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The poor are looked down upon

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, Brunswick County Commissioners decided that there are poor people in Brunswick County and that the churches could take care of them on special conditions by them. I wonder why it's so hard to help people who can't help themselves or who are down on their luck and need help. Why is it that these elected officials look down their noses at the poor, sick, elderly and the mentally ill? Why is it that these elected officials move toward making it harder for minorities as they do business for this County?

I see the Brunswick County School Board has asked for more money to make a balanced budget and to meet the needs of the school system for another year. Maybe we need the nearly $200,000 paid to fire Dr. Prudent and the money paid to his replacement. He had already given his notice of retirement at the end of the school year. Maybe too much is paid to one or two select people in the school system who get great big salaries while some get so much less. Maybe we need to look at the inequities that exist in the lack of hiring of qualified Blacks and other minorities. Because of the big teacher turnover, we find a school system that's under staffed, underpaid, and about to fail.

We have elected this Brunswick County School Board over and over, knowing that it has personal issues on its agenda and is highly leaning toward a racial agenda. Look at the hiring and firing practices/record of this School Board.

People, if you dislike me or

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BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR MINORITIES

NC minority working families falling behind

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A sharp racial/ethnic divide has emerged within the world of low-income working families, posing a critical challenge to North Carolina and the nation, a new study by the Working Poor Families Project concludes.

Unless lawmakers in North Carolina are willing to pursue policies that would improve conditions, African-Americans and Latinos will continue to emerge as a larger - but under-prepared and underpaid - segment of the workforce. Unless reversed, this disturbing trend will only worsen the potential for overall wage growth and job creation in the state's economy at large, since African Americans and Latinos form a large and growing share of the state's population.

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State unemployment hit Blacks worst than Whites

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Seven years after the Great Recession began, recovery still eludes much of North Carolina, according to a new report from the Budget & Tax Center, a project of the NC Justice Center.

The unemployment rate for Black North Carolina residents jumped more dramatically over the last seven years than for White North Carolinians. Both groups still have unemployment rates that surpass pre-recession levels, but Black North Carolinians struggle more, on average, to find jobs in the post-recession economy.

"There are not enough jobs for everyone who wants to work, wages are not keeping up with inflation, and

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PHOTO BY JOHN DAVIS
THE BUILDING THAT WAS NAMED WILLISTON 100 YEARS AGO

WILLISTONIANS RETURN TO CELEBRATE

BY LINDA PEARCE THOMAS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This July 4th & 5th, Willistonians will return home to celebrate 100 years since the building of the last Williston for black students during segregation.

The big event during this weekend is a Saturday night dinner/dance that will take us back to the former site of our proms, the Williston Gym!! Just imagine, bringing your "date" for the evening back to the same venue where you danced the night away some 40, 50 or 60 years ago! It will surely be a night to remember. You will listen to the old sounds of Platters, the Impressions, Chuck Berry, etc. You won't want to miss this special evening. The Williston Alumni Association continues to provide activities that keep our memories alive.

Saturday from 11:00 - 2:00, we will gather on the front lawn of our former high school to meet and greet Willistonians, classmates, friends and families. The WAA will be selling Williston 100th Anniversary tee-shirts; stick-on Williston tiger decals and cd's featuring the two alma maters recorded by former glee club members. Mrs. Todd, former librarian, will be selling her books. You may also sign up for subscriptions to the *Wilmington Journal*, a must have. You will get a preview of the night's oldie goldies while at the Mix. Please bring a chair with you to sit under the tent.

Saturday night, beginning at 6:30, we will sponsor our official Celebrating 100 Years of Williston Celebration in the Williston Gym on 11th Street beginning at 6:30 with the ice breaker. A program, buffet dinner and dance will follow as we go down memory lane once again. More details will follow in coming weeks in the

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CAPE FEAR ACADEMY PHOTO
VICTOR AGBAFE

Victor Agbafe named 2015 Coca-Cola Scholar

Nation's most prestigious scholarship program awards Cape Fear Academy student $20,000 for college

ATLANTA--Victor Agbafe, an exceptional senior at Cape Fear Academy in Wilmington has been recognized as one of the country's most outstanding high school leaders by the Coca Cola Scholars Foundation and has been awarded a $20,000 college scholarship. As a member of the 27th class of Coca Cola Scholars, Mr. Agbafe has demonstrated superior leadership and dedication to his community and was selected from a pool of

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NC Legislative Black Caucus concerned about state HBCUs

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The North Carolina Legislative Caucus met Tuesday evening with the chair, president and other officials for the UNC Board of Governors. The following topics were included in the discussion: closure of Elizabeth City State University, Winston-Salem State University and other Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); closure of the three centers the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at UNC-Chapel Hill, The Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change at N.C. Central University and N.C. Center for Biodiversity at East Carolina University; and diversity of the members on the UNC Board of Governors.

"There have been a lot of rumors and information floating around in the media and concerns raised by residents, parents, students and alumni across the state about our HBCUs. These are such important issues, we decided to go straight to the source," said Rep. Garland E. Pierce, chair, NCLBC.

There was a discussion of short and long term strategies to help these institutions to be successful. Directly after the meeting the members of the LBC voted unanimously to take the following positions: **North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus supports the appropriation**

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Activists: Justice Department Ferguson 'report can go to hell'

BY CHARLENE MUHAMMAD
OF THE FINAL CALL

(NNPA)- (FinalCall.com) - Outrage, frustration, disappointment describe how many Blacks and others are feeling over the Department of Justice's decision not to file civil rights charges against former Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson for killing unarmed teen Michael Brown, Jr., in the Missouri suburb.

Attorney General Eric Holder announced findings of the Justice Department's two investigations following the shooting that sparked worldwide protests, marches, and mobilization against police brutality and misconduct.

One probe conducted by the Justice Department, with the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division, the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Eastern District of Missouri and the FBI cleared Mr. Wilson of civil rights violations.

But the other, an investigation by the Civil Rights Division, found a widespread pattern of race-based unconstitutional policing by the small police department.

Details were contained in a scathing March 4 report titled, "Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department."

"I recognize that the findings in our report may leave some to wonder how the department's findings can differ so sharply from some of the initial, widely reported accounts of what transpired. I want to emphasize that the strength and integrity of America's justice system has always rested on its ability to deliver impartial results in precisely these types of difficult circumstances-adhering strictly to the facts and the law, regardless of assumptions," Attorney General Holder stated.

"In America, in 2015, it is perfectly legal to murder Black women, men and children," said Tef Poe, a young activist and hip hop artist from St. Louis, which is near Ferguson. He has been active in protests, organizing and speaking out. "It's perfectly legal, and if anybody tells you that it's not, they're lying," he told The Final Call.

Police pimping the public?

Generating money is the top priority of the Ferguson Police Department with Black residents seen as offenders and less as constituents, the federal government found.

Blacks are 67 percent of the city population, yet from 2012-2014, represented 85 percent of vehicle stops, 90 percent of the citations, and 93 percent of the arrests.

Large court bails, fines and fees were common and unjustified. A Black woman was jailed for six days and ordered to pay more than $1,000 in fines stemming from a parking violation that was originally $151, said the Justice Dept.

Trumped up charges for code enforcement generated fines and fees for Ferguson's budget that reached $1.38 million of the $11.07 million collected in general funds in 2010, said the Justice Dept. Budget predictions continued to exceed expectations year after year. In 2012, city officials "predicted" that fines and fees revenue would increase 30 percent to $1.92 million, however Ferguson courts exceeded the "prediction" and collected $2.11 million. Predictions were exceeded again in 2013 by courts, which essentially are under the control of the Ferguson police chief, collecting $2.46 million in fines and fees.

"This really does show you that these cases like what went down in Ferguson and these situations, they have very little respect for us as human beings, but there's also very little respect for our intellectual capabilities, and that shows you the in-depth nature of racism. They don't even respect our minds enough to come up with schemes and cover ups that make sense when they are covering something up," said Mr. Poe.

The government is just playing mind games, and relying on the same tactics that they've always relied on, he told The Final Call. "And once again, a community and us as Black people as a whole are being treated as if we're some fools," he stated.

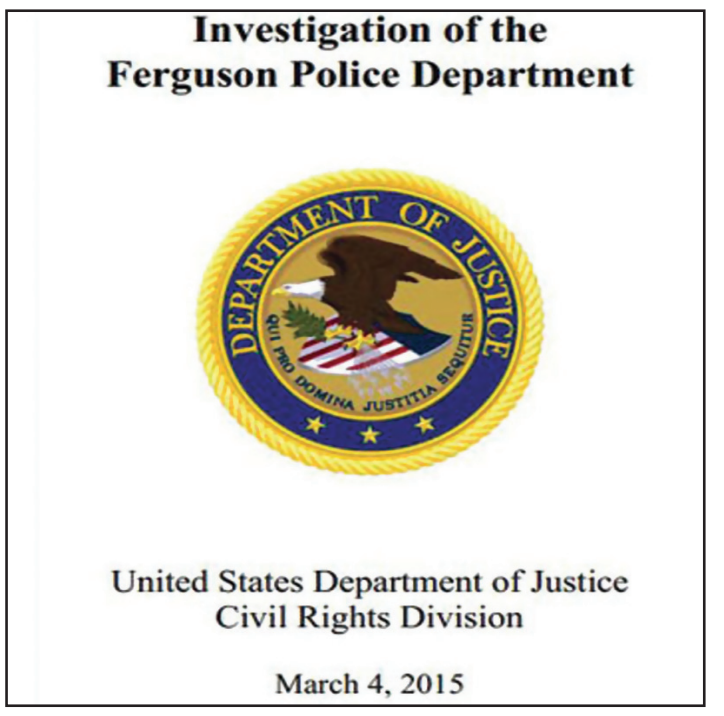
"They piece it together very sloppily. The story doesn't even make sense. The facts don't add up, and they present it to us with no clear path as to how what they claim happened, and we're just supposed to accept it," he continued.

Justice Department recommendations for fixing the Ferguson Police Department included prohibiting ticketing and arrest quotas and increasing community relations through efforts like police sports leagues and informal activities. The feds also recommended creating frequent, positive interactions with people outside of an enforcement context, especially groups that have expressed high levels of distrust of police.

"That report can go to hell, because that's exactly where it came from," said Mr. Poe.

Civil lawsuit in fight for justice

The Justice Dept. may have closed its case, but Michael Brown's parents are not sitting idly by and accepting what's happened. Michael Brown, Sr. and Lesley McSpadden are planning to file a wrongful death civil lawsuit against Darren Wilson and the city of Ferguson, according to their attorneys.



The Justice Department did not charge Police Officer Darren Wilson for killing unarmed teen Michael Brown, Jr.

