially poor Black children, have to wait longer to get treated for common illnesses, including allergies, asthma and dental problems.

Despite strides to eliminate lead in gasoline and in paint for about 40 years, Blacks are still twice as likely as Whites to have dangerous levels of the metal in their blood.

"Even very low levels of lead contribute to cognitive impairment, including reductions in IQ and verbal and reading ability, with no identifiable safe bottom threshold," the report stated. "Childhood lead exposure also appears to be closely linked to young adult criminal behavior. Crime rates fell more rapidly in states where leaded gasoline was banned more quickly."

Black children from low-income families absorb more lead from their environment, because they have less calcium in their diets, negatively affecting brain development.

The report noted that discrimination in the criminal justice system leads to higher incarceration rates for young Black men. Prison convictions make it harder for Black fathers to find gainful employment to support their families, which can also affect the academic success of their children.

"Reforming drug laws, ending imprisonment of non-violent offenders, and curtailing racial profiling in urban policing can result in fewer young African American men disqualified from employment because they report criminal records," the EPI report suggested.

The report also recommended curbing "just-in-time" work schedules, expanding full-service school-based health centers and protecting children from lead exposure can have a positive impact in the lives of children from low-income families.

Richard Rothstein, a research associate with the Economic Policy Institute and co-author of the report,

said that closing the education achievement gap is going to take social reform for low-income families and their children.

"Policymakers should

focus on improving the living conditions of these children and their families," said Rothstein. "That is likely to have a palpable impact on closing the achievement gap."



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**BELLHAVEN MAYOR WALKS TO WASH., D.C. AGAIN**

[BELLHAVEN] Mayor Adam O'Neal has done it before, and this week, he's done it again. Walk from his eastern North Carolina town 300 miles to Washington, D.C. in an effort to save rural hospitals. Several months ago when Mayor O'Neal took to the road, it was in a failed attempt to keep the hospital in Bellhaven from closing. The owner said it was losing money and could no longer sustain the costs. This week O'Neal marched the roads to the nation's capital again to



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bring attention 283 other rural hospitals that are also in danger of closing their doors. O'Neal and other advocates, which included NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber, asked Congress to step in and address the matter.

**TWO TEENS IN GOOD CONDITION AFTER BEING SEVERELY BITTEN BY SHARKS**

[OAK ISLAND] Two teenagers are listed in good condition after losing their arms from severe shark bites this weekend. Officials say a 12-year-old girl lost part of her arm, and may lose her left leg as well after what witnesses say was a 16-foot shark attacked her around 4 p.m. Sunday. Then 90 minutes later, a 16-year-old boy was also attacked

by a shark further down the same beach, the predator taking part of his arm. These incidents happened just three days after a 13-year-old girl was bitten by a shark last Thursday off Ocean Isle. She suffered some cuts on her foot, but is expected to recover. Experts say bull or tiger sharks may be responsible in all three attacks.

**GRADUATING STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT KICKED OUT OF CEREMONY BECAUSE OF FAKE TICKETS**

[UNION COUNTY] The graduating student body president at Monroe High School was pulled from the ceremony at the last minute last week when it was discovered that she has printed fake tickets to allow more of her

relatives to attend the graduation exercise. Aimee Bell told WBTW that she was "distracted" when the principal confronted her. Each graduate was given four tickets for family, and had to pay for extras. Bell, however, printed two more, and got caught. "I just got to do better," Bell said.

**REP. GLAZIER LEAVES TO LEAD NC JUSTICE CENTER**

[RALEIGH] One of the state Legislature's most prolific leaders is leaving to head up one of the state's premier progressive organizations. Rep. Rick Glazier (D-Cumberland) has announced that he is leaving the General Assembly to become the new executive director of the non-

profit NC Justice Center, a progressive advocacy group. Glazier is serving in his seventh term. He currently chairs the House Ethics Committee.

**FORGET THE DMV LINE. NOW REGISTER ONLINE**

[RALEIGH] Say goodbye to those long, long lines at the DMV. The state Division of Motor Vehicles is now allowing motorists to renew their driver's licenses online at the DMV website [www.edmv.ncdot.gov/DriverLicenseRenewal/](http://www.edmv.ncdot.gov/DriverLicenseRenewal/). You can only use the site if you have no restrictions on your renewal, like vision problems. If your license has been revoked, you cannot use the online service, and commercial licenses will still require a visit to the DMV.

Your license will be mailed in seven to fourteen days.

**US SUPREME COURT REJECTS REVIEW OF STATE ULTRASOUND LAW**

[RALEIGH] The NC General Assembly passed a law in 2011 requiring abortion providers to show an ultrasound image of a woman's unborn child to her before the procedure. A federal judge subsequently struck down the law, and an appellate court agreed. On Monday, the US Supreme Court refused to even take up the matter, so the law is now no more. The courts held that the law was violation of a doctor's free speech rights.

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invited former educators Carlyle Mason, Jeanne Keith Harris, Bertha Todd and Carter & Mercedes Newsome to attend our banquet as our special guests for the evening. We have, also, invited County Commission Chairman Jonathan Barfield, Mayor Bill Saffo, former County Commissioner Joe Barfield (Class of '64) and Williston Middle School Principal Dr. Jerry Oates to attend as our guests. We are especially grateful to Dr.

Oates for the use of the gym for our event. Doors are opening at 5:30 and the event starts at 7:00. We are admitting persons early because of the large numbers who must be processed before entering the gym and it is advisable that persons attending come as early as possible. Dinner is being provided by Middle of the Island Caterers. Our deejay for the dance is Jesse Hannibal. The attire is dressy/cocktail/semi-formal for the evening.

On Sunday, we will gather at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church for our Worship Service. The preach-

er is Presiding Elder Conrad K. Pridden who is an Elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of the 2nd Episcopal District of the AME Church. He is a graduate of the Williston Class of '67 and furthered his education at Shaw University, Turner Theological Seminary, Yale University Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, Duke

University Divinity School, East Carolina University and United Theological Seminary where he received his Doctor of ministry Degree in 1993. He preached for us in year's past and had us all spellbound. Members of the Williston Community Choir and all former Glee Club members who desire to will provide music for the service. There will be three

rehearsals for those singing on Sunday. The rehearsal dates are 6/22, 6/29 and 7/3 and the time is 6:30 for each rehearsal at Ephesus. The last date will allow anyone coming in town who used to sing in the glee club to rehearse with the others who are singing. For more information about rehearsal, call Monnie Swepson at (910)409-2417 or Betty Waterman at

(910)763-1655. Scholarship recipients will be presented at the church service. These students are the reason we continue to work as they are a continuing part of our legacy.

As the time of the events draw near, the WAA is trying to cover every base so that all who attend will have a glorious time as we celebrate 100 years of Williston.

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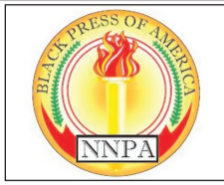
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### CURRY'S COMMENTS

## Fox News and AP also abused Black youth

**F**ox News blowhards will never admit that in covering the racially-charged swimming pool incident in McKinney, Texas, they blew it. But that's exactly what they did. And rather than acknowledge that they went overboard in defending the misconduct of the police officer involved - conduct that the chief police later described as "out of control" - some of the network's personalities are attacking those who pointed out that they messed up.



George Curry

Fortunately, there was videotape of the unfortunate June 5 incident at a swimming pool in Craig Ranch, a predominantly White subdivision in McKinney, Texas, about 30 miles north of Dallas.

The video, which has received more than 11 million views on YouTube, shows a police officer identified as Cpl. Eric Casebolt attempting to throw Dajerria Becton, a slim, 15-year-old, bikini-clad African American, to the sidewalk.

"He told me to walk away and I did," Becton told KDFW-TV. "Next thing I know I'm on the ground."

The video, shot by a White teenager, shows Casebolt throwing Becton to the ground as she starts to walk away, yelling to her, "On your face." He is seen grabbing her by the hair and placing his knee in her back while she was pinned to the ground under the weight of his body.

At one point, Casebolt drew his revolver and pointed it at two Black males until two of his fellow officers intervened and restrained him.

More than a half-dozen Fox commentators defended Casebolt, despite the video. One guest, Bo Dietl, was allowed to speculate about what one of the teens might have told the officer. Fox Business host Lou Dobbs asked, "what in the world" are police supposed to do when people "refuse to obey" their orders?

Fox News Host Megyn Kelly said "the girl was no saint either. He had told her to leave, and she continued to linger. And when the cop tells you to leave, you get out." Kelly added, "I'm not defending his actions, let me make that clear."

After [mediamatters.org](http://mediamatters.org), the watchdog group, reported her remarks, Kelly took to the air to charge that "some of the left-wing press continue to use this incident to dishonestly push their own agenda." However, she neglected to note that even some conservatives had criticized her.

For example, Reason.com stated, "Some conservatives, unfortunately, are falling over themselves to defend the police - the one kind of public employee who can do no wrong in the eyes of all-too-many people on the right. Media Matters compiled a disheartening list of Fox News personalities raising baseless hypotheticals that could (maybe) justify Casebolt's rash actions."

Meanwhile, Casebolt's behavior was so abhorrent that he has resigned and apologized for his actions.

Police Chief Greg Conley said, "Our policies, our training, our practice doesn't support his actions. He came into the call out of control, and as the video shows was out of control during the incident."

Fox News wasn't the only offender. A *Daily Kos* headline summed it up best: "Associated Press publishes hit job on Tamir Rice."

It noted, "You are all familiar with this story. A young boy is playing in the park, a police car pulls up and in less than two seconds, 12-year old Tamir Rice is on the ground, bleeding from what would prove to be a fatal gunshot wound. For more than six months the investigation(s) into this videotaped killing has languished. Now, coincidentally, two days after a judge found probable cause that the police officer who shot Rice should face murder charges, and the Associated Press was presented with the opportunity to run a hit job on ... Tamir Rice. And, boy, oh boy, did they run with it."