"Today we received disappointing news from the Department of Justice that the killer of our son wouldn't be held accountable for his actions. While we are saddened by this decision, we are encouraged that the DOJ will hold the Ferguson Police Department accountable for the pattern of racial bias and profiling they found in their handling of interactions with people of color," said the parents in a joint press statement.

Mr. Wilson had other options but chose to use deadly force against, and the parents intend to prove his choice to use deadly force was unreasonable and unnecessary, family Attorney Anthony Gray said during a press conference one day after the DOJ's announcement.

A license to kill?

It appears with the Justice Dept.'s Ferguson decision comes the proverbial "open season" and "license to kill" Blacks at whim and with impunity, said critics. However, the sentiment at ground zero in Ferguson is not one of fear, said Mr. Poe.

"For us, right off the rip, there's no fear applied to our response because we saw that you can't be afraid to engage in the situation, because they're not afraid. So the glamorous parts of the situation-the armored vehicles, the tanks and the tear gas, and the M16s and the rubber bullets and the National Guard-all of that issue brought in to sort of enforce fear mechanisms on the community … but the community here feels like you can only kill us or you can send us to jail," Mr. Poe said.

"If those two things don't scare you to death, then what do they have left? They're not God. They might mock God and try to play God, but they're not, so their options are actually quite limited. Once you realize that, the playing field changes," he said.

President Barack Obama spoke about the Justice Department's decision at a town hall March 6 in Columbia, S.C., saying Mr. Wilson, like anyone thought to have committed a crime, benefits from due process and reasonable doubt. "And if there is uncertainty about what happened, then you can't just charge him anyway just because what happened was tragic. That was the decision that was made. And I have complete confidence and stand fully behind the decision that was made by the Justice Department on that issue," he said.

Dr. Ava Muhammad, an attorney and student national spokesperson for the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, said it's highly unfortunate that President Obama is restrained by concerns over the reaction and response of Whites to any actions he could take regarding oppression Black people suffer in America.

"It was disappointing to hear the president explain the Justice Department can sue the local government if officials of Ferguson refuse to comply with a consent decree. Anyone can sue them," Dr. Ava Muhammad said. The federal government has the authority and resources to stop the oppressive and unconstitutional actions of the police department in Ferguson and police departments all over America, she added.

"When the Honorable Elijah Muhammad called for an 'immediate end to the police brutality and mob attacks against the so-called Negro throughout the United States,' he was not asking the federal government to do something it is not capable of doing," said

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minorities or where we lives it is very important to educate our children, when election time come, use your vote we cannot back up, we must trust in God and keep going forward!

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

Today's Black News Is Tomorrow's Black History

SENS. BURR AND TILLIS AMONG THE 47 GOP'ERS WHO SIGNED IRAN LETTER

[WASHINGTON, D.C] Among the 47 Republican US senators who signed and sent a open letter to the Iranian government in hope of crippling Pres. Obama's negotiations over their nuclear capabilities, were North Carolina senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis. Burr is the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. The letter, spearheaded by Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas, warns the Iranian government that any deal reached with the Obama Administration regarding their having a nuclear weapon will be changed once he leaves office in 2017. The 47 have been blasted by the White House for undermining the president's authority.

LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TO APPEAL COMMISSIONS RULING

[RALEIGH] Gov. Pat McCrory accused state House and Senate leaders of overstepping their constitutional bounds, and a three-judge state appellate panel agreed with him. The Legislature had no right to create three independent environmental commissions to oversee coal ash cleanup, oil and natural gas drilling, and mining in the state. That duty constitutionally belonged to the governor, McCrory, along with former governors Jim Hunt and Jim Martin, claimed in a lawsuit that the appellate court agreed with this week. State Senate President Pro tem Sen. Phil Berger an d House Speaker Tim Moore issued joint statement saying that they were "disappointed" in the ruling, and that they will appeal.

WHO SHOULD WIN THE NORTH CAROLINA AWARD?

[GOLDSBORO] What North Carolina citizen do you know of who has selflessly sacrificed to make this a better state for all? From now until April 24th, residents from Murphy to Manteo can go online at http://www.ncdcr.gov/NCAwards/Nominations/Submit, secure a nomination form, and submit that form, a cover letter, at least three letters of support and examples of the nominee's work, and a bio of their choice for who should receive the North Carolina Award this November from Gov. Pat McCrory. Past honorees include author Maya Angelou, UNC Pres. Bill Friday, musician Branford Marsalis and evangelist Billy Graham.

UNC REACHES $335,000 SETTLEMENT WITH WHISTLEBLOWER

UNC - Chapel Hill has reached a $335,000 settlement with a former academic adviser who blew the whistle that many students athletes there did not meet academic standards. Mary Willingham will now see her legal fees covered, in addition to receiving $40,000 in back pay. Willingham says the school retaliated against her when she spoke out, changing her employment status in July 2013. She will not get her job back under the agreement.

NC JOBLESS RATE STALLS AT 5.4 PERCENT IN JANUARY

Even though the actual number of people listed as unemployed in North Carolina has reportedly gone down, the jobless rate statewide remained at 5.4 percent in January, slightly lower that the nation's 5.7 percent in January. The state jobless rate has dropped 1.4 percent since January 2014.

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Based on new analysis of the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Project's study sheds a fresh light on what's happening inside the world of the working poor, where adults are working hard but find it difficult if not impossible to get ahead. And within this world at the bottom of America's economic spectrum, a stark divide has emerged between white and Asian families compared to Black and Latino families.

"In 2013, working families headed by racial/ethnic minorities were twice as likely to be poor or low-income compared with non-Hispanic whites, a gap that has increased since the onset of the Great Recession in 2007," the authors write. "The significant differences among racial/ethnic groups present a critical challenge to ensuring economic growth and bringing opportunities to all workers, families and communities across the United States."

In North Carolina, there are 371,000 low-income working families, meaning their total income fell below 200 percent of the official poverty rate. Of that total, 55 percent are minorities compared to only 26 percent who are White. Some 53 percent of all Black working families fall into the low-income category, as do 70 percent of all Hispanic working families. And this comes at a time when other research has shown African American unemployment growing twice as fast as unemployment for whites.

"These disparities impact our economy and harm the fabric of our communities here in North Carolina," said Allan Freyer, Director of Workers' Rights Project at the North Carolina Justice Center. "They hurt the state's overall wage growth and dramatically weaken support for local businesses who need rising incomes to support increased hiring."

According to a report released by the Budget & Tax Center last year, if all racial and ethnic groups earned the same median wages as non-Latino whites, total annual income would have increased by 8 percent and Gross Domestic Product would have been $1.2 trillion higher.

Disparities cannot be erased overnight, but policymakers can start to reduce the gaps with a two-pronged approach that simultaneously increases access to education and training while enacting policies that "make work pay," the researchers assert. State governments have demonstrated success with policy initiatives including:

• Raising the minimum wage.

• Increasing need-based financial aid for postsecondary education and expanding child care assistance and other supports for students with children.

• Supporting programs that link education to career opportunities and helping English language learners.

• Extending Medicaid benefits to all who are eligible.

• Encouraging employers to provide paid sick leave for all workers.

"Providing all low-income families with the tools they need to succeed is critical to the long-term health of North Carolina and our nation," said Freyer. "North Carolina's leaders must take action to ensure the American Dream is once again accessible to all."

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the recovery has completely bypassed huge parts of the state," said Patrick McHugh, economic analyst with the BTC and author of the report. "Simply put, North Carolina's economy is not working for everyone."

The worst of the recession is behind us, but the lingering damage continues to weigh down communities and families across the state, the report said. When you look at how the recovery in North Carolina stacks up to the nation, there is more cause for alarm than celebration. North Carolina job creation has generally followed the national trend over the course of the recession and recovery. However, most of the improvement in North Carolina's economy in the last few years is the result of the U.S. economy returning from the brink of depression. ?

While economic output has rebounded, there are still many ways in which the comeback in North Carolina has been decidedly wanting. The state has failed to create enough jobs to keep pace with its growing population. The percentage of employed North Carolinians is still well below pre-recession levels, and the state has also fallen below the national average for employment, where it had been consistently ahead of the nation prior to the recession.

Wages and salaries have also been remarkably flat for the last seven years. Paychecks are failing to keep pace with inflation and have fallen behind the national average since 2007.

"North Carolina workers are still doing their part to support economic growth, but they are increasingly left out of the prosperity that their toils create," McHugh said.

Employment has declined in industries that have served as the foundation for middle-class North Carolina families while many of the new jobs being created are in low-wage industries. The average income in industries that have increased employment over the last seven years is almost $10,000 lower than the average income in industries that have seen employment decline. The bulk of the job growth has been at the bottom of the wage scale in industries such as Waste Services, Health Care Assistance, and Food Services, all of which pay less than the state average.

Recovery has also been wildly inconsistent across the state. The recovery has largely been limited to urban and suburban areas, with almost all of the counties that posted employment gains located in or near a major metropolitan area, with a handful of others benefiting from tourism or military installations. Ethnic disparities also persist.

"The last seven years have seen North Carolina partially recover from the worst economic shock in generations, but the state remains on an uneven footing," McHugh said. "While it's welcome news that the worst of the recession is past, there is no time for complacency given the work that still needs to be done."

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Journal.

Sunday morning, we will worship at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church with AME Presiding Elder Conrad Pridgen, Class of '67, returning by popular demand along with Dr. Diane Emerson as our Mistress of Ceremonies. More will be shared later when plans are finalized.

The fee for the weekend is only $50 for all the activities that weekend. There is an April 30th deadline for receipt of your fee. There are other options for dues, tax-deductible donations which will be addressed in another article. Our mailing address is WAA, P.O. Box 2, Wilmington, NC, 28402 and checks should be made payable to Williston Alumni Assn or WAA. We need to receive the checks by April 30th.

If you did not receive a letter about this celebration, we don't have your address. We sent out over 1,600 letters. Please call Barbara Ennett Davis at 910-762-9280 or Linda Pearce Thomas at 910- 232-8310.

More information will follow in coming issues of the *Journal*. To get a subscription started, call 910-762-5502.

See you on the 4th.

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of at least $3 million each year of the biennial for enrollment growth strategies at Elizabeth City State University, opposes the cap of development expenditures, supports enrollment funding and opposes the closure of any Historically Black College and University in North Carolina.

"We feel it was a constructive meeting," said Pierce. "We agreed to an ongoing dialogue between the Legislative Black Caucus and leadership of Board of Governors," he concluded.