Below are some excerpts from the AP story, written by Mark Gillispie, with *Daily Kos* commentary in italics.

AP headline: "Boy with pellet gun warned by friend before police shooting"

Comment: That's right! Tamir was warned! No word if Tamir was warned that he would be shot without warning for the crime of being in a public park, because the only quotes in this article come from the prosecutor, an unnamed FBI agent and the shooter's lawyer.

AP: Investigators were told that Tamir used the airsoft gun, which shoots non-lethal plastic projectiles, to shoot at car tires that day.

Comment: Not only non-lethal, but non-able-to-shoot-out-a-freaking-tire. Not to mention, that's not why the police confronted Tamir.

AP: The video appears to show Tamir reaching for the pellet gun, which is tucked in his waistband, after he was shot.

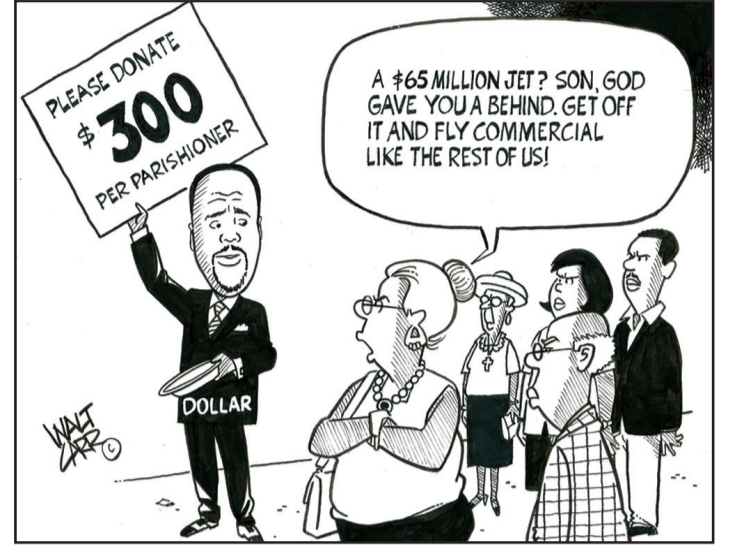
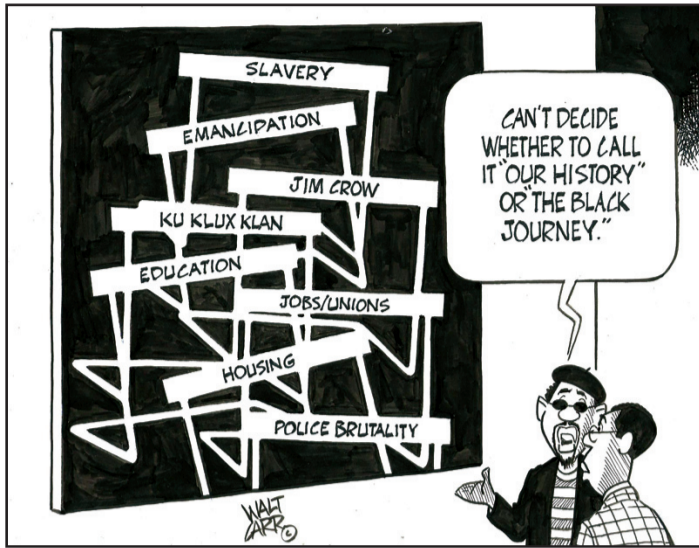
Comment: It does? The only thing I see is Tamir reaching for his his stomach when he's shot.

The reason I became a journalist was because I subscribe to a quote that has been attributed, with some variation, to both journalist Finley Peter Dunne and social activist "Mother" Mary Jones: "The job of a newspaper is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

In this instance, Fox News and the Associated Press got it backwards.

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## Matters of Opinion

### TO BE EQUAL

## Summer jobs pay future dividends

**"Y**our first job brings you more than just a steady paycheck - the experience teaches young people life and work skills that serve them long after the job is done. But as our nation continues to recover [from] the deepest recession since the Great Depression, American youth are struggling to get the work experience they need for jobs of the future." - White House, "We Can't Wait Initiative" Statement Release, January 2012

Marc Morial

I can still remember my very first job - and the valuable lessons I learned from it that continue to inform my career to this day. I got my first taste of entrepreneurship as one-third of a three-man janitorial company I started with two childhood friends. We mowed lawns, washed cars and cleaned windows. If it needed fixing or cleaning, we were the ones to call.

At the age of 15, I earned my first steady paycheck as a copy boy for a local newspaper. Like so many millions of teens before and after me, I had the chance to be exposed to the world of work at an early age. And I earned more than

money from the experience. With work came important lessons about responsibility, effective communication, time management, interpersonal skills and more. Today, as our nation continues to recover from the crippling impact of the Great Recession on our economy and job market, the ability of teens to jump-start their future careers, as they were once able to, remains in jeopardy.

Not only did jobs disappear during our nation's economic downturn, summer jobs - widely acknowledged as the traditional means of entry into our nation's workforce for teens and young adults - became scarce. Competition from older workers for those entry-level jobs once reserved for teens increased as the labor market weakened, and with states slashing budgets to make ends meet, state and federally-funded summer jobs placement programs were either underfunded or cut.

But teen employment matters for their future and for our nation's. It not only gives young people something productive to do during the summer months, that job in the retail store, library or the local newspaper is money in their pocket and money being spent within the community. Studies have also shown that those who work when they are young are more likely to be employed in the future and will earn higher salaries.

After a high of 27.2 percent teen unemployment in 2010, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, unemployment for workers ages 16-19 is now down to 17.9 percent. As is the case with adult workers, teens are beginning to find jobs as the market recovers, but unemployment remains high for young people-disproportionately affecting low-income youth and Blacks and Hispanics. The national unemployment rate stands at a staggering 30.1 percent for Black teens and 19.2 percent for Hispanic teens. The groups of teens who need the work most in order to help themselves, and very often make a significant contribution to their family's budget, are not finding the jobs.

Our nation's answer to this dilemma has been a fractured portrait of private and public initiatives and success. Cities and states have cobbled together money - when it's in the budget - and have funneled it to local groups or agencies that connect youths to jobs or job training. In 2012, the White House launched Summer Jobs+ as part of the "We Can't Wait" initiative. The project brought together the federal government and the private sector to create 180,000 employment opportunities for low-income youth.

At the National Urban League, we work with at-risk youth to introduce them into the workforce through a com-

prehensive set of services through the Urban Youth Empowerment Program. While all of these efforts are laudable and have changed many lives and communities for the better, it is not enough. Our nation needs to expand summer job programs and create year-round employment for our young people. We need a commitment that says yes to teens and to their future. Our nation needs a comprehensive jobs solution for young people, because piecemeal solutions will only deliver far-flung pockets of success.

Investing in our young people is an investment in the continued strength of this great nation and its workforce. Young people need the formative workplace skills they can get in those entry-level jobs to move on to greater career success and higher salaries in the future. Our nation, and its local economies, benefit when teens spend their disposable income. Surely there are tax loopholes, corporate or otherwise, that can be closed, bringing additional dollars to the table to invest in our young people. The financial cost of not investing in teens, not creating opportunities for future success, is what will cost this country, and our future in the fast-paced global economy, the most.

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## What part of democracy are Republicans afraid of?

**I**t's not too soon to ask a critical question of citizens of voting age who tend to vote for Democratic candidates: Do you think you'll be allowed to vote in 2016?



Lee A. Daniels

will be "no."

A half century ago the Civil Rights Movement's ultimate legislative victory - the Voting Rights Act of 1965 - guaranteed Black Americans' right to vote. Blacks' subsequent dedication to a democracy's fundamental expression of responsible citizenship - voting - led directly to Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 electoral victories.

In the latter, Obama won 93 percent of Blacks' votes, 73 percent of Asian-Americans' votes, 71 percent of Hispanic-Americans' votes, and the majority of votes from women as a group and voters age 18 to 29. That support, along with gaining 39 percent of votes cast by Whites, gave him a 4.7 million popular-vote and 332-to-206 Electoral College margin of victory.

Since then, American voters' access to the ballot box has once again been threatened: by the U.S. Supreme Court's 2013 striking down the key provision of the 1965 Voting

Rights, and the resulting blizzard of enacted and proposed acts in Republican-dominated state legislatures intended to suppress voting by those groups whose majorities vote for Democratic candidates.

The oily Republican justifications for these bills are that they're to prevent voter fraud. But Republicans have never produced any evidence that voter fraud actually exists at any level of American politics. Indeed, during a federal court trial last year over Texas' new restrictive voter-identification law, state officials testified that from 2002 to 2011, when a total of 20 million votes were cast in the state, just two cases of voter impersonation fraud were prosecuted to conviction. A scholar whose specialty is examining voter fraud in modern-day American elections testified that for the years 2000 to 2010 she had found fewer than 10 instances of voter fraud at polling places in the entire country.

The federal court in Texas struck down the law, but that decision was reversed by the conservative-dominated U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, an action which, to no one's surprise, the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority backed.

Those facts exposing the GOP chimera of voter fraud recall the response Jesse Jackson always had during the 1970s to Whites' resistance to the use of busing as a tool of school integration. He would say: "It's not the bus. It's us."

That point effectively

answers the rhetorical question Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton posed during her June 4 speech about voting rights at Texas Southern University. Referring to the Republicans, she asked, "What part of democracy are they afraid of?"

As Clinton well knows, part of the answer lies in considering the voting statistics of the recent past, such as those cited above, on the one hand, and, on the other, America's demographic makeup. For example, census data show that in Texas from 2000 to 2010 Hispanic Americans comprised 65 percent of its 4 million new legal residents, Blacks accounted for 13.7 percent, and other people of color another 11 percent.