The North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus is an association comprised of Senators and Representatives of African American and Native American heritage. The primary purpose of the Caucus is to operate as a vehicle through which African Americans and people of color residing in the State of North Carolina will be able to exercise their political power in a unified manner. The Caucus ensures that the views and concerns of African Americans and people of color are carried out by their elected representatives; and work to develop the political consciousness of all people.

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the attorney.

The federal government has the power to immediately bring an end to the atrocities occurring in Ferguson, she stressed. "They violate the 13th Amendment in that the effect of these punitive measures, which generate revenue for the city, are a form of involuntary servitude," said Dr. Muhammad.

She echoed some observers' sentiments that what's happening in Ferguson reflects the climate in Missouri, and anywhere U.S.A. In Chicago, she noted, similarly fines for parking and red lights violations are used to raise revenue for the city. City officials recently admitted they'd resorted to such measures as shortening the period that traffic lights are yellow, she added.

"President Obama could use the power of his office to protect the legal rights of Black people in Ferguson, Mo., just as President John F. Kennedy did more than 50 years ago, when he instructed his brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, to send federal troops into Alabama and Mississippi. It is unfortunate that President Obama appears to choose what is politically safe over what is right," Dr. Muhammad told *The Final Call*.

"It was very disappointing to learn the Department of Justice would not prosecute Darren Wilson when all evidence points towards guilt; it is way beyond the minimum requirements of probable cause (that a crime was committed) to sustain an indictment," she said.

"Eric Garner, Trayvon Martin and then of course … Tony Robinson (in Madison, Wisconsin), the cop followed him home and killed him in his own house, and yet the federal government cannot intercede, but all of this points to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's words, 'Allah will make you separate,'" Dr. Muhammad continued.

"The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan just delivered his Saviours' Day Message. If we are willing to speak the truth, we have to say he is the only man on Earth directing attention to the intensifying universal cry for justice," she said.

Rebuild not reform

Damon Jones, New York representative for Blacks In Law Enforcement of America, also felt President Obama nor the Justice Department's efforts went far enough. They're just telling people what they already know, but what ultimately will they do to correct the problem? he asked.

"You have hope in the system but we remember what Justice Roger Taney said in the Dred Scott case, there's no right that the White man has to respect for a Black man," Mr. Jones said.

"When you think about it, there's never been a rebuttal from a Supreme Court justice on his statement since! So no, they don't have to respect us. The law doesn't allow them to respect us," he said.

He feels Blacks have not set the standard high enough for their elected officials, particularly Blacks currently in office. Blacks continue to give Democrats their votes, despite the failure to solve the police abuse problem on federal, state and local levels, he said.

"We need to ask for state or national legislation defining what police criminality is," said Mr. Jones.

In Pt. 1 of his Saviours' Day address, Minister Farrakhan warned that the people's cry for justice can and will only be met by God, not in the political arena, or the voting booth.

"Now, you can vote for whoever you want for mayor! But it is an exercise in futility; because you are never going to get what you think you might get if you put 'the right man' in office. I don't care what his color is-he can't fix it because he doesn't know enough to solve the problems. The problems are too complex, and the cry continues to get stronger and stronger," Minister Farrakhan said.

Nothing new

Rika Tyler, a member of Hands Up United, an activist group in St. Louis, argued the Department of Justice is only saying what activists have been saying about Ferguson for the last 200 days.

People must continue to work to create their own narrative and investigations to end police murders and attacks, because people have no hope in the system that continues to fail them, Ms. Tyler told *The Final Call*.

"We've been saying this for the longest. Now you have proof that this stuff is going on. I need to see action. I need to see people fired, or just dismantle the whole Ferguson Police Department and other corrupt police departments as well," Ms. Tyler said.

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nearly 103,000 initial applicants.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers across America and The Coca-Cola Company, is one of the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship programs of its kind in the United States. It was established in 1986 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Coca-Cola and to establish a legacy for the education of tomorrow's leaders through college scholarships. Including the 2015 class of Coca Cola Scholars, the Foundation has awarded nearly 5,600 Coca Cola Scholars with a total of $56.3 million in scholarships.

"Victor Agbafe is part of a diverse group of extraordinary high school seniors that have shown a steadfast commitment to educational excellence, leadership and service to the school and community," said Claude Nielsen, Chairman of the Board of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and President and Chief Executive Officer of Coca-Cola Bottling Company United in Birmingham, AL. "The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is proud to name Mr. Agbafe as a 2015 Coca-Cola Scholar."

On April 16, Agbafe will join other Coca-Cola Scholars as they travel to Atlanta, the international headquarters of The Coca-Cola Company, for Scholars Weekend. During this four-day weekend, the Scholars will participate in a Leadership Development Institute to further develop their leadership skills, tour local landmarks, engage with former Coca-Cola Scholars and participate in a group community service project. The 2015 Class of Coca-Cola Scholars will also be the guests of honor at the 27th annual Scholars Banquet, where they will be celebrated by representatives from the Coca-Cola system, educators, local dignitaries and friends of the Scholars Foundation. Author, financial advisor, motivational speaker, and television host Suze Orman will serve as the keynote speaker.

In addition to receiving a $20,000 college scholarship, Agbafe will be welcomed into a vibrant and growing family of alumni that fosters lasting connections with its members. No other scholarship program maintains such lifetime connections or nurtures such a unique culture. In 2006, a Coca-Cola Scholar Alumni Advisory Board was created to build on the efforts of the Coca Cola Scholars Foundation through networking, mentoring, collaborations and friendships in order to make an even greater positive impact together.

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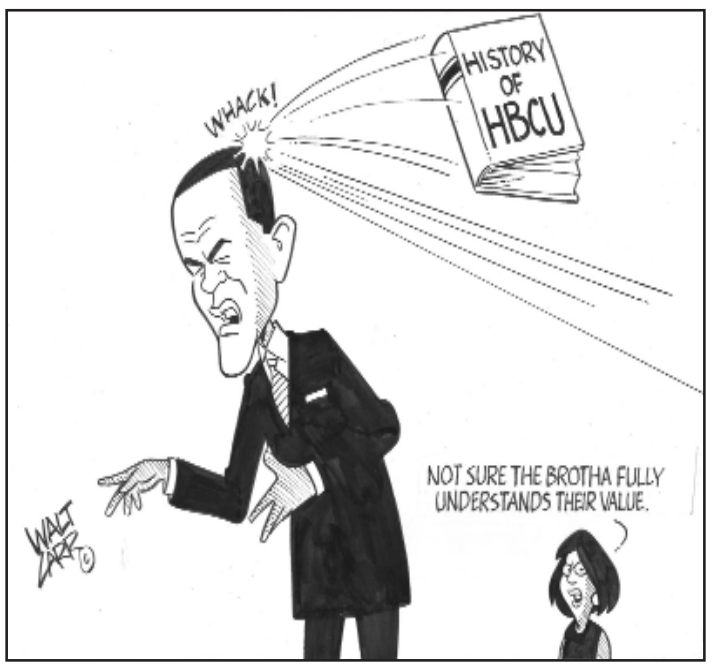

Our Voice

#BlackGirlsMatter right here in America

Walter Fields

Every morning, when I fix my teenage daughter breakfast and drop her off to school, she reminds me that #BlackGirlsMatter. Her journey has not been easy; made all the more difficult by an experience, beginning in middle school and persisting to high school, that threatened to crush her dreams by denying her access to classes education professionals deem critical to demonstrate college readiness. Had it not been for the advocacy of her parents, and the threat of litigation, my daughter would have been cast aside and surrendered to a curriculum that was not simply less challenging, but inadequate by the standards of competitive colleges and an increasingly analytical and technical workforce. Today, in her junior year, she remains one of only a handful of Black girls enrolled in advanced honors and advanced placement classes in her public high school, Columbia Senior High School in suburban Maplewood, N.J.

My daughter's story is neither unique or an aberration. It is the reality facing Black girls in America. This is what the recently released report Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected confirms. The Center for Intersectional and Social Policy Studies at Columbia University and the African American Policy Forum, authors of the report, have provided the nation with a powerful narrative of the dilemma of Black girls in our country. The report describes the disproportionate punishment meted out to Black girls in school, with data showing that they are suspended six times the rate of white girls as 'zero tolerance' policies hit with racial precision. Black girls also receive more severe sentences than other girls when they enter the juvenile justice system and are the fasting growing population in the criminal justice system. They are also victims of bullying, sexual harassment and violence in school. Our girls are being pushed out but there is little public alarm, policy focus or media attention to their marginalization. Unlike our understandable focus on Black boys, as seen in President Obama's 'My Brother's Keeper' initiative, our girls are being left to fend for themselves. And we are losing them.

Black girls suffer the discriminatory equivalent of hypertension. Racially based gender bias is a silent killer. It infests the spirits of girls with self-doubt and feelings of inadequacy, and early on narrows their possibilities. Black girls mostly suffer in silence, absorbing the blows, but incurring significant psychological damage along the way. Bright lights are extinguished early as Black girls encounter institutional bias in school buildings where their uniqueness, in everything from hair to dress to personality, is deemed anti-social and popular culture bombards them with stereotypes of Black females ranging from helpless to raging anger or hyper-sexualized. The intelligent, inquisitive, creative, caring and beautiful Black girl is virtually an urban myth in America when the imagery of them on the cultural landscape is surveyed.

Making matters worse is a nation that hides the suffering of Black girls from public view. Perhaps that is why I find President Obama's recently announced 'Let the Girls Learn' initiative so disappointing. The White House looked beyond the shores of this nation to launch a global offensive for girls when if they simply Googled a zip code in Washington D.C., they would find Black girls deserving of its attention and policy focus. This might simply be the result of an African-American father who has not had to wrestle with his daughters feeling inadequate or experienced seeing pained expressions of silent suffering given that his children have been fortunate to be shielded by much, given the President's privilege and position. It is, however, a glaring omission by the Obama administration that defies what we know to be the experiences of Black girls in America. We need not search the world for girls in need when our children stand before us broken, rejected and yearning for recognition.

What I desire for our community of Black girls is what I wish for my daughter. I want us to embrace their individuality and celebrate their expressiveness and cultural dynamism. We must recognize their intelligence and support their intellectual curiosity while also encouraging their socializing and affirming their right to be different from boys, yet equal in standing. It is our responsibility to root out gender bias and make certain that our institutions are not simply diverse but gender-inclusive, meaning opportunity is rooted in equity and not guided by male dominated definitions of worth and success. And, we must hold accountable those who trade in misogynist imagery that limits Black girls' imaginations to the stripper pole, video vixen or reality TV villains. There is a 'Black is Beautiful' canvas for Black girlhood that we must paint so our daughters can see the full expression of God's intent for their lives.

It is with this conviction that we must embrace the mantra #BlackGirlsMatter; because they do, and without the benefit of the full expression of their humanity we suffer as a people. There is no 'better day' for Black America if we persist on wearing gender blinders and if Black men, fathers or not, do not come to terms with the reality of shared suffering and become champions for gender equity. When I look in the mirror I have to see my daughter and make certain the reflection is one of strength, hope, faith and confidence that her life will have meaning and she will be given the opportunity to direct and fulfill her purpose in life.

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Matters of Opinion

TO BE EQUAL

From Selma to Montgomery - Martyrs of the March

Marc Morial

"What could more profoundly vindicate the idea of America than plain and humble people - the unsung, the downtrodden, the dreamers not of high station, not born to wealth or privilege, not of one religious tradition but many - coming together to shape their country's course?" - President Barack Obama, 50th Anniversary Commemoration of Selma's "Bloody Sunday"

No social reformation, reversal or revolution has ever rested solely on the shoulders of its most notable actors. This was as true during that pivotal moment in our nation's history when colonists rebelled against the tyranny of British rule, as it was 50 years ago in Selma, Alabama, where a decisive blow was struck to the institutionalized denial of voting rights for the city's African Americans-setting the stage for historic strides in social justice, not just for African Americans but for Americans of every stripe, color and creed.

Progress-the kind that balances the scales of justice and swings open the doors of equality and opportunity to a wider swath of our nation-never comes as the result of one act of injustice or one trajectory changing act of bravery. Clarion calls for action often follow years, even centuries, of slights and injustices. Likewise, the march towards justice is paved with innumerable acts of bravery, large and small, by the prominent and the unsung.

The American movement to attain the unobstructed right to vote was born within the walls of an unassuming green house on Lapsley Street in Selma. The home to Mrs. Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson and her husband Dr. Sullivan Jackson became a haven for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other prominent civil rights leaders. The Jacksons' hospitality in an environment that proved inhospitable to both their guests and their struggle to expand the exercise of constitutional rights can only be described as one in a multitude of courageous steps on the long road to justice.

Running from police after a peaceful demonstration for the right to vote, civil rights activist Jimmie Lee Jackson was shot and killed by an Alabama state trooper. Many of those enraged by his murder suggested marching his body from Selma to Montgomery. Stirred by his conscious after witnessing the violence at the first attempted march, Rev. James Reeb came to Selma answering Dr. King's call to ministers to join the movement. The 38-year-old father of four met his death there at the hands of club-wielding white supremacists. Viola Liuzzo, a 39-year-old mother of five, was shot and killed by Klansmen after the last of the three marches from Selma. Episcopal seminarian Jonathan Daniels came to Selma after Bloody Sunday. He stayed in Alabama to work on voter registration. Daniels was shot and killed by a police officer with a bullet meant for the Black, teenage girl he pushed out of harm's way.

President Obama put it succinctly during his speech marking the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, "What a solemn debt we owe. Which leads us to ask, just how might we repay that debt?"

First, we can, and must, do more than commemorate the work of these men and women because so much of what they accomplished is being dismantled today. The Voting Rights Act of 1965-arguably the crowning achievement of the Selma to Montgomery marches-is under attack. The 2013 Supreme Court ruling allowing states to bypass federal approval before changing their voting rules, ushered in a wave of voter suppression laws not seen since those days of marches and peaceful protests. Congress has been tasked with devising a new formula to determine which states require federal approval before making any changes to their voting rules, but Congress has not acted on this pressing matter. We must pass a new voting rights bill, because it is not enough to gain the right, we must maintain and protect it as well.

Second, we must build a modern-day civil rights movement that draws its inspiration from those who came before us and suffered reprisals, were beaten and unlawfully jailed and paid the ultimate price with their lives so this country could inch ever closer to its mandate to create a more perfect union. While signs of social progress within the African American community are undeniable, we celebrate the victories of past battles won under the cloud of recent high-profile killings of Black males and the Department of Justice's recent release of a scathing report detailing systemic racism in the Ferguson police department. Selma is now.

Countless heroes-both known and unknown-have tasked each and every one of us to continue to walk in their steps and be bold in the journey to justice. We have the opportunity today to show them that their work and sacrifice on behalf of this nation was not in vain. We are fortunate, because as the president recognized, "Our job's easier because somebody already got us through that first mile."

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188 years of Black Press excellence in USA

Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

In recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), I believe it is important to emphasize both the historical and contemporary mission, value and success of the Black Press in America. For the past 188 years Black Americans have labored diligently and responsibly to publish and distribute Black-owned newspapers in the interests of millions of Black Americans and others who cry out for freedom, justice, equality and empowerment.

What the first Black American publishers and editors of Freedom's Journal, Samuel Cornish and John Brown Russwurm, worked hard to accomplish began a long and vibrant legacy that still continues today across the United States by publishers who are members of the NNPA. In the first edition of Freedom's Journal published on March 16, 1827 in New York City, Cornish and Russwurm clearly stated, "We wish to plead our own cause…Too long have others spoken for us. Too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentations, in things which concern us dearly."

Freedom's Journal was widely read in the northeast of the U.S. and secretly read and admired throughout the South among those who were fighting the oppression and brutality of the slavery of African people in America. Thereafter over the next 188 wherever Black Americans were concentrated across the nation, the emergence of the Black-owned newspapers came forward with a firm commitment to excellence in journalism and the empowerment of the Black American community.

From the very beginning of the Black Press in America, publishers and editors asserted their Constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, as well as the fundamental human right of self-determination. "Pleading our own cause" and speaking for the rights, news, aspirations and dreams of Black America all continue today to be the undergirding foundation of the Black Press.

Frederick Douglass was one our greatest orators and leaders who exemplified the audacity and genius to challenge all who would seek to oppress and deny freedom and equality. Yet Frederick Douglass was also a freedom-fighting newspaper owner and publisher of The North Star. The first edition of The North Star was published on December 3, 1847 in Rochester, New York. Douglass believed that "owning" The North Star gave him a strategic advantage to effectively articulate in the interests of Black American liberation from slavery and poverty.

Concerning The North Star Douglass emphatically stated, "We are now about to assume the management of the editorial department of a newspaper, devoted to the cause of Liberty, Humanity and Progress. The position is one which, with the purest motives, we have long desired to occupy. It has long been our anxious wish to see, in this slave-holding, slave-trading, and Negro-hating land, a printing-press and paper, permanently established, under the complete control and direction of the immediate victims of slavery and oppression." This quote from Frederick Douglass certainly applies to some of the challenges that Black Americans still face in 2015.

The mission and purpose of the NNPA in part states "To promote the interests of the Black Press by securing unity and action and all matters relative to the profession of journalism and the business of publishing…To advance the highest and best interest of all people of African descent."

Today in a growing multiracial, multilingual and multicultural society, it remains a critical necessity for all Black-owned businesses, in particular Black-owned newspapers and other media businesses, to be conscious of how the marketplace is changing and transforming. The point here is that Black Americans cannot afford to understate the value and market impact of our businesses, institutions and communities. The fact that we are trillion-dollar annual consumers in the American economy should translate more effectively and efficiently into strengthening Black-owned businesses.

I am optimistic about the Black Press in the USA because I see greater business development opportunities today than ever before this period of time. Yet we must all learn the lessons from our history and from the shining examples of excellence and determination of freedom-fighting publishers like Cornish, Russwurm and Douglass. From Selma to Ferguson, our struggle for freedom and empowerment continues.

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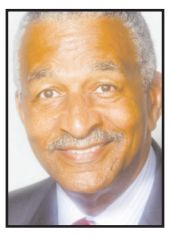
Political frustration



James Clingman

Writing has been a catharsis for me since my "angry days" in the late 1960's and early 1970's. I used to write "Last Poets" kind of stuff and just put it away afterwards. Writing was a release to lower the pressure in my mind about the state of our people. It's much the same for me today, after nearly 23 years of writing Blackonomics. The larger context of my writing this column has evolved into a desire to inform, to educate, and to move our people to progressive economic action. I share ways and means through which we can achieve true freedom-economic freedom-in this nation.

I don't write to impress, I write to express. That is to say, I do not intentionally use $50 words; rather, I make every effort to assure that my readers understand and will be moved to act on the information I share. It seems my frustration from the 1960's and 1970's has reared its ugly head in the 21st century.

What bothers me most is our view of politics and those who constantly force-feed us their political rhetoric and their "politics-only" solutions to our problems. Instead of espousing economic solutions, they keep telling the young people to vote and "maach." Marching is fine but without an end game, or if it's done just for grandstanding and setting up VIP sections by the Marcher-in-Chief, Al Sharpton, what do we get from it except worn out shoes? We must go from politics to "Power-tics."

Economic and political leverage cause benefits to accrue to those who know how to play the game. Black folks, so emotionally invested in politics-only strategies, will never get what we say we want and need from politicians. They are too busy meeting the demands of the corporate moguls and their lobbyists, who know all too well how to play "Power-tics."

The frustration and anger I feel when I see the continuous daily parade of Facebook videos showing someone getting beat down, tasered, kicked, or killed by police officers is overwhelming. The difference lies in whether we will continue to accept symbolism over substance when it comes to politics, and whether we are willing to use our economic leverage to solve our problems.

We are indeed a conflicted people right now. It seems we are willing to walk up to the line but not cross over into the arena where the real battle must take place. It seems we are willing to settle for so little in response to so much tragedy and injustice.

Sharpton vowed to come back to the nation's capital "over and over again" until legislative action is taken so there is "justice for all." Will someone tell me when "legislative action" will occur, what it will look like, and how it will occur? Without practical economic leverage, Black folks will never have the political redress for which we march. Justice for all? Is that a dog-whistle to let certain folks know that Sharpton is not really serious about justice for Black people? These nebulous and tepid gestures in an effort to demonstrate the seriousness of our situation are insulting and patronizing.

Our young people are the ones fighting for justice; many of our older folks are just talking about it. That's why many young people turned their backs on Eric Holder, stormed the stage during the March for Justice to speak, despite being told that they had no "V.I.P" passes, and walked away when Al Sharpton started to speak.

Do our young people know something we don't know? Are they willing to fight where we are not? I believe they do and I believe they are. They know it will take "Power-tics," not politics, to make the changes they want to see.

The folks I am working with have an end game, a plan, and a solution. Contact me; I'll share it with you.

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Continuing the Selma-to-Montgomery March

Marian W. Edelman

Fifty years ago I traveled from Mississippi to Selma, Ala. on March 21, 1965 to join Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and thousands of fellow citizens marching the 54 miles to the steps of the state's capitol in Montgomery.