True, many of the new Texans are still children, or are adults not registered to vote, and Texas' population growth significantly outstrips most other states. But, given the GOP's just-us hostility to inclusiveness and its continuing extremist positions on numerous issues, its only hope of again gaining the presidency depends on decreasing the potential votes the Democrats can count on.

That's why the Clinton campaign and the Democrats' separate political operation are challenging restrictive voter laws in such Republican-dominated battleground states as Ohio, Wisconsin and Virginia. And that's why Clinton in her Texas Southern speech proposed several specific ways to both register new voters and ensure that all registered vot-

ers will be able to vote next year:

Those include: universal automatic voter registration in order to register every American citizen at 18; legislation approving at least 20 days of early voting, including evenings and weekends, in order to make voting more convenient for all; and repeal of punitive state laws that bar ex-offenders no longer on probation or parole from voting.

This new battle for expanding the number of Americans who are registered to vote and ensuring that they can vote isn't a small matter. It's estimated that as many as one-third of all eligible voters - more than 50 million Americans - aren't registered to vote.

Predictably, GOP presidential candidates and partisans slammed the speech as "divisive" - as if registering new voters and trying to convince them to vote for your party isn't the essence of democratic-with-a-small-d politics. But then, it's long been apparent that democratic-with-a-small-d politics is something today's Republican Party has very little interest in.

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CHILDWATCH

End youth detention and torture at Riker's Island

"Before I went to jail, I didn't know about a lot of stuff, and, now that I'm aware, I'm paranoid. I feel like I was robbed of my happiness." - Kalief Browder to Jennifer Gonnerman, staff writer for *The New Yorker*.



Marian W. Edelman

Nobody of any age should be held in jail without a trial for three years. No child or adolescent should be held in an adult jail. No child or youth should be housed in facilities where those entrusted to care for them violently assault them. Yet, Kalief Browder, a 16-year-old accused of stealing a backpack was kept in one of the most violent adult jails in the United States, Riker's Island in New York City, for three years without a trial.

Even worse, he spent more than two years of that time in

solitary confinement, locked up alone except to go to the shower, the recreation area, the visit room or the medical clinic. This was torture. The suicide of 22-year-old Kalief Browder on June 6, barely two years after his release and return home, was the final horror in his tragic and brutal journey into the depths of the adult criminal justice system in New York City and state.

At Riker's, Kalief was cruelly beaten by juvenile gangs, and beaten by a guard as he was calmly walking from solitary confinement to the shower. This violent abuse was caught on video and made public in April by an investigative reporter from *The New Yorker*. Other alleged abuses were not: the cruel guards who denied him meals, medical care, trips to the shower and extended his time in solitary confinement by making up disciplinary problems.

It should surprise no one that a teenager subjected to this continuous torture; a

teenager who maintained his innocence and just wanted his right to a day in court to prove it; a teenager who turned down plea deals repeatedly although it would have meant he could go home immediately; a teenager with no history of mental illness before Riker's Island tried to commit suicide while held in solitary confinement for two of his three years there. It is beyond shameful that he was held without a trial, without being proven guilty and because he was a poor young Black male.

If New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and state legislators act immediately before this state legislative session ends this week to raise the age of criminal responsibility, as 48 states have done, more tragedies and suffering like Kalief Browder's might be avoided. And youths still at Riker's might have reduced suffering and pain.

Kalief Browder's cruel and unjust treatment began May 15, 2010, when he was picked up with a friend in the Bronx.

He shared his story later with a reporter from *The New Yorker* to make sure this would never happen to anyone else. Kalief was stopped for allegedly stealing a backpack earlier that evening.

Kalief Browder was immediately funneled into the adult criminal justice system because of the unjust lottery of geography and poverty. New York remains one of only two states in our country that still automatically treats 16- and 17-year-olds as adults. More than a century ago, states began to legislate that children should be treated as children to prevent the inhumane, dangerous, and ineffective practice of putting them in adult jails.

Kalief Browder ended up at Riker's Island. His family could not afford to hire an attorney or pay the \$3,000 bail to keep him home to await a trial that never took place over three years.

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BLACKONOMICS

Hillary Clinton

evokes "collective anesthesia"

In March of 2007, I wrote a column under the headline: "Obama Drama." It began, "Will the euphoria sweeping through our ranks over the possibility of a Black President eventually dominate our collective psyche? Will it overwhelm us with notions of 'equality' and 'victory' and ostensibly cause us to subordinate our primary interests and abandon the pressing issues that negatively impact Black life in America?"

Just when I thought we had learned our political lesson, along comes another one. Our collective anesthesia began in the first week of June, when Hillary Clinton made voter suppression her major theme. She went to Texas and called out Rick Perry, Chris Christie, Scott Walker, and Jeb Bush, all of whom she said supported voter suppression laws in their respective states.

Not only did she go into that lion's den called the state of Texas, she gave her speech at Texas Southern University, a Black college.

"So what, you say? Take your anesthesia mask off for a moment and think about this. In 2007, Black people started inhaling the nitrous oxide and fell into what has now become nearly a 7-year state of political euphoria. Some of us are still laughing from the gas we inhaled.

Now, with Hillary's foray into the sacred bastion of voting, saying she will fight against voter suppression, while surrounded by smiling Black folks (Or, should I say, grinning Black folks?) on a Black college campus, the fix is in once again. We are being numbed out and dumbed down, and many of us will traipse to the polls and vote for Hillary in 2016 simply because of this one issue. "She's for voting rights," many will say, and that will simply be enough for them. Yes, voting is very important, but that one issue must not be used as the panacea for Black political empowerment.

There will be no other issue on the minds of many Black voters since they will have been programmed while under anesthesia. They will demand nothing more of Hillary, or any of the other presidential candidates. They will not make demands around criminal justice; they will not demand some form of reparation for Black people; they will not demand a student loan bailout; and they will not demand a Marshall Plan for America's urban areas where Blacks reside.

Hillary is already playing the voting card with Black folks because she knows that's what wins us over. I am sure she will be in Selma next year, lending her shoulder to John Lewis as he weeps, saying, "Don't worry Black folks; I will protect your right to vote, for real this time."

She will attend the NAACP national convention in a staunch show of support for that organization's fight against voter suppression, even though the NAACP has shown no penchant for outlawing voter suppression in its own ranks. That's right; there are several open cases of the NAACP allowing and maybe even supporting voter suppression in local branches across the nation, led and promulgated by Gill Ford.

Hillary is already dancing to the Black voter tune, and once the music stops in a couple of months, and we are well under the influence of her anesthetizing effect, she will then move to the more important business of dealing with the agendas of other groups. She knows all we need to pacify us is a call for voting rights.

Not to worry though. There is a group of conscious (as opposed to being politically anesthetized and unconscious) Black people who will not submit to the nitrous oxide. It is called the One Million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors (OMCBV&C). We will not be lulled to sleep nor put to sleep by the political shenanigans of any candidate. We will not be beholden to a particular party, and we will cast our votes for the candidate who publicly supports our platform. Likewise, we will withhold our votes and our dollars from any candidate who does not.

Once and for all, Black people must stop allowing ourselves to be manipulated by politicians; we must stop letting them off so easily; and we must stop giving them our so-called "precious" votes with no reciprocity other than a good feeling. This goes for any candidate running in 2016. Let them all know that we are not little children who simply need a warm hug or a pat on the head to make it all better. That's what we got in 2008, and Hillary, sure to be followed by others in the race, is getting her simple obligation to Black voters out of the way early. Join the OMCBV&C, if you are conscious, and let's put an end to this political nonsense. Go to [www.iamoneofthemillion.com](http://www.iamoneofthemillion.com) and register.

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Sean Joe, the Benjamin E. Youngdahl Professor of Social Development at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, and an authority on suicidal behavior among African American males, says that among Black Americans, Black males between the ages of 15 to 24 are most likely to commit suicide.

More than a thousand days after arriving at Riker's Island, Kalief Browder was abruptly released four days after his 20th birthday. He had spent most of the 17 previous months in solitary confinement. The charges against him were dismissed.

His tragically short life has already made a difference. Mayor Bill de Blasio led New York City to ban solitary confinement for all juveniles

after he heard Kalief's story. But the governor and state legislature without another moment's delay must also take action on the age at which children can be placed in adult jails as the Governor's Commission on Youth, Public Safety and Justice recommended.

Every one of us including our elected officials who must be held accountable. Only then will the cries of the prophets for justice and peace and America's pretensions to be a just nation become a lasting reality.

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Good and bad news in latest job numbers

The unemployment rate rose just a bit in May, an indicator that Wall Street and Main Street are celebrating because that means more people are looking for work and that more people are optimistic. Some polling data says something quite different - two major media polls show widespread dissatisfaction with the status quo, with majority support for an increased minimum wage, for paid parental leave and paid sick leave. Further, more than 60 percent said there was room for advancement in our economy.

An analysis of the New York Times/CBS poll concludes, "inequality looms large" in the minds of most Democrats and independents, and nearly half of all Republicans. These are the folks who are reading the headlines that say things are getting better, and living a life that say things are too slow and too stagnant for them.

The disconnect partly reflects the difference between productivity increases and GDP increases. In other words, people are working harder, and national productivity is growing faster, than wages are. Last month, the average hourly worker earned about 8 cents more than they did the month before. Those eight cents represent a 2.3 percent increase this year. This sounds like good news this year, but what about stuck wages for the past several years? Those who are reading about good news are asking, "What about me?"