Millions of Americans now know about this march thanks to the movie "Selma" and the recent 50th anniversary celebration. Selma was the site of a courageous voting rights campaign by Black citizens that was met by brutal Southern Jim Crow law enforcement and citizen violence. The nation was shocked two weeks earlier when John Lewis and Hosea Williams set out on a nonviolent march with a group of 600 people toward Montgomery to demand their right to vote and were brutally attacked by lawless state and local law enforcement officials at the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

The televised images of "Bloody Sunday" and the savage beatings of the marchers - including Congressman Lewis whose skull was fractured - were a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement and in America's struggle to become America. It provoked the thousands of us (ultimately about 25,000) who came together later to finish the march, safer thanks to U.S. District Court Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr.'s order that we had a right to peaceful protest and with federalized Alabama National Guard protection. And we were buoyed by President Johnson's March 15, 1965 address calling on Congress to pass what became the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In that speech - "The American Promise" - President Johnson said: "This was the first nation in the history of the world to be founded with a purpose. The great phrases of that purpose still sound in every American heart, North and South: 'All men are created equal'-'government by consent of the governed'-'give me liberty or give me death.'"

President Johnson also said: "Should we defeat every enemy, should we double our wealth and conquer the stars, and still be unequal to this issue, then we will have failed as a people and as a nation."

Fifty years later, speaking at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, President Obama echoed the same themes: "[Selma is] the manifestation of a creed written into our founding documents… These are not just words. They're a living thing, a call to action, a roadmap for citizenship and an insistence in the capacity of free men and women to shape our own destiny."

The first Selma march was planned not only to gain the right to vote but to protest the tragic death of Jimmie Lee Jackson, a 26-year-old Black church deacon and Vietnam veteran killed in Marion, Ala. when he, his mother, sister, and 82-year-old grandfather attended another nonviolent voting rights demonstration where marchers were brutally attacked by racist Alabama law enforcement officials who broke it up.

Jimmie Lee Jackson was shot and beaten trying to shield his grandfather from a police nightstick. What a terrible irony that in this year of celebration of the Selma marches we are witnessing the resurgence of overt law enforcement brutality and injustice in Ferguson, Cleveland, New York City, and elsewhere, reminding us how far we still have to go.

Each of us has a responsibility to root it out and stop it in its tracks. Each American must remember and help America remember that the fellowship of human beings is more important than the fellowship of race and class and gender in a democratic society. Each of us has a personal responsibility to be decent and fair and insist that others be so in our presence.

Don't tell, laugh at, or tolerate racial, ethnic, religious, or gender jokes-or any practices intended to demean rather than enhance another human being. Walk away from them. Stare them down. Make them unacceptable in our presence and in our institutions. Through daily moral consciousness each of us has a responsibility to counter the proliferating voices of racial and moral and ethnic and religious division that are regaining respectability over our land. Let's face up to rather than ignore our growing racial problems that are America's historical and future Achilles' heel unless addressed firmly and courageously.

Let us all stand up right now to all those in our Congress, statehouses, and across our country who are trying to take away and suppress the right to vote and who are refusing to honor the sacrifice of all those who died to gain this fundamental American right. Shame on them and shame on us if we don't act to insist that Congress renew the Voting Rights Act without a minute's more delay.

And shame on us if we do not stand up to all those who seek to turn the clock of racial progress backwards by denying equal justice under the law for all. We still have so far to go in our march to make America America-but we must march forward and never backwards.

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When the GOP had integrity

Lee A. Daniels

One of the many questions provoked by the "open letter" 47 Republican Senators published last week to try to wreck the multinational effort led by the Obama administration to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons is this:

Do they understand their obligation to the rule of law?

As scholar Daniel W. Drezner of Tufts University and other commentators quickly pointed out in an article in the Washington Post, the administration is the lead negotiator of a coalition involving the four other members of the United Nations Security Council-Britain, China, France, and Russia-as well as Germany. So, Drezner wrote, "If a deal is reached, it's a deal that has the support of all the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council plus Germany."

That means Congress could not alter any resulting agreement in any way without violating international law by committing "a material breach of U.S. obligations."

Of course, the real purpose of the letter was to further pander to the deranged anti-Obama passions of the GOP base, and to be the political coming-out of the letter cabal's ringleader, frosh Senator Tom Cotton, of Arkansas. Indeed, no sooner had it appeared than Cotton supporters let it be known he's eyeing a run for the Presidency in 2020.

Pardon me, but haven't we seen this "reality show" in the Senate before-with Kentucky's Rand Paul, and then Texas' Ted Cruz in the starring role? What does it say about the GOP that it's now continually producing these new-kid-on-the-block types for Congress' once-hallowed upper chamber who ostentatiously smash protocol and tradition in order to alert the far-right of their goal of running for President?

Against that tawdry backdrop, the March 10th memorial service in Washington, D.C. for former U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, who died in January, was like a flash of lightning illuminating a nighttime landscape. Brooke's two terms in the Senate, from 1967 to 1979 marked a time when it wasn't rare for Republicans inside and outside of Congress to show that political conservatism and political integrity weren't mutually exclusive elements and that there was room in the party for centrist-conservatives like Brooke.

Indeed, Brooke's life and his climb up the political ladder in a state with a miniscule Black population to become the first Black American popularly elected to the U.S. Senate and the first to sit there in nearly a century said something remarkable about him, as well as the state and the nation he represented.

As Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's non-voting delegate to Congress, pointedly noted in her remarks at the Washington National Cathedral, Brooke, a native Washingtonian, grew up in a time when the District-then, as now- did not have the voting rights other American citizens enjoyed. Even if Washington, D.C. had a voting delegate at that time, Black Washingtonians would have been denied their voting rights by the racist code Congress then followed for the jurisdiction.

Brooke's achievements before and during his Senate career are a testament not only to his value, but also to the immense loss White America imposed on the nation by the regime of official and de facto racism it followed until the 1960s. From

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Below-the-Belt attacks on the Obamas

George Curry

No United States president has been more disrespected than Barack Obama – and his family. The hatred for the nation's first African American president is so deep that all but seven Republicans in the U.S. Senate were willing to write a letter to Iran that amounted to treason on a grand scale.

In an effort to derail talks that would limit Iran's nuclear weapons, 47 Republican senators signed an "open letter" to Iran's leaders claiming any deal they reach with the administration won't last after Obama leaves office.

In an issue that caused the Republican senators to be labeled traitors in a *New York Daily News* headline. An editorial: said, "Regardless of President Obama's fecklessness in negotiating a nuclear deal with Iran, 47 Republican U.S. senators engaged in treachery by sending a letter to the mullahs aimed at cutting the legs out from under America's commander-in-chief. We join GOP signatories in opposing the pact as outlined, but we strenuously condemn their betrayal of the U.S. constitutional system."

In case there is any doubt, the liberal political website PoliticusUSA stated, "According to the dictionary definition, a traitor is one who betrays a person, a principle, or especially their country. It is of no consequence why someone, or a group, chooses to work in opposition to their nation, or fellow citizens' well-being, because if their intent and result of their actions is to deliberately damage or cause harm to their country or fellow citizens, they are by definition traitors."

It wasn't all that long ago that Democrats and Republicans observed the rule that while we might have our internal debates, when it comes for foreign policy, we speak with one voice – that of the president.

House Republicans ignored that long-standing custom by inviting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to address Congress, knowing he would be critical of ongoing negotiations by the U.S. and its allies to freeze Iran's nuclear weapons. The White House was not consulted on the invitation, a sharp departure from established protocol.

The disrespect for Obama and the presidency itself has reached such a low point that a headline in the Washington Post summed it up this way: "Republicans are beginning to act as though Barack Obama isn't even the president."

The story explained, "It's safe to say that no president in modern times has had his legitimacy questioned by the opposition party as much as Barack Obama. But as his term in office enters its final phase, Republicans are embarking on an entirely new enterprise: They have decided that as long as he holds the office of the presidency, it's no longer necessary to respect the office itself."

And many argue that the hatred extends well beyond partisan politics.

PolitcusUSA stated, "It is likely that throughout America's short history, except for the traitorous Confederacy, no group of individuals has exhibited the characteristic betrayal of a traitor more than conservatives in general, and Republicans in particular. What makes their actions all the more despicable is that their traitorous actions are founded on racial animus for one man; and allegiance to foreigners and one tiny segment of the population."

The attacks on Obama began when he first ran for president, with some conservatives openly questioning whether he was a U.S. citizen.

Marilyn Davenport, a member of the Orange County Republican Party in California, e-mailed a cartoon in 2010 with the face of President Obama superimposed on a chimpanzee. Also pictured were two older chimpanzees described as "parents." The inscription on the cartoon read: "Now you know why – No birth certificate."

The New York Post went well over the line of respectability by publishing a cartoon in 2009, in the wake of Connecticut police shooting a pet chimpanzee, depicting the authors of the stimulus bill as a dead chimpanzee.

And who could forget Rep. Joe Wilson [R-S.C.], interrupting a 2009 presidential address on health care to Congress in by shouting, "You, lie!"

The personal attacks have not been limited to President Obama – his entire family has been attacked.

Last week, Emmy-winning Univision host Rodner Figueroa was fired for saying, "Michelle Obama looks like she's part of the cast of Planet of the Apes."

Michael O'Neal, Speaker of the Kansas House, circulated an email referring to the first lady as "Mrs. Yo' Mama."

Even Sasha and Malia have been targets of conservatives. They have been upbraided from everything from taking their spring break in the Bahamas to the clothes they wore when their father pardoned a Thanksgiving turkey.

As Media Matters, the watchdog group, stated, "On May 27, [2010] President Obama explained at a press conference that he was reminded daily about the consequences of the oil spill by his daughter Malia who asked him did you plug the hole yet? while he was shaving."

Both Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh saw fit to imitate Malia on air.

No stunt is too low or too vile for conservatives who hate everything about Obama, including his race.

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the beginning, he made it quite clear he was proud to be a Republican and was not in politics to represent exclusively "Black interests," but the interests of all the people of his state and the United States. But those beliefs also never prevented him from criticizing his party when he felt it necessary.

For example, in 1964, two years before his Senate victory, Brooke refused to endorse Republican Senator Barry Goldwater's presidential candidacy (Goldwater had voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964), commenting later, "You can't say the Negro left the Republican Party; the Negro feels he was evicted from the Republican Party."

Four decades later, in a 2007 interview for the just-released book, "Memorable Quotations from Edward W. Brooke," he declared, "Unfortunately the Republican Party has not fared well-it has disintegrated to an extent. Not demised, but certainly has not lived up to its responsibilities to the electorate."

What would Edward W. Brooke say of the Republican Party now?

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UNCW to host JazzFest March 27-29

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UNCW DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Spring is on the way and so is UNCW's annual festival celebrating the rich tradition of jazz and its future. The festival features two evenings of guest concerts and a closing concert by high school students.

Wessell "Warmdaddy" Anderson, an alumnus of the Wynton Marsalis Septet and charter member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, kicks off the festival on Friday, March 27. The alto saxophonist blends traditional jazz, bebop and swinging sounds in a sweeping blues-inflected style reminiscent of Cannonball Adderly. Anderson studied at Harlem's famed Jazzmobile workshops, later studying with clarinetist Alvin Batiste at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La.

Anderson toured with the Wynton Marsalis Septet to help make some of the most defining music of the late-80s and early-90s jazz revival. For more than 10 years, Anderson was part of Marsalis' Jazz at Lincoln Center, leaving in 2006 to join the jazz faculty at Michigan State University, but remaining the band's first-string alto saxophonist. Anderson's sound is a mix of traditional New Orleans jazz and blues styles and can be heard on recordings including "Warmdaddy In the Garden of Swing," "Live at the Village Vanguard," "Warm It Up, Warmdaddy!" and "Warmdaddy Plays Ball."

The second night of JazzFest features trombonist Tom Garling and the popular UNCW Jazz Ensemble I. At the age of 20, Garling left his jazz studies at Berklee College of Music to tour with Buddy Rich, and was on the last touring band before Rich died. Garline received a degree in jazz performance and a master's in jazz composition and arranging at the University of Miami, playing with greats such as Dizzy Gillespie, Chick Corea, Pat Metheny, Randy Brecker, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett. He later joined Maynard Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau Band, touring for six years as musical director and trombonist.

Along with his own album, "Maynard Ferguson Presents Tom Garling," Garling is featured as soloist, composer/arranger and guitarist on numerous Ferguson albums. He resides in the Chicago area and is highly sought after around the world as a recording artist, composer and arranger, teacher, clinician and professional musician.

"I feel so lucky to have been bitten by the music bug early in my life, and as I grow I find that sharing my experiences with others-and having them share theirs with me-brings me great joy. Whether composing, teaching or performing, there is a profound connection between people through music, and it's very inspiring to me," says Garling. "I am very much looking forward to being a part of the UNCW jazz festival so that I may once again have that opportunity to connect, engage, inspire and be inspired!"

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UNCW MUSIC DEPARTMENT

WESSELL ANDERSON

TOM GARLING

The festival concludes with performances by high school honor jazz ensembles. Hear the future of jazz when Anderson and Garling direct the finest local high school jazz musicians in a free afternoon concert on Sunday, March 29. Students are selected to the honor jazz ensembles based on nominations by the high school band directors.

The festival is directed by Jerald Shynett, UNCW trombone instructor and coordinator of jazz studies. He is an active performer and clinician and performs with the North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra and the Jazz Surge, a Grammy-nominated jazz orchestra based in Florida. Before coming to UNCW in 1998, Shynett maintained an active career as a freelance trombonist, composer and arranger in Florida. He has performed with Chick Corea, Bob Brookmeyer, Slide Hampton, Nneena Freelon, Gerald Wilson, Ira Sullivan, Vincent Herring, K.C. and the Sunshine Band, the O'Jays, Ray Charles and Liza Minelli, among others. His compositions and arrangements have been performed throughout the country, most recently with jazz ensembles of UNCW, the University of South Florida, the University of Miami and Northwestern University.

Performances will be in the Beckwith Recital Hall, located in the Cultural Arts Building on Randall Drive, and begin at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Tickets are $6 for the general public and free to students with a valid UNCW ID. Tickets are available at the Cultural Arts Building Box Office one hour prior to performance (no advance tickets). The concert, featuring high school honor jazz ensembles, begins at 2 p.m. March 29. The student concert is free to all.

For more information about the concert, visit www.uncw.edu/music or call 910.962.3415.

Schedule of events:
•Wessell Anderson Quartet
Friday, March 27
7:30 p.m.
Beckwith Recital Hall, located in the Cultural Arts Building on Randall Drive
Tickets: $6 general public / free to students with valid UNCW ID; available at the Cultural Arts Building Box Office one hour prior to performance (no advance tickets)
•Tom Garling, trombone, and UNCW Big Band
Saturday, March 28
7:30 p.m.
Beckwith Recital Hall, located in the Cultural Arts Building on Randall Drive
Tickets: $6 general public / free to students with valid UNCW ID; available at the Cultural Arts Building Box Office one hour prior to performance (no advance tickets)
•UNCW Honor Band Festival Student Concert
Sunday, March 29
2 p.m.
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Acme Delco Middle School students participate in *"Battle for the books"*

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The Acme Delco Middle School Battle For The Books Team took their best shot at competing with other schools and they did their best. The students looked forward to attending the event and they reached good points.

So in the event of them trying every effort to win, Karen Renee Flood will be awarding them a mini pizza party with soft drinks as well as honoring them for reading twenty seven books.

Ms. Flood stated, "I believe when it comes to education award them win or not" and "It is in my best interest to keep the youth highly encouraged for they are part of my program of save the children."

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ACME DELCO MIDDLE SCHOOL
"BATTLE FOR THE BOOKS" TEAM

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New Hanover County

D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy, 813 Nixon St., will hold their Career Day on Friday, March 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Community Briefs

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

Mary C. Williams Elementary, 801 Silver Lake Rd., will host March-N-March Celebration and Walk-a-thon. The Student Council and PTA at Mary. C. Williams Elementary School are partnering with students, family and friends for a Walk-a-thon on Friday, March 27th at noon. For more information, call (910) 350-2150 or email mcwpta@yahoo.com.

The Saint Augustine's University (College) Alumni meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Covil Farm Road Clubhouse at 7300 Covil Farm Road in Wilmington. All graduates, persons who attended, and friends of St. Augustine's University are invited to attend. Call Angie at 910-620-7978 for more information.

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

Pender County

The Kiwanis Club of Hampstead will hold their 10th Annual Egg Hunt at Hampstead Kiwanis Park on Saturday, April 4th starting at 10:00 a.m. The club is seeking donations of miniature candy, prizes, books suitable for young children (new or gently used) and filled Easter Baskets. Please call Lynette at 932-492-0309 to coordinate donation pickup or drop off.

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WHO
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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Our children

Verniece Stanley

As we go back in history, we find that parents have wanted the best education possible for their children. A child is a person between birth and puberty, a son or daughter; an offspring. Children used to walk to the old one room school, sometimes on very cold mornings. Sometimes, relatives would walk with them. They had to carry their book bags and lunch buckets. In their buckets, they would have corn bread, meat, or potatoes. If one did not have a lunch someone would sometimes give him or her a piece of bread or a potato for lunch. At this time the only jobs available for young people were working on the farm.

Recently, we were told another story about a little farm house in or near Bolivia. It was a place where poor Black workers could stay overnight. Early in the morning they would work hard to get vegetables ready for the markets. There was a ferry boat used for transportation from Brunswick County to Wilmington, NC daily.

This could have been a time when the first steps in education was needed because the people were foreigners. The African Americans were working

to have a better life for their children. Parents want children to know the truth of slavery and our great great grandparents and the sacrifices they made.

Children today have more opportunities to get a good education today. It's all in our power to see that a better education is open for all African American children and that they know of the contributions of Blacks in history. Many of our great Black educators, scientists, inventors, business people, and other leaders have never received the credit they deserved.

While there are signs of spring, I think of our great leader, President Obama. Recently, I saw a new blue truck carrying a sign with the President's and comments about him for the public to see. It was out on Old Ocean Highway 17, going toward Supply, N. C. This was a time when traffic had to slow down because the sign was so large that it had to be read.

On January 19, 2015, we observed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The words of Dr. King will make a greater impact than any sign that can be made. Dr. King understood that education was a true beacon of hope that could cut through the persistence of social injustice. Education remains that beacon today. A just society that repeats the worth, dignity, and equality of all individuals is of great value.

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.

Friends School teacher receives Trailblazing Teacher Award from the Center for Green Schools

The Center for Green Schools has awarded Karen Linehan a Trailblazing Teacher Award for her commitment to advancing eco literacy and bringing sustainability into her classroom.

A teacher at Friends School of Wilmington since 2003, Karen Linehan captivates her first and second grade students with her unique environmental thematic units and enthusiastic teaching practices. Karen has been instrumental in planning, establishing, and maintaining a large outdoor classroom on the Friends School campus which includes a butterfly and moth garden, a bird garden with native shrubs, and native wildlife habitat areas. All Friends School students benefit from exploring these outdoor classrooms where they can often be found observing wildlife, writing and drawing in nature journals, and investigating research questions posed inside the classroom.

Friends School of Wilmington is an independent school serving 18 months thru 8th grades in Wilmington, NC. Founded in 1994, FSW is known for its vigorous academics, strong sense of community, and teaching and learning rooted in essential Quaker principles of simplicity, peace, integrity, equality and service. To learn more about their integrated curriculum, call (910) 791-8221 or visit www.fsow.org.

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Teacher Karen Linehan with students

The Hames Family Foundation supports 2015 AKA Sorority Debutante Program

MRS. JEAN HAMES

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Left to Right: Mr. Johnny Hawes, Mr. Otis Hames (Chairman, The Hames Family Foundation), Mr. George Hawes, Reverend Dr. Rachel Stephens (President, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Psi Omega Chapter), Miss. Jamine Young (Miss Debutante 2015), Mr. & Mrs. Young (Parents), Mr. Lamont Hames (Director, The Hames Family Foundation) and Mrs. Chrystal Fray-Davis (Scholarship Chairperson, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc.).

On March 7, 2015, The Hames Family Foundation partnered with Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. during their 2015 Debutante Presentation at Union Station, Cape Fear Community College, in Wilmington, NC. The sold out event featured eleven college bound young women from area high schools. During the program, each Debutant where awarded additional scholarship contributions in memory of Mrs. Eliza Jean Hames who served as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for 32 years where she chaired several committees including the Debutante Program and Salute to Seniors programs. "During her career, Jean truly felt the need to foster young people, especially young girls" said Wylene Mapson, who spoke fondly of Mrs. Hames tenure with the local chapter. "We are especially proud of her contributions to programs that where near and dear to her heart. The Debutante program was one of her favorites…" said Otis Hames, her husband and Chairman of the foundation. "Supporting the Debutante program is a continuation of her legacy of service and we salute the young ladies that would have made her proud…" added Lamont Hames, one of her two sons.

The Hames Family Foundation was established in 2012 to foster and encourage a continuous legacy of community service in honor of Mr. Otis J. Hames and in memory of Mrs. Eliza Jean Hames who dedicated their time and resources to family, faith based, educational, and community building programs.