The latest unemployment report sends a similar mixed message. While the unemployment rate ticked up from 5.4 percent to 5.5 percent, the good news is that 280,000 new jobs were created in May 2015. That's great news and on target for the number of jobs that need to be created to bring us back to the employment levels we enjoyed eight years ago. Not so good news: Many of these jobs aren't "good jobs." Nearly half of the jobs in "business services" are part-time or consulting jobs. These are jobs that offer no health insurance, no sick days, no paid vacation. These are folks who, even when highly compensated,

are on their own. Perhaps the increase in leisure and hospitality employment reflects optimism about the economy, because it suggests that employers think more people will be traveling and enjoying hospitality services this summer. Still, most of the jobs in this industry are part-time, with the average worker getting 22 hours a week - too few to qualify for benefits.

In hospitality, including food and drinking places, young people are working for low wages, often depending on tips, always earning less than they might if the labor market would absorb them at their skill level. Meanwhile, many of us who enjoy the services of the coffee barista, the waitress, or the theme park guide don't ever wonder how well they are paid.

Still, it makes sense to revel in the good news - the unemployment rate is lower than it was a year ago. Always, though, there are the footnotes. The 5.5 percent unemployment rate is 10.8 percent when indices of labor utilization are considered. The African American unemployment rate, at 10.2 percent, is nearly 20 percent when underutilization measures are considered. The 20 percent rate lower than a

year ago, but it is still too high.

The percentage of the population that is employed also reflects significant racial gaps. While nearly 70 percent of White men are working, just 62 percent of Black men have jobs. And while the same percentage of White women and Black women hold jobs, given data on men, it is clear that African American women are responsible for much more of the family income than Caucasian women are.

No wonder people who hear about 'good news' don't feel it. No wonder they are responding to polls with a concern that does not reflect the so-called good news. No wonder too many are concerned about poor working conditions, about feeling that they have no opportunity to improve their situation, about being frightened by the income inequality that will determine the futures of their children.

Are we excited about the news that the economy is recovering? Of course. Some of us would be much more excited if the recovery trickled down.

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Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Celebrating the gifted James Baldwin

James Baldwin was a gifted author and freedom fighter who made a big difference with his pen in the struggle for freedom, justice and equality. During the past 12 months, notable academies and international literary organizations have paid tribute to the 90-year birthday observance of Baldwin. I knew James Baldwin as a trusted friend, but more importantly, he was a staunch supporter of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement.

Born in the heart of Harlem in 1924, Baldwin through the publication of his books and other writings was bold and courageous in his challenge to racial injustice and bigotry. I vividly remember in the 1960s James Baldwin said, "To be a Negro in this country and to be relatively conscious is to be in a rage almost all the time."

The social consciousness of Black Americans today is certainly full of awareness that our long struggle for equality, justice and empowerment must continue to be waged with renewed vigor and determination. The "rage" that is now being expressed in Black communities across the nation in response to videotaped incidents of racially motivated police brutality is

not new. What is new about the growing "Black Lives Matters" movement among younger Blacks is the effective use of social media to increase their political and social consciousness concerning these protests and demands for justice. Thus, James Baldwin's writings decades ago have still proven to be prophetic and visionary in this day and time.

A coalition of literary and cultural groups, including Harlem Stage, New York Live Arts, Columbia University School of the Arts, Harlem Book Fair along with other groups in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and in Atlanta have declared 2014-2015 "The Year of James Baldwin." This was proclaimed in acknowledgment of Baldwin's literary genius as a poet, playwright, novelist, essayist, and freedom fighter. I am hoping that a new generation of Black writers will pick up Baldwin's pen and penetrating spirit to publish more books and inspirational writings.

The Fire Next Time was one of James Baldwin's most powerful books. In the chapter titled, "My Dungeon Shook," James wrote an impassioned plea to his young nephew: "... [your grandfather] is dead, he never saw you, and he had a terrible life; he was defeated long before he died because, at the bottom of his heart, he really believed what white people said about him ... you can only be destroyed by believing that you really are what the white world calls a

nigger."

As a mentor to many various hip-hop artists during the past 30 years, I always refer them to passages from *The Fire Next Time*. The use of the "N-word" is still too casually used today by a generation of cultural artists who aspire to advance the cause of freedom and equality for all. With artistic freedom as a right also comes the responsibility to help lift people up to higher level of consciousness.

When I was falsely accused and unjustly imprisoned in the 1970s as a member of the Wilmington Ten civil rights case in North Carolina, James Baldwin wrote an eloquent open letter from France in January of 1977 to President Jimmy Carter. *The New York Times* and numerous African American owned newspapers that were members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) published Baldwin's missive to Carter.

In a classic literary style of Baldwin, he chided President Carter about the injustices of the Wilmington Ten, the Charlotte Three and other U.S. political prisoners. Baldwin wrote: "I have a thing to tell you, but with a heavy heart, for it is not a new thing. In North Carolina, as I write, nine black men and one white woman are under a sentence of a total of 282 years in various prisons on various charges, including arson.... In Charlotte, three black men are on bail and facing sentences equally savage, on

charges equally preposterous."

Near the end of his letter, Baldwin concluded. "I am not so much trying to bring to your mind the suffering of a despised people - a very comforting notion, after all, for most Americans - as the state and the fate of a nation of which you are the elected leader. The situations of the Wilmington 10, and the Charlotte 3, are very small symptoms of the monstrous and continuing wrong for which you, as the elected leader, are now responsible."

President Carter never responded to James Baldwin's open letter. Ten years later, Baldwin passed away in Saint Paul de Venice, France. I am encouraged today to witness a small cadre of young authors who are keeping the style and spirit of the literary genius of James Baldwin alive. But we need more. Black America's future will be further sustained to the extent to which we keep fighting for freedom with our pens, sermons, creative arts, innovative businesses and leadership development in all areas of human endeavor. We thank James Baldwin for his good work and example.

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**New Hanover County**

All Eyes On You Entertainment will present the Fashion N2 Passion Show, at the UNCW Warwick Center, on June 13th at 5:00 pm. The showcase will include the fashions of 9 designers from all over the world. A portion of the proceeds will go to Duke Children's Hospital.



**Community Briefs**

The Saint Augustine's University (College) Alumni monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20th at 2:00 pm at the Covil Farm Road Clubhouse at 7300 Covil Farm Road, Wilmington. All graduates, persons who attended and friends of St. Augustine's University are invited to attend. Ms. Pattye Brown, National Alumni President will be at the meeting to facilitate the implementation of an Alumni Chapter. Call Angie at 910-620-7978 for more information.

Smart Start of New Hanover County, 3534F South College Rd., will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Large Training Room. All meetings are open to the public. If you require additional information please contact Smart Start at 910-815-3731.

Wrightsville Beach Farmer's Market, Seawater Lane, will be open on Mondays from May 18th- September 28th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Brunswick County

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation will offer a variety of tennis lessons throughout the county. Lessons are for grades K and up. Lessons will be at Smithville Park and Ocean Isle Beach Park. Tennis Camp will be held at Town Creek Park. Please call 910-253-2670 for more information.

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*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

**HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**Old times**

Looking back over my lifetime, I can remember that there were individuals who lived alone in Brunswick County and others who lived in small families on farms. Other neighbors lived some distance, a mile or more, from them.



**Verniece Stanley**

Blacks living in the 30's had many hardships to face as they worked on the farm, sometimes with no more than one mule and a plow. Farm work was very hard work, even for a man. Yet, in those days, he could provide for his family with plenty of food raised on the farm. The farmers got together at

Americans. We are winning the battle against hatred, and it is too late to stop now. The weather is changing it appears to be getting warmer. We are having tornadoes and floods in our country that bring destruction to thousands of people. We do not know the destruction tornadoes and floods could cause. They cause death to people all the time, and the homeless people are especially vulnerable in our part of the country.

We are going to need help from each other as we never have needed it before. Help is given and received in so many different ways. It may be by giving someone a piece of bread or having someone bring us a glass of water. It could be by helping a Black man stand up and thank you

for helping him. The day will come when all people will be together. There will be no separation there.

*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 announces four new principal assignments**

**CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE FROM NHCS**

Four New Hanover County Schools principals will move to new schools for the 2015 - 2016 school year, effective July 1, 2015. The principals are Patrick McCarty, Philip Sutton, MaryPaul Beall and Jackson Norvell.

"Each year, we evaluate where we think our principals will provide the best leadership and what is in the best interest of the district," Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley said. "We believe these principals will provide excellent leadership in their new positions."

Patrick McCarty will become the new principal of Ashley High School. Mr. McCarty joined New Hanover County Schools June 15, 2001 and currently serves as the principal of Murray Middle School. He also served as the assistant principal of Murray Middle School and as a teacher and coach at Pender High School. He received his

Master's degree in School Administration from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a Bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University.

Philip Sutton will become the new principal of Murray Middle School. Mr. Sutton joined New Hanover County Schools August 6, 1997 and currently serves as the principal of Isaac Bear Early College High School. Previously, he served as an assistant principal at New Hanover High School and as a teacher at Hoggard High School. He received his Master's degree in School Administration from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a Bachelor's degree from N.C. State University.

Mary Paul Beall will become the new principal of Isaac Bear Early College High School. Ms. Beall joined New Hanover County Schools July 1, 2002 and currently serves as the principal of Wrightsville Beach Elementary School. Previously, she served as the principal of Williston Middle and Alderman Elementary schools, the assistant principal at Alderman Elementary School and New Hanover High School. Prior to working in New Hanover County, she served as an assistant principal at South Brunswick High School and a teacher in Supply and Union elementary schools. She received her Master's degree in School Administration from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a Bachelor's degree from the Methodist University.