The mission of the foundation is to partner and support non-profit organizations in the Wilmington, NC area that promote the advancement of educational opportunities for students and to expand their horizons and exposure to a wide range of opportunities outside of their immediate environments. Students must demonstrate a commitment to advancing their goals to become educated and highly productive citizens within their communities. The Hames Family Foundation is pleased to support the Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. with annual contributions to their Debutante and other programs.

In addition, The Hames Family Foundation is establishing the Daughters of Eliza Educational Enrichment Fund. This program will provide financial support to young women who seek to participate in summer enrichment programs in the areas of education, community service, entrepreneurship, and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs of their choice. Grants in the amount of up to $250 dollars will be awarded to at least five students from the Wilmington, NC area. Over time, as the fund increases, the amount of the individual grants will also increase as well as the number of recipients.

To learn more and participate in our programs, please email Lamont Hames, Director at: lamont.hames@gmail.com.

Religious Briefs

New Hanover County

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

Church Women United Spring Forum will be held Friday, April 3rd at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Dr. Registration and coffee are at 9;30 a.m. followed by worship service at 10:00 a.m. Contact Angel P. Dualeh at 910-833-0167 for more information.

First Baptist Missionary Church, 520 North 5th St. will celebrate their pastor Reverend Dr. John O. Veasey, Jr. and 1st Lady Reverend Dr. Sherry Veasey's 9th anniversary on Sunday, March 22nd at 4:00 p.m. Guest speaker at 10:45 a.m. will be Reverend Thomas Bass, Jr. and Union Chapel Baptist Church Family, Burgaw, NC. Afternoon worship service at 4:00 p.m. will be presented by First Baptist Youth On The Move. The guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. Pierre Crawford of Gastonia, NC.

Joyce Jones Ministries will present the 2015 Women of P.O.W.E.R. Gathering from Monday, March 16th- Saturday, March 21st at Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Dr., 7:00 p.m. nightly and Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Contact Dr. Joyce Jones for more information contact Dr. Joyce Jones at 910-620-5103 or 910-392-3206 or 910-524-2811.

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

Mt. Olive AME Church is sponsoring Praise Dance/Girls-U-Rock Program at 3:00 p.m. on March 29th. The program features the Carolyn Sanders' Dance Troupe, Elease Pearson Brown, Mt. Olive's Girls-U-Rock, Warner Temple's Praise Dancers, Uplifting Faith Promises Praise, Vanessa Rogers-Crompton and Tasha Brown.

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 N. 5th St., will hold a musical program (Gospel Explosion) sponsored by the stewards and trustees featuring Mt. Nebo Men's Choir, Mt. Olive AME Mass Choir, Tyuan Bryant, Brothers in Christ, First Baptist Church(Scott's Hill), St. Andrew AME Zion Men's Choir, Adrianna Flowers (Dance Ministry), TLC Praise and Worship Team, Sounds of Joy and Gospel Love Express on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

Price Cathedral AME Zion Church, 1201 Orange St. will hold their Spring Revival from Monday, March 23rd - Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Rachel & Joy will hold their anniversary celebration featuring Shawn Brown & Da Boyz, Brian Mcintosh, New Creation, PC & Praise, Spiritual Voices and Sons of Gods on Saturday, March 21st at Freedom Way Ministries, 1952 Dawson St. at 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information contact Rachel Dixson at 910-297-7469.

Rose of Sharon Salvation Deliverance Apostolic Ministries & Outreach, 1122 S. 13th St., will hold their Holy Ghost Fire Revival with Evangelist Mary Brown of Voice of Deliverance International Ministry, Shallotte, NC from Tuesday, March 31st- Thursday, April 2nd. Services 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Shoulders Branch MB Church, 4404 Holly Shelter Rd., Castle Hayne, NC will celebrate their 150th Church Anniversary March 22, 2015 at 3:00p.m. The guest preacher will be Reverend Leo Stevenson of Big Macedonia MB Church, Supply NC along with his congregation. Dinner will be served after morning service.

St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will hold their Annual Tom Thumb Wedding weekend of events will begin on March 27th with a rehearsal dinner. A delicious spaghetti dinner is planned with a salad, garlic bread and tea for a donation of $5.00. On Saturday, March 28th at 3:00 p.m. the Annual Tom Thumb Wedding will be held. Sponsored by the Christian Education Dept. Lil' Miss. Aniyah Colston will be the bride and Master Charles David Boykin will be the groom. This program will benefit the church's Building Fund Project 2015. For more information, you may call Sister Dentral Boykin at 910-200-4953 or Sister Dorothy Nixon at 910-538-2845.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Food Pantry, 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. "From His Table to Yours" will be open Saturday, March 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Individuals must have identification and transportation. No fee is involved.

Brunswick County

Blackwell Chapel AME Church, will hold a Variety Show to help with their Building Fund Project. The program will be held at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall, 801 South 10th St. on March 21st at 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Sister Helen Waddell at 910-371-2206.

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will hold their Family and Friends Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 29th at 11:30 a.m. The special guest will be Reverend Dr. John Troy and Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Whiteville, NC .

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church, 1490 Village Rd., (Leland Senior Center) will be celebrating their church anniversary on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Reverend Thomas McDowell of Browns Chapel, Southport, NC.

Mt. Pisgah Missionary Church will hold their Spring Revival Wednesday, March 18th-Friday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. nightly with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jerry Corbett.

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

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March 30th – April 3rd & 5th, 2015

Worship Service: 7:00 p.m.

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The Rev. Alexander L. Jones Sr., Presiding Elder

Monday, March 30, 2015
Location: St. Andrew A.M.E.Z, 1127 S.9th.St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401
Host Pastor: Rev. Henry A. Gregory, III
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon
Guest Choir: St. Phillip A.M.E.Z. Church Mass Choir & Barry Smith and Company

Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Location: Speaks Temple A.M.E.Z.
1120 Dawson St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401
Host Pastor: Rev. Karen G. McCracken
Guest Pastor: Rev. Maria B. Lacewell
Guest Choir: Price Cathedral A.M.E.Z. Mass Choir

Wednesday, April 1, 2015
Location: St. Phillip A.M.E.Z. Church 2913 Acorn Branch Rd.
Wilmington, N.C. 28405
Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon
Guest Pastor: Rev. Henry A. Gregory, III
Guest Choir: St. Andrew A.M.E.Z. Mass Choir

Thursday April 2, 2015
Location: St. Luke A.M.E.Z. Church 709 Church St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401
Host Pastor: Rev. Jermaine B. Armour
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clifford D. Barnett
Guest Choir: Warner Temple A.M.E.Z. Church Mass Choir

Friday, April 3, 2015
Location: Warner Temple A.M.E.Z. Church
620 Nixon St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401
"The 7 Last Words of Jesus"
Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clifford D. Barnett Guest Speakers: Rev. Owen Metts, Sis. Dierdre Parker, Rev. Edith Davis, Rev. Avery McAllister, Sis. Angela Collins, Rev. Corrine Brown & Rev. Karen McCracken
Guest Choir: Warner Temple A. M.E.Z. Mass Choir

Sunday, April 5th (EASTER SUNDAY)
Sunrise Services will be held at 6:00 am
Location: Price Cathedral A.M.E.Z. Church 1201 Orange St. Wilmington N.C. 28412
Host Pastor: Rev. Maria B. Lacewell
Guest Pastor: Rev. Jermaine B. Armour
Guest Choir: St. Luke A.M.E.Z. Church Mass Choir

SENIOR MOMENTS

Prayers

Ruth Johnson

My fellow seniors,

I heard my eight year old brother praying for a bicycle on Christmas Eve. He fully expected to see it under the tree the next morning, but it never came, and I still see the same thing today. One lady is waiting for the Lord to get her a good job. Another prayed for a good man, but she married the wrong one, and now she is questioning God. Evidently these ladies have been taught to believe that God answers all prayers in the affirmative.

It was thoughts like these that caused me to drop out of church several years ago. I am back now, but I still don't know what to say to people who are waiting for God to take care of all of their needs. While I was out of church, I discovered this simple prayer, "God, grant us the strength to change the things we should, the courage to live with what we can't change and the wisdom to know the difference."

That was a mountain top experience for me. I had heard many prayers in my lifetime, but I had never heard anyone pray for wisdom, strength, nor courage. That's why I continue to stress widening the doors of the church. In order to make this world a better place, we need wisdom and understanding. Prayer alone is not enough. Besides, most of our prayers are about healing or something else that only God can do.

But we need to come together and consider what we ourselves can do to make this world a better place. We can't just tell God what to do and then step aside. We need to join our hands and hearts together in partnership with Him. This would revitalize our churches and also uplift our communities.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Celebrate growing older

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Editors Note: Meeting held in January. Article was inadvertently omitted.

What a bright and sunny day it was, and we were all in our places at our Senior Citizens' Fellowship, to which we look forward with excitement. Our meeting was called to order by President Eloise Purdie. She asked if everyone were feeling pretty good today. She then asked Mr. George Hill and the choir to come. Mr. Hill said, "It is a great sunny day!" Our opening song was "I Am Thine, O Lord." A fervent prayer was offered by Deacon John Green. Our next song was "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." There were nineteen in the choir today. Mr. George Hill played the piano. Minister Doris McQuillian said "This is the day that the Lord has made," and she said she was glad to be in it. Our speaker for today was Mrs. Gladys Taylor. She said that God knows we love Him, and He loves us. She said that life is too short to complain but that we should stay in touch with God. She said that we do not have to win every argument. She said, "It's okay to get mad with God. Just don't stay mad. Do you have your first dollar? Not any of us do. Make peace with your past so you don't spoil your future. Just to wake up each morning is a blessing. Don't compare your life with others. Be bold and be happy. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. Get rid of things that aren't beautiful and joyous. Over prepare! Go with the flow. Don't wait! Wear purple now. Always choose life and forgive. What other people think of you is none of their business, give everything time. God loves you because of who He is. All that matters is knowing that you are loved. Envy is a waste of time. The best is yet to come. Get up! Dress up, and show up!" Mrs. Taylor was given a round of applause and thanked for a great message.

Minister McQuillain asked for expressions, and the expressions were encouraging. Mrs. Frances Green thanked everyone for his or her support when her father passed.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Purdie, who said she was glad to be there, and she complimented the group. She said we should continue to pray and help the sick when and where we can. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Gladys Taylor, our vice president. Speakers for our meetings were selected for the months of January to May 2015.

Minutes of our last meeting were read and approved by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Mrs. Shelia Ross was thanked very much for her acts of kindness shown with a token of her love.

The "Callers" report was given, and the winner was Mrs. Gladys Taylor, with eleven. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave her sick report and asked us to continue to pray for them and visit when we can. We had announcements and were told to support them where we can. Laughter was brought by Mrs. Mary Martin.

We formed our circle and sang our closing song "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillian. There were fifty-one present.

Dr. Boykin recognized as "Pastor of the Month"

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L to R - Dr. Boykin, Katrina Boykin, wife and Jerry Smith, station official.

On March 15th the Reverend Dr. Louie Boykin, Pastor of Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church was presented the Pastor of the Month Award for February by The Light 103.9 FM, "the Triangle's Radio Station". Jerry Smith, station official traveled to Baldwin Branch to make the presentation. The award exemplifies Dr. Boykin's capacity to function beyond the pulpit to motivate and inspire the Branch congregation and the community through his lectures, visitations and WBLA 1440 AM radio ministry.

Beatty to preach initial sermon

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CAROLYN M. BEATTY

Reverend Harold D. Sidbury and the St. John AME Church-Wrightsboro family would like to extend an open invitation to the initial sermon of Sister Carolyn Michelle Beatty. This momentous occasion will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2015 3pm at St. John AME-Wrightsboro, 2400 Acorn Branch Road, Wilmington, NC.

Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. John and Mrs. Doris Beatty, she is the loving mother of two sons, Jermaine Beatty and Ron Beatty, a special daughter, Ebony Freeland Bryant. She is the grandmother of Jaziah, Sada, and, Jaron Beatty.

Carolyn is a graduate of Emsley A. Laney High School, attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte NC; University North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, and Miller Motte Business College Wilmington, NC where she received her Associates Degree.

Carolyn is currently employed with Compass Group/Canteen and has been a successful District Manager for 32 years, receiving numerous awards and recognitions. As District Manager, she travels and oversees multiple districts. Carolyn believes she would not have been blessed to serve in leadership roles both professionally and personally if she were not equipped with the Armor of God!

TELL SOMEBODY

"The Common Salvation"

Beloved when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3

Common - characterised by lack of priviledge or status

Salvation- deliverance from the power and effects of sin

When Jude, the brother of James wrote an epistle to the early church, he made mention of the "common salvation", made possible, through the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He provoked the church to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and not to be deceived by false teachers who had crept into the churches , trying to twist and taint the true word of God.

It is still needful today more than ever before, to exhort the saints, to contend for that simple child like faith, that believe the Word, because God said it. Salvation is not for a select few, as some would suppose, or assume, but has been extended to all nations. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.:" Matthew 28:19

Sylvia Hooper

Evangelism is a tool that God uses to promote common salvation because it benefits the common man. The everyday man, the guy next door, the woman on the corner, the mailman, the doctor, lawyer, the high school prinicpal , the street sweeper, the door keeper, the janitor or the judge... , no one is exempt, the whole world is loved by God. It is the common salvation!

Salvation, is the Gift of God, from God. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." God is not a respector of persons, and his gift is to all of us. His gift is to the common man, whether he be rich or poor. His gift is to all mankind.

Salvation is made possible for all men. Luke 3:6, "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God." It is the will of God that all men be saved. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." I Timothy 2:4. Acts 2:21 , "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

When Apostle Paul wrote an epistle to Titus, the young pastor in Crete, he made mention of the common faith which has the capacity to reach all men. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly righteously, and godly, in this present world." Titus 2:11,12. It is by faith, that we become candidates to receive the common salvation. ("For we walk by faith, not by sight:) II Cor.5:7

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;? " Hebrews 2:3,

Prayer

Lord give us the faith to believe the Common Salvation. Give me the courage to achieve the Common Salvation. Grant us the strength to receive the Common Salvation.! In Jesus' Name. Amen. Tell Somebody!

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

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Catherine Deloris Keaton Lovan

Catherine Deloris Keaton Lovan died Friday, March 6, 2015 at Brunswick Cove Nursing Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Mt Nebo MB Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Catherine was educated in the New Hanover County Public Schools, graduating from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1959. About one year following graduation, Catherine met the man who she fell in love with and married, Arthur Lovan. That holy union lasted over fifty-four years and produced four children, who she raised and loved more that life itself. Catherine not only put her children first, but all children that she would encounter in her lifetime, from posterity, to the kids she would meet in her many years as one of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church's best Sunday School teachers. Catherine absolutely loved children, loved her family and her church; but above all, loved Jesus and her devotion to the Lord was evident. With a smile designed to illuminate any room she entered and a presence that would lift anyone's spirits, she was loved by all that she knew and will be forever missed by family and friends.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her loving husband, Arthur Lovan; three sons, Fredrick (Jannette), Reginald (Cynthia) and Medgar (Fiancée Amy); grandchildren, Kayleb, Kamilah, Kayleigh, Alexander and Felicty; a special cousin who was raised as a sister, Jean Richardson; special cousins, Anita Richardson and Cheryl Mishue; one aunt, Niece Keaton; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jerry S. Bowen

Jerry S. Bowen died Thursday at Leland House. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Mt. Carmel AME Church, Southport, NC. Burial followed in Corbett Hankins Cemetery, Bolivia, NC.

Jerry Stanley Bowen was born on November 2, 1953 in Columbus County, NC to the late Harvey Lee Clair Bowen and Mable Jacobs Bowen. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three siblings: Lee Clair Bowen, Jr., Gretel Bowen Graham and Victoria Bowen. Jerry was a 1972 graduate of Acme-Delco high School, Delco, NC. After graduation he was as a trainman conductor for CSXT and remained an employee of the railroad until he became disabled. Jerry was the seventh child of ten siblings. As a result he grew up in an atmosphere that fostered intense love and strong bonds among the siblings. He made sure that when his brothers were visiting him from out of town there was no want or need that was not accommodated. Jerry's "big heart" went beyond his family. He was always willing to go the extra mile to help any person he thought was in need. Jerry was a gentleman who believed in chivalry. He opened doors for ladies, carried umbrellas to make sure they did not get wet and helped them up and down stairs. He was always an avid reader of Biblical literature and was constantly moving toward a more spiritual walk with Christ. His relationship with Christ became more obvious and was demonstrated through his language and his works. With his sister, Lenda, he began regularly attending Mt. Olive AME Church in Wilmington, NC and Mt. Carmel AME Church in Southport, NC. Jerry often professed the goodness of God in his life.

Surviving to cherish his memory: one daughter, Sylvia C. Gowan (Jeffrey Jennings) and one son, Jerry S. Bowen Jr, of Fayetteville, NC; stepmother, Cora Bowen of Bolton, NC; sisters, Bettie Graves (Edward) of Winston Salem, NC, Iris Edwards (Bennie) of Wilmington, NC, Lenda Hankins (Corbett) of Bolivia, NC and Faith Bowen of Bolton, NC; brothers, Earnes Bowen, Jimmy Bowen and Marvin Bowen (Eunice) of Bolton, NC and Joseph Bowen (Florine) of Norfolk, VA; sister-in-law, Kathea Bowen of Lake Waccamaw, NC; grandchildren, Brooklyn Campbell, Asha Mayes and Mentoria Davies; grandson, Xzabion Bowen; ten aunts, four uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Tracy Tate

Tracy Tate died March 8, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Tracy Lorraine Tate was born on July 16, 1961, in East Orange, New Jersey, to the union of Willie and Lillian Blackledge Tate, Sr. She was the first of three children. Tracy attended school in East Orange, New Jersey until moving to Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1977. In Wilmington she attended John T. Hoggard High School. Tracy also attended Troutman and Mr. David Beauty School. She worked as a beautician for many years in the Myrtle Grove Community, while also working in the fast food industry. Tracy was currently employed with the House of Raeford in Wallace, North Carolina for the past three years.

Tracy leaves to cherish her memories: her first born and only son, Jawara Tate; two daughters, Rakeba Bozeman and Sediah Simpson; four grandchildren, Nyahn Tate, Jada Wade, Tyron Davis and Serenity Davis; her mother, Lillian Blackledge Tate and her father, Willie Tate, Sr.; three brothers, Willie Tate, Jr., Rodney Tate and Devin Tate; five aunts, Lois (Blackledge (Wilm), Annabelle, Hattie Bea and Lillie Mae all of Cleveland, OH and Martha of Toledo, OH; one uncle, Horace Jones (Sarah); one great-aunt, Esther O. Hardy; one grand-uncle, Author "Son" Jones (Carrie Mae); her special friend, Tony Britt; longtime sister friends, Judy Webb, Beverly Durant, Rema James, Melba Dinkins, Anita Wilson, Sophia Dobson, Meschelle Clark, Kimmie Simon, Janet Jones and Valene Briggs; a special daughter, Jennifer Jackson; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Leola Wade

Leola Wade died Friday, March 6, 2015 at WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center in Marietta, GA. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 15th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Leola was born March 18, 1942 in Wilmington, NC and was the youngest of four children born to the late Roy and Beatrice Wade. She had one sister, Iris and two brothers, Foster McNeil and Roy Norman, Jr. Both brothers preceded her in death. Leola graduated from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1960 and from Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) in 1973. She would later go on to obtain her Master's in Education from Georgia State University in Atlanta. After college, leola began her professional carreer by working at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. She often commented on How the time spent in Washington was one of great joy because of the presence of friends from Oakwood who also moved to the area about the same time, and because of new friendships formed that would prove to last a lifetime. Her cousin Geraldine Wade Maddox told her about a vacancy for an English teacher at Berean Junior Cadamy in Atlanta. She applied for the job and was hired. An active member of the Berean SDA Church, she served in various church ministries over the years. She loved English and loved teaching it. The Lord blessed her with this gift and she was good at her craft. But more than anything, she loved young people and loved seeing them reach their full potential. She would go on to serve as a teacher for 31 years. In 2001, she was named Principal of Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy and held that position until her retirement in 2005.

Forever cherishing her memories: sister, Iris (Curlee, Sr.) Windham, Brooklyn, NY; nephews, Michael (Faye) Windham, Richmond, TX; Gregory (Danielle) McNeil Humble, TX, Geno Wade, Laurel, ND, Wendell Freeman and Toby Wade both of and Wilmington, NC, Vurlee (Crystal) Windham, Jr., Valley Stream, NY; Troy Wade, Los Angeles, CA; Todd (Giselle) Windham, Cartersville, GA; nieces, Bonita Wade, Seattle, WA; Karen (Kevin) Williams, Sr., Elmont, NY; Tiffany (Joseph) Brickhouse, Brooklyn, NY; precious great-nieces and great-nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Pearl Julia Pullen

Pearl Julia Pullen died March 13, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mrs. Inez Ruby Burney

On March 10, 2015 at 4:45