**MCCARTY**



**SUTTON**



**BEALL**



**NORVELL**

Jackson Norvell will become the new principal of Wrightsville Beach Elementary School. Mr. Norvell joined New Hanover County Schools July 18, 2001 and currently serves as the principal of Ashley High School. Previously, he served as the assistant principal at New Hanover High School and Pine Valley Elementary School, and Cape Fear Middle School in Rocky Point, NC. He also served as an intervention specialist at Roland-Grise Middle School and an instrumental music teacher at Roland-Grise and Noble middle schools. He received his Master's degree in School Administration and a Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

**FUTURE HISTORY MAKERS**

**Jasmine Young**

One cannot help but love, admire, and respect Jasmine Young, a rising senior at New Hanover High School. Jasmine exhibits all the qualities of good citizenship and character and demonstrates success as a leader in her school, church, and community. Jasmine is an inspiring young lady who is focused and determined to maximize her God-given talents and abilities for good. Giving credit to God and her parents for her achievements, Jasmine states: "Over the past several years, I have continued to build on a solid foundation established by my parents, Nathaniel and Lynore Young. God has directed my path to become a grounded Christian, an inquisitive scholar, and an independent thinker who sets high expectations for herself and others in pursuit of excellence. I have spent years developing my talents and gifts academically, intellectually, spiritually, and athletically. I strive for excellence both in and out of school."

Jasmine manages a very rigorous academic curriculum taking Advanced Placement and Honors classes. For the past five years, she has been on the A Honor Roll and is, currently, in the top 3% of her class. Jasmine is an AP Scholar with Honors, a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, a member of the Math Club, French Club, Mock Trial Club, the National Beta Club, and president of the Young Democrats Club. In addition, she is first chair clarinet for the New Hanover High School Concert Band, plays the piano, marimba, xylophone, and other pit instruments.

For the past three summers, Jasmine has seized unique opportunities to devote her time and focus on developing and advancing her academic and leadership skills. The summer of 2012, she was a People to People Student Ambassador to several European countries, an experience, that she says changed her life and gave her a worldly view. She realized her future options were much greater than she had previously considered. Jasmine has spent the last two summers

exploring her career interests in architecture at Virginia Tech and chemical engineering at North Carolina State University. Both residential programs expanded her thinking and perspective on opportunities in these fields. Jasmine solidified her interest in the application of chemistry and math to solve world problems and explored other possibilities afforded in the field of chemical engineering. This past summer, Jasmine spent two weeks studying the five domains of leadership at Duke University and the importance of adapting one's leadership style to maximize the outcome of each situation. She hopes to one day rank among the successful leaders in utilization of this skill.

In addition to her arduous academic pursuits, Jasmine is also an avid athlete. She is a runner on the New Hanover High School track team where she lettered and became a varsity athlete during her freshman year. Jasmine states, "Running has given me an expanded capability to tackle life's challenges." She believes her athletic ability has given her confidence that she applies in all of her activities and in every area of her life. Jasmine also loves recreational soccer, has played for eleven years, and will continue to play in the fall.

Jasmine is an active member of Saint Luke AME Zion Church, Rev. Jermaine B. Armour, pastor. She is head junior usher; a member of the youth choir; and is a volunteer for Children's Church. She is also engaged in our community and serves as a regular volunteer at the United Way of the Cape Fear Area, the Fannie Norwood Nursing Home, and delivers meals to senior citizens through the "Meals on Wheels" weekend program. Jasmine is president and past vice president of Jack and Jill of America, WL Chapter:Teens and has volunteered as a tutor at Gregory School of Science, Mathematics and Technology.

This summer, Jasmine will study math and science for six weeks at Carnegie Mellon University, a private research university in Pittsburgh,



**JASMINE YOUNG**

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Pennsylvania. As for her future, Jasmine affirms, "As I move on to the next season of my life, I want to position myself so God can continue to use me in a mighty way." There is no doubt that this young future history maker is well on her way to achieving her goal of a career in applied math and chemical engineering where she plans to work on game-changing techniques, strategies and technologies that will solve people's everyday problems. Jasmine's future plans also include attaining a doctoral degree and traveling globally. Jasmine Young is, indeed, destined for greatness and will one day become one of the world's most influential history makers!

Public Input: Do you know someone who has done something remarkable in the

Wilmington community? Their story should be told. Nominate a 'Future History Maker' by sharing their story: tiba1009@earthlink.net. Future History Makers should be 21 years old and under, has demonstrated success as a leader in school, church or community, exhibits qualities of good citizenship and character, active in the community by providing service and is a leader. Final selection of all Future History Maker stories will be determined by the Commission on African American History. Current members of the commission are: Willie Black, Audrey Clark, Sylvia Ezelonwu, Natalie Hinton-Stalling, Atiba Johnson, Todd McFadden, Diane Emerson, and Raymond Davis.

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

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**Ms. Netta B. Troy Robinson**

On Saturday, June 6, 2015, the Lord called another angel home when he summoned Netta B. Troy Robinson into eternal rest. Funeral and entombment services were held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She was born October 29, 1922 to Bessie Brown in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was the first child of eleven children. "Netta B" began her nursing career in New York and retired from New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Riley Robinson; four sisters, Josephine Williams, Bessie Brown, Elnora White and Louise Brown; four brothers, Willie Troy, Lewis Brown, Lawrence Brown and Charles Brown; and two grandsons, Derek White and Tony White.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Rubye Powell White of Wilmington, North Carolina; two brothers, Eddie Brown of New York City and Andrew Brown (Myrtle) of Detroit, Michigan; six grandchildren, Samuel Curtis Powell (Cynthia), Cynthia Powell, Johnny White, Jr. (Tauri), Joyce White, Charles White (Tonya), and Sherry White Hobson (Darryl). Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Milton Green**

Milton Green died Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center. Visitation will be held 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Mt. Zion AME Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Jerlyn A. Manuel**

Jerlyn A. Manuel died Thursday, June 11, 2015 in Houston, TX. Visitation will be held 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 19, 2015 at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial will follow in the Johnson Chapel Cemetery, Leland, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Morris Jonah Drye**

Morris Jonah Drye died Thursday, May 28th at his residence. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

Morris was born June 29, 1932 to the late George and Verner Lee Barnes Drye in Brooklyn, New York. He was educated in the New York City Public School System. He retired from New York City Transit after 20 years of service. Morris served in the Korean War. Morris was united in holy matrimony to Joyce Edmond Drye and they shared a blissful marriage of 42 years. Morris was warm and friendly with a caring heart. His gen-

erosity and compassion were a source of encouragement of his family. He was loved and respected by everyone who knew him. He was a loving, caring, dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His loving ways and faith in God defined him best and he will be greatly missed.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory: wife, Joyce; one son, Micharel (Ann) Clutson, Halifax, Canada; two daughters, Donna Drye of Jacksonville, FL and Shirly Drye of Anesly, NY; grandchildren, Layla, Toyeeb, Imani, Isabel, Charlotte and Emily; great-grandchildren, Latif, Amir, Medina, Qismah and Sulyman; sister, Shirley Drye of Wilmington, NC; two sisters-in-law, Gwendolyn Edmond of Brooklyn, NY and Dawn Scotland of Douglasville, GA; brother-in-law, Laurence (Tracie) Edmond of San Antonio, TX; mother-in-law, Lois Edmond of Douglasville, GA; two close friends, Roger McGee of Ty Ty, GA and Clifford Gilmore of Wilmington, NC; special friend, Loretta Riley of Bronx, NY; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**George Rollinson**

George Rollinson died Saturday, May 30, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 5th at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

George "GH", son of the late James Arthur Rollinson and Lena Mae Arnett Rollinson was born July 11, 1935 in McCormick County, South Carolina. His parents moved George and his siblings to Wilmington, NC where he graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1954. He skillfully worked as a machinist for 50+ years before retiring from HMF Manufacturing. A dapper gentleman, he didn't wear the routine uniform; he would always style in crispy pressed shirts, dress slacks and shoes. He never took his shoes off until bedtime, meticulously stylish from sun up to sun down. Quite the handy man, he tinkered on cars, repaired bicycles and worked to keep the lawn beautiful. His homemade sweet potato pies were out of this world and made you pat your foot before begging for more. George was adamant about preventive car maintenance and his children and grandchildren were all made to know the importance of getting tires rotated and changing oil in cars, relentless. This is what made him special because he loved his family to the ends of the earth. He was a great listener but he also gave great counsel to his children and grandkids. He was a model family man and even when he should have fussed, He Never Did. He was easy and breezy and the world could take pages from his life to live by. George was a true gentleman, son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He met and married the love of his life, Avery Yvonne and they shared fifty three wonderful years together and were stellar together with "All Our Children". George carved out an amazing life legacy to be cherished forever.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, his daughter, Sheila White and his brother and sister-in-law, Curtis Rollinson and Evelyn Rollinson and his brother-in-law, Adendrohahkis Grady. He is survived by: his wife, Avery Rollinson; children, George Lee, Purvis Lee, Brenda Lee, Anita Dowdy (David), Curtis Dukes (Sara), LaTonya Wrisbon (Orlando), Vonsennia Gore (Randall), Darren Trevor Rollinson (Sharon) and Lena Rollinson; brother, James Rollinson, Sr. (Joane), Jesse David Rollinson (Almeta); sisters-in-law, Janzara Robinson (Eric), Rhondetta Thomas, Adriene Thomas, Dara Thomas; son-in-law, Douglas White, II; twenty two grandchildren; one great-grandson; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Joseph Jones**

Joseph Jones died Monday, June 1, 2015 at his residence. Memorial services were held on Saturday, June 6th at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Joseph T. Jones, son of the late Thomas and Mildred Jones was born August 18, 1948. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cora Jones and his sister, Clara Jones. Joseph was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He retired from Roland Grice School in New Hanover County. Joseph was known as "Joe T". He was a man that enjoyed life to the fullest. You would find him sitting on the porch talking with anyone who passed by. He never met a stranger. Joseph will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: two brothers, Harry Jones (Clara) and Alfred Jones (Wanda); nieces, Lanette Jones, Maliyah Jones, Adrianna Corbett, Shenette Sally (Germane), and Quataijah Jones, all of Wilmington, NC; nephews, Derrick Jones and Tyrone Corbett; a special friend Ruth Brunson and a host of cousins other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Leverne Willis, Sr.**

Leverne Willis, Sr. died Sat. May 30, 2015 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Gregory Congregational UCOG. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Leverne Willis, son of the late Lewis Willis and Juanita Russell was born on June 9, 1928, in Guilford County, Greensboro, North Carolina. In addition to his parents he was proceeded in death by two sisters, Juanita Willis Wallace and Josie Willis; two brothers, William Willis and Louis Willis, Jr. Leverne attended the Williston Vocational School in New Hanover County. On August 31, 1951, he received a certificate from Williston College Technical Department for something he loved doing... "Cooking". He entered into the United States Navy on February 7, 1946 and served his country until March 2, 1949. Leverne received many honors such as a World War II Victory Medal, USN Honorable Discharge Button and an Honorable Service Lapel Button. He served in the

American Area Campaign, European Mid-E Campaign, USNTC Bainbridge, MD, and sailed aboard the USS Manchester NAS, Corpus Christi, Texas. Upon returning home, Leverne became a member of Gregory Congregational United Church Of Christ on September 7, 1969, under the pastoralship of Reverend Eugene B. Templeton. Leverne was a dedicated and faithful member of his church. Whenever a maintenance need arose or church cookout took place he was there to assist in any way that he could. In 1973 he met Sadie and after two years of courtship, they got married, on November 30, 1975. From the 1960's until the late 1980's he had a tremendous love for ceramics. His talent and his creativity was amazing and he loved making and giving his works of art to all his family and friends. He shared his gift by teaching classes at the Community Arts Center, Derrick Davis Center, The Martin Luther King Center, Glover Plaza Center, and also created masterpieces using a kiln at Greenfield Park. During this time, Leverne also worked for the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department for thirty-eight and a half years. After retiring he continued to work part-time until 2010. For many years at Christmas time, local and non-local residents enjoyed visiting Wilmington's oldest living Christmas tree that Leverne assisted in decorating. He enjoyed opening and closing games for the Wilmington Hammerheads and opening shows for the Wilmington Kennel Club. Leverne's sense of humor is something that we will all remember as he could be quite a comedian. Somehow he always found the silver lining in every cloud.

Leverne leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted and loving wife of 39½ years, Sadie M. Willis of the home; three children, Leverne Willis, Jr. (Jackie) of Lawrenceville, GA; Lenita Williams of the city, and Ronald McGraw (Drusilla) of Hampton, VA.; six grandchildren, Kisha (Mike), Corey, Alysha (Jerry), Ausha (Anthony), Tykera, Whitney, Charmaine (Val), Lee (Dorothy) and Herbert; sixteen great-grandchildren; three sisters; Carol Mills, Joanna Barlett (Pop), and Jackie Caldwell, all of Baltimore, MD; one brother, Russell Willis of the city; one aunt, Geraldine Russell of the city; three sisters-in-law, Hattie Mae Stelly of Peoria, AR, Ernestine Willis of Hinesville, GA and Jestine McGraw of the city; two brothers-in-law,

Herbert McGraw of Brooklyn, NY and Lonnie McGraw (Mildred) of the city; one adopted son, Reverend Leroy Dukes (Roline) of the city; a host of many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**William Lockhart, Sr.**

William Lockhart, Sr. died Friday at LCFH. Visitation were held on Sunday, June 7th. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 8th at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial in Pine Forest Cemetery.

William H. Lockhart, Sr., born May 29, 1936 in Wilmington, North Carolina, was the eldest of two sons born to the late Mazie Neil Lockhart. He was preceded in death by his brother, Fredrick. William attended Wilmington College and retired as a longshoreman from the International Longshoremen's Association Local # 1426, Wilmington, North Carolina. William was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He pursued life with vigor and zeal and was passionate about his family, golf, painting, watching western movies, and helping youth in the community. He was extremely proud of his family, especially his three grandsons. For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees at the Community Boys and Girls Club of Wilmington. William was a member of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church from his childhood until his death, serving in different capacities. He was also a member of the Les Gents social club. On Friday, June 5, 2015, he quietly slipped away to be with God.

He leaves to mourn his loss: a loving and devoted wife, Mary W. Lockhart of the home; two dedicated children, William H. Lockhart, Jr. of Nashville, TN; and Cheryl Lockhart Jacobs Bedell (husband, Gabriel) of Durham, NC; three loving grandsons, Phillip L. Hutchison (wife, Elisha) of Atlanta, G.A., Julius P. Jacobs of Charlotte, NC and Jacob L. Jacobs of Greenville, NC; two god-daughters, Wendy Lofton and Lauren Tomlin; cousins, Beulah Hussey of Kinston, NC, Joseph Bell (wife, Carol) of Savannah, GA, Gayle Crawford (husband, John) of Charlotte, NC, Linda Davis of Raleigh, NC and Phyllis Green of Wilmington, NC; other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Novella Spencer**

Novella Spencer died

Thursday at NHRMC. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary. Burial followed in Coastal Carolina Cemetery.

Novella, daughter of Jack and Bertha Crenshaw, was born June 30, 1931, in Freedman's Hospital in Washington, DC. She attended Mott Elementary School, Shaw Junior High, Dunbar High School and Miners Teachers College. She was employed at The Marine Corps Headquarters in Arlington, VA and in Roslyn VA for 35 years as a writer-editor of technical documents. At the age of 11, she was christened at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church; made her first Holy Communion and was confirmed there. She married Howard Spencer, Jr. in 1954 and to that union three children were born. She loved people. She traveled extensively and loved to read.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Margaret Yeneck, nieces, nephews and cousins. Novella is survived by her husband, Howard H. Spencer, Jr. and children, Jeffrey Spencer (Cynthia), Darryl Spencer (Celia) of Leland, NC and Thekla Spencer; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**In Loving Memory Of****Arnold E. Bryant**

In our hearts your memory lingers, sweetly tender, fond and true; there is not a day, dear father, that we do not think of you.

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David, Danielle & Trina

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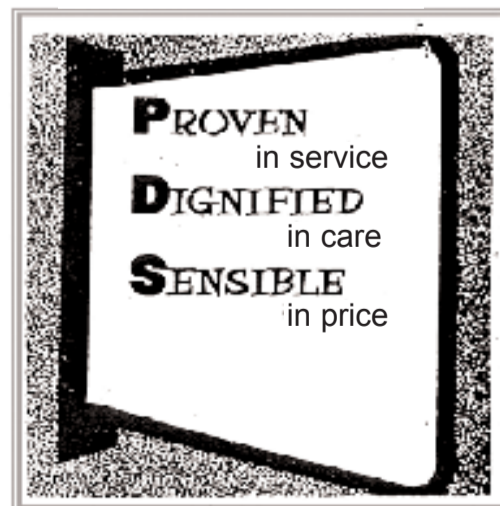
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New Hanover County

**Central Missionary Baptist Church**, 702 Redcross St., ushers will celebrate their annual anniversary on Sunday, June 28th at 4:00 p.m.

**Chords Across America**, 1020 Rankin St., will hold an evening service on Sunday, June 28th at 4:00 p.m. The service will be conducted by Pastor Apostle Willie Rhames and church family. For more information call 910-623-4192.



**First Baptist Missionary Church**, 520 North Fifth Ave., will hold Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday-Family Reunion T-shirts, Tuesday- Decade Day, Wednesday-Sports/Career Night, Thursday-Pajama Day and Friday-African Attire.

Religious Briefs

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

**Mt. Olive AME Church**, 7th and Wright Sts., will hold their Helping Hand Food Ministry on second and third Saturdays of each month beginning Saturday, June 13th and Saturday, June 20th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The church will celebrate Men's Day on Sunday, June 21st at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Robert Hankins of Macedonia Baptist Church. The Sons of Allen Men's Choir will provide the music for the service. On Sunday, June 28th The L.O. Saunders Club of Mt. Olive will celebrate Founders Day at 3:30 p.m. with a Hat Parade and Tea Sip.

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**, 701 S. 12th St., will hold their Annual Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 15th - Friday, June 19th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm nightly under the direction of Rev. Connie Armstrong. On Sunday, June 28th at 3:00 p.m. the church will celebrate their pastor and 1st Lady's anniversary.

**New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church**, 504 S. 6th St., will hold the Ordination Service of Billy V. Ford on Sunday, June 28th at 3:00 p.m.

**St. Phillip AME Zion Church**, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will hold their 2nd Annual Crab Feast on Saturday, June 27th from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Sponsored by The Trustees & Stewards of St. Phillip AME Zion Church. This event will benefit the Building Project Fund. For more information contact Sister Catherine Cooper at 910-540-4477, Sister Dentrail Boykin at 910-200-4953, Sister Aimee Brown at 910-368-3605 or Sister Ashley Hall at 910-540-4250.

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

**Wilmington Central Church of Christ**, 1134 N. Kerr Ave., will hold the 5th Annual Spiritual Reunion and Homecoming, "Time", will be held from Friday, June 26th - Sunday, June 28th.

**Wilmington College of Theology** is now accepting early registration for the Fall Semester. For more information contact Dr. Lorraine King Cooper at 910-431-7714.

Bladen County

**Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church**, 4047 NC 242 Highway South, Elizabethtown. United Voices Choir, ushers and congregation will travel to Kitchen Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Council, NC on Saturday, June, 20th at 3:00 p.m. and pm Sunday, June 28th at 3:30 p.m. they will travel to Six Runs Missionary Baptist Church, Turkey, NC. On Sunday, June 21st at 10:00 am Father's Day will be observed. Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. daily. On Sunday, June 28th will hold Sunday School Graduation Day at 10:00 a.m.

Brunswick County

**By His Grace Ministries** is now accepting school supplies to help a child next school year. Drop off location is 5585 Waccamaw School Rd. on Saturdays at 5:00 pm.

**Holy Covenant United Holy Church**, 237 Snowfield Rd., SE, youth choir will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, June 28th at 3:30 p.m. The theme is "Show Me the Way Lord." Special guest for the afternoon will be Warner Temple AME Zion Church Youth Choir. For further information contact Pamela Dudley-Stanley at 910-231-3170 or Sarah A. Bryant at 910-253-5914.

**Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church**, 1490 Village Rd., will observe Father's Day with guest speaker Minister Steven Hatcher on Sunday, June 21st at 11:00 a.m.

**Myrtle Grove AME Church**, 216 Old Fayetteville Rd., will celebrate Father's Day with a musical program on Sunday, June 21st at 3:00 p.m.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

Neighborhood improvement

My Fellow Seniors:

Looking back over some previous articles, I see that I am beginning to repeat myself.



Ruth Johnson

My main focus has always been neighborhood improvement, with the church leading the way. If we could make this an interdenominational Christian community, perhaps, all churches could work together on a chosen project.

However, writing more articles on the same subject is not going to make a difference. So I decided to send a few of those

clippings to my sister in Baltimore, Maryland. Mary is a retired pastor who does quite a bit of public speaking. She also works with senior citizens. So she might be able to get something started in her community.

This country is not rich enough to change the status of Black Americans because money alone will not do it. What we need is a new attitude. We need to stop claiming poverty and see ourselves in a new light. We could do that if we would just work together, and there is no better way to get started than by sharing our homes. If we could save some young couple the high cost of rent, they would soon move from poor to middle class, but

we would have to do it on a massive scale under proper supervision. This could just be the main project for that interdenominational Christian community on which we hope to lay claim.

Whatever happened to that strong Black woman who used to sing, "Ain't no mountain high enough, ain't no valley deep enough, ain't no river wide enough to hold my body down. Old man Death can't keep me in the ground?"

Down through the years, we have been through some stuff that we just don't talk about, but we have never been defeated. I can't tell you what the strong black woman went through, but I will give you a brief analogy of her strength.

Some years ago, when we lived a country mile from the nearest highway, our cat was hit by a car. Both hind legs were broken, but she dragged herself all the way home and went under the porch where her four little kittens were waiting. She nursed them one last time and then died.

Whenever I hear about the strong Black woman, I am reminded of that cat. She told death to step aside until she could see her kittens, and anything a cat can do, we can do better. As for the strong Black man, it's best not to say what we went through, but he is moving on and you can too.

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

TELL SOMEBODY

"A message to fathers"

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



Sylvia Hooper

Fathers, your children may love and depend on mother, but they still need you. From the moment they are born, and throughout their lifetime, children need to have the security, love, and support of a father being there for them.

The impact of a loving and caring father in the life of a child is far reaching. Fathers should be there when children are young and impressionable to help in the molding and shaping process of that child's conduct and character.

Father's love should be a reflection of God's love. God's love is sacrificial and unconditional. John 3:16. This type of love should be habitual and consistent, not just at a time of emotional stirring. A father's unconditional love is vital to a child's sense of security. A godly father should strive give his child these five things to ensure their happiness and wholeness.

1. Acceptance  
"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12 Primarily
2. Approval  
Fathers not only need to give children acceptance, they also need to give them approval. Children need to have the approbation of a father that confirms their identity. Without that, they may be drawn to other substitutes for acceptance, even if not favorable or positive examples. They may even suffer from identity crises that may never be resolved, simply because they have never been confirmed by a father's approval.
3. Affection  
Fathers need to give their children affection and devo-

tion. They should feel their parents are more devoted to them than to things. Children suffer when they do not get the proper affection from the proper source. Fathers should make great effort to show kindness to their children. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies and kindness, humbleness of mind meekness, long-suffering." Colossians 3:12

4. Association  
Our children must have a sense of belonging. Four basic desires in man are. 1. To be 2. To beget 3. To belong 4. To possess. We all desire to belong to somebody or to something. Children want to belong to mom and dad...family. When they don't receive that sense of belonging, they may go through life struggling and trying to fit in, even where they may not belong; to achieve a sense of "belonging". Too many children turn to the wrong elements in society to fill the void left by absentee parents.
5. Authority  
A wise father will give his children an understanding and respect for authority. A realization of true authority starts in the home. When father is provider, protector, teacher, mentor, kids realize the meaning of authority. Discipline comes from one in authority. When children have no discipline in the home, they may be tempted to revert to rebellion and deny any form of authority in their lives, simply because they never understood authority.

Fathers, don't be overwhelmed by the responsibilities of fatherhood. Be an example to your son or daughter, and do whatever is necessary to assume your responsibility in rearing this child and loving him/her as God the Father has loved you. You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you. [Phil. 3:15] Young men, don't just be your baby's daddy, take the time and effort to be his father! Have an active part of their lives and validate them each and every chance you get! If you have already practiced the privilege of 'father-hood', keep up the good work! Your labor is not in vain! Some excerpts from , Crises in the Family Prophecy Update 1991, Ed Cole. Tell Somebody.....Happy Father's Day!

"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!

Where the Bible really stands on slavery

BY VALERIE TASCIO OF THE HOUSTON FORWARD TIMES

Should a person be able to own another person? Today Christians uniformly say no, and many would like to believe that has always been the case. But history tells a different story, one in which Christians have struggled to give a clear answer when confronted with questions about human trafficking and human rights. Had the Bible been edited differently, Christendom might have achieved moral clarity on this issue sooner. As is, the Bible contains very mixed messages, which means that biblical authority could be invoked on either side of the question, leaving Christian beliefs about slavery vulnerable for centuries to prevailing cultural, political, and economic currents.

Old Testament Endorses, Describes, and Regulates Slavery

The Bible first endorses slavery in the book of Genesis, in the story of Noah the ark builder. After the flood, Noah's son Ham sees his father drunk and naked, and for reasons that have long been debated, is cursed. One recurring theme in Genesis is that guilt can be transferred from a guilty person to an innocent person (think of Adam and Eve's fruit consumption, which taints us

all), and in this case the curse is put on Ham's son, Canaan.

When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "Cursed be Canaan; lowest of slaves shall he be to his brothers." He also said, "Blessed by the Lord my God be Shem; and let Canaan be his slave. May God make space for Japheth, and let him live in the tents of Shem; and let Canaan be his slave." Genesis 9:24-27 NRSV

Most likely, this story was intended originally to justify the Israelite subjugation of Canaanite peoples, who, in other stories about the conquest of the Promised Land are slaughtered or enslaved. Later though, Christians and Muslims would use the story to explain why some people have dark skin, and "Ham's curse" became a justification for enslaving Native Americans and Africans.

Throughout the Hebrew Old Testament, slavery is endorsed in a variety of ways. Patriarchs Abraham and Jacob both have sex with female slaves, and the unions are blessed with male offspring. Captives are counted among the booties of war, with explicit instructions given for purifying virgin war captives before "knowing them." The wisest man of all time, Solomon, keeps hundreds of concubines, meaning sexual

slaves, along with his many wives.

The books of the Law provide explicit rules for the treatment of Hebrew and non-Hebrew slaves.

You may purchase male or female slaves from among the foreigners who live among you. You may also purchase the children of such resident foreigners, including those who have been born in your land. You may treat them as your property, passing them on to your children as a permanent inheritance. You may treat your slaves like this, but the people of Israel, your relatives, must never be treated this way. (Leviticus 25:44-46)

When punishing slaves, owners are given latitude that falls just short of on-the-spot murder:

When a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod so hard that the slave dies under his hand, he shall be punished. If, however, the slave survives for a day or two, he is not to be punished, since the slave is his own property. (Exodus 21:20-21)

That said, the book of Deuteronomy explicitly forbids returning an escaped slave to his master, in a passage that was a favorite of abolitionists:

Slaves who have escaped to you from their owners shall not be given back to them. They shall reside with you, in your midst, in



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any place they choose in any one of your towns, wherever they please; you shall not oppress them. (Deuteronomy 23:15-16)

Most Christians believe that Mosaic Law is no longer binding, and that the life of Jesus ushered in a new period of grace and forgiveness, but that hasn't stopped Old Testament endorsements of slavery from shaping the course of Christian history. They are, after all, still in the Bible. Fourth century Catholic councils endorsed the Hebrew Scriptures as a package, permanently binding them together with the

Christian writings that became the New Testament. New Testament Encourages Kindness from Master, Obedience from Slave

Equally regrettable, from the standpoint of moral clarity, is the fact that New Testament writers fail to condemn Old Testament slavery. In fact, the Jesus of Matthew says that he has come not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it: "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished" (Matthew 5:18).

Slavery comes up regularly in New Testament texts; but rather than repudiating the practice, the writers simply encourage good behavior on the part of both slaves and masters. Slaves are clearly property of the owners, as are their families. In one parable Jesus compares God to a king who has slaves. When one slave refuses to forgive the debt of a peer, the righteous king treats him in kind, "and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made" (Matthew 18:25).



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**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Betty F. Scavella**, late of 615 Queen Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before September 4, 2015 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of May, 2015.  
Charlotte Noel Fox,  
Administrator of the Estate of Betty F. Scavella  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2015

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **Edward C. McNair**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on December 26, 2014, are hereby notified to present their claims to Caroline Gillick, Personal Representative, in care of the undersigned attorney at his address, on or before **September 9, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment.

This 11th day of June, 2015

Caroline Gillick, Personal Representative  
John J. Peck, Attorney at Law  
428 Eastwood Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF: GEORGE ROLLINSON**

The undersigned having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of George Rollinson deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the 22nd day of September, 2015, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 12th day of June, 2015

Avery G. Rollinson, Executrix  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2015

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

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

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

This the 2nd May, 2015

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

June 4, 11, 18, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Susanne McKeown**, deceased, New Hanover County 15-E-728, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, gives notice to all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Alan M. Solana, Solana, Theriault & Gross, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, 1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC 28403, on or before the **18th day of September, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 11th day of June, 2015

Marten McKeown, Administrator  
c/o Alan M. Solana, Attorney at Law  
Solana, Theriault & Gross, PLLC  
1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200  
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 11, 18, 26, July 2, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Henry Metz Croom, Jr., Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Henry Metz Croom, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **September 21, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of June, 2015.

Deliah Monnette Croom  
Executor of the Estate of  
Henry Metz Croom, Jr.  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2015

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

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

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

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

This 2nd day of June, 2015.

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

June 4, 11, 18, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 3:00pm in the Executive Conference Room (2nd Floor), Wilmington International Airport, 1140 Airport Boulevard, Wilmington, NC.

The TAC is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The TAC sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Penny Bray at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area  
Metropolitan  
Planning Organization

June 18, 2015

**INVITATION FOR BIDS  
SOLICITATION NO.:  
CFP13.05  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF  
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
NORTH CAROLINA  
REPLACEMENT OF 838  
WINDOW PANES AT  
HILLCREST DEVELOPMENT**

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) Central Office located at 1524 S. 16th Street is soliciting sealed bids from interested General Contractors for the Replacement of 838 Window Panes at Hillcrest Development

Project Manuals will be available on our website beginning Monday, June 15, 2015. You can download the project manual at [www.wha.net](http://www.wha.net), click on business opportunities. Bid Opening will be held on July 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any information in the proposal process.  
Laurette Corbyons  
Procurement Manager

June 18, 2015

**Notice to Bidders**

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until **Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 2:00 pm**, in the conference room of the Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Blvd, Suite 12, Wilmington, NC, and then opened and publicly read for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work connected with: **Wilmington International Airport (ILM) Business Park Flex Space Building**, a 10,000 SF flex building, as indicated on the plans and specifications. Bid documents/instructions will be available Friday, June 19, 2015, at McGee Cadd Reprographics, 2527 S. 17th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, (910) 392-5500.

In that the Airport construction site is land owned by New Hanover County, all bidders must be successfully pre-qualified as required by the County. Applications are available online at [nhcgov.com](http://nhcgov.com) under the tabs, "Doing Business with New Hanover County" and "Legal and Insurance" pre-qualification. No bids submitted by any entity not so pre-qualified can be opened and considered.

**A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 2:00 pm**, in the Airport Conference Room. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is **NOT** mandatory, however, it is strongly recommended. Site visits will be available following the meeting.

June 18, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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June 18, 25, 2015

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

Having qualified as Collector of the Estate of **Linda Ellen O'Connell**, late of 109 North Kerr Avenue, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned in care of Charles Tighe, Esq. at Landfall Executive Suites, 1213 Culbreth Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405, on or before the **3rd day of September, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of May, 2015

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

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) Central Office located at 1524 S. 16th Street is soliciting sealed bids from interested contractors to provide REPLACEMENT, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR HVAC UNITS AUTHORITY-WIDE.

Project Manuals will be available on our website beginning Thursday, June 18, 2015. You can download the project manual at [www.wha.net](http://www.wha.net), click on business opportunities.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any information in the proposal process.  
Laurette Corbyons,  
Procurement Manager  
Contracts/Purchasing

June 18, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT  
DIVISION  
FILE NO. 14 CVD 2701**

**TERESA PETERS, Plaintiff  
VS.  
ANTHONY PETERS,  
Defendant**

**TO: ANTHONY PETERS**

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: TERESA PETERS is seeking the court to grant her an Absolute Divorce from ANTHONY PETERS.

Your are required to make defense to such pleadings no later than FORTY(40) days from June 18, 2015 and upon your failure to do so. The party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 12th day of June, 2015.

Teresa Peters  
2808 Bloomfield Ln. #205  
Wilmington, NC 28412

June 18, 25, July 2, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Fiduciary Administrator of the Estate of **Ann A. Coley**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **21st day of August, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of May, 2015

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

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Lisa Jean Epply**, deceased of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before **September 4, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 4th day of June, 2015

Anna E. Gemel, Administrator  
910 North 5th Avenue  
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BEFORE THE CLERK  
15 E 589  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF: CHARLES MONROE CARTER**

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

This the 27th day of May, 2015.

Jeanne S. Carter  
JEANNE S. CARTER, Executrix  
THE ESTATE OF CHARLES MONROE CARTER  
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This the 15th day of June, 2015.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION COURT FILE NO.: 13 CVS 4566**

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First, I applaud you for making the decision to break it off, redefine, redirect and find your joy. Some people stay in an unfulfilled relationship for the sake of being in a relationship, and that's never a healthy decision.

Truth be told, let's give him credit: a friendship is all that he wants, and a friendship is all that he has to offer - to you. You, on the other hand, have decided that's not enough, and that's okay. You know you better than anyone else. By making the decision to break it off and move on in your mind, all you need now is for your heart to catch on. That ol' heart always takes a little more time with this sorta thing, doesn't it?

While working through the heartache, keep in mind - after a break-up, we think...and ponder...and reminisce...about how we wish it could have been. I call that the coulda, shoulda, woulda stage. Since you will be thinking about it, for a little while anyway, put yourself on the path of thinking about the real deal of what's been happening for the past six years. Write it down. That way, you can recall and reread what really happened and how it made you feel.

Now, the next step toward moving on - take the time to refuel. I'd suggest focusing on what brings you strength. If there's a particular minister or motivational speaker you like, listen to them, every day. If you like to walk, run, dance, workout, swim, do that for yourself - every day - or as much as you can. Download your best pick-me-up songs on your iPod, and listen to them. Hum along and take it all in.

Let's imagine you're preparing to take a long road trip. Close your eyes, see yourself at a gas station; you're filling up your tank - a red sports car, I hope, LOL. Do the same for your heart - refuel. Keep busy, find a new hobby. How about volunteering at church, with the elderly, a charity, or with kids? Take the focus off him and focus on you. Use this time to allow yourself to work on being the best person you can be who without a doubt is taking the time to live her life to the fullest. You can do it!

**Alma**  
Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: [alwaysaskalma@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysaskalma@gmail.com). Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and twitter at [@almaaskalma](https://twitter.com/almaaskalma).

ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality TV Talk By Marquesa LaDawn



**Kandi's family skip trip was a trip**

Real Housewives of Atlanta (RHOA) via Kandi's Family ski trip just ended and it was really good. It's no secret that this family had some kinks in the relationships department. The real divas on steroids were Mama Joyce and the old lady gang, as they call themselves. Frankly, without them in the mix, it would have been a bit boring.

Some highlights:  
•Mama Joyce and Carmen (Kandi's assistant and best friend) had it out and all hell broke loose. Carmen finally realized that the gossip has nothing to do with her. Mama Joyce had some issues she needs to face. Carmen had a conversation with Mama Joyce's sisters and all was confirmed. The sisters agreed that Mama Joyce needs to deal with some internal stuff.  
•Because of the big argument between Carmen and Mama Joyce, Kandi had to admit to herself, her Mama just refuses to accept her husband.

•Todd was so frustrated that he swore on his mother's grave that he's never been with Carmen and those words seem to shut Mama Joyce down.

•Todd, for the first time, felt welcomed into the family by the old lady gang and all it took was a trip to the "pot" shop.

•The mini-series ended with the family writing down their issues with one another on a slip of paper and burning it to signify a new start.  
•Everyone burned their issues and accepted some type of responsibility, even Mama Joyce kinda.

This was wonderful. I will miss the Tuckers until next season.

Up north, the Real Housewives of New York (RHONY) killed it, as always. I know because I am a New Yorker and admit we can be tough in relationships! That aside, it was really good this week. Let's start with my girl Bethenny, the business powerhouse. Bethenny, I say this in love, can be a mean girl! She either likes you or doesn't and there is no in between. Since these ladies are in a group, this is frustrating and confusing to the ladies. I have to say, in everyday life, women make the same decisions, they just do it, with a fake smile, just saying. Anyway, Bethenny was emotional and messy boots in one scene, especially if someone disagrees with her yet professional and classy in another. Yes, it's a rollercoaster and you have to hold on for the ride.

Did you see the skinny girl summit, dang! You go girl! Sonya was the lucky housewife guest attending and taking lots of notes. It was refreshing to see Carole stand up for Heather doing a heated conversation with Bethenny and Ramona. Bethenny was complaining about Heather mothering her. Now, I get an adult not wanting to be mothered, but I felt like Heather was being nice and caring. Bottom line, it's not about Heather, but Bethenny's pain around never really having a mother or a peaceful childhood. Our hearts ache for her.

This episode ended with Bethenny feeling attacked, though I think it was about boundaries. Luann's checking in, Carole's sharing Bethenny's mean words with Kristen and Kristen's asking Bethenny why. Bethenny responds with a harsh reaction and walking away, she then leaves. Whew, that was interesting!

More drama, although at times inauthentic, on the Queens of Drama from the ladies of daytime TV. Although I enjoyed the show, and simply loved Donna Mills being her alter ego, Abby Ewing, from Knots Landing. Actresses need to stay with fictional TV. Just sayin'!

Married With Medicine, my medical reality TV girls are back and messier than ever. I'm surprised by how messy the relationships are so early. Keep your eyes on these gals because we are in for an over the top season for sure.

Speaking of over the top, the Braxton girls are putting on their "medium girl" panties. Between Trina's messy divorce, kids getting married at 17, Tamar trying to get along with her sisters, this show is on fire!

Quick note on RHOBH, Kim Richards is out and her sister Kathy Hilton is in! More news on that coming soon.  
Marquesa LaDawn is a professional businesswoman who escapes the pressures of living in New York City by retreating into the real world of reality TV. Follow me on twitter @realityshowgirl and subscribe to her podcast at [www.RealityTVGirl.com](http://www.RealityTVGirl.com).

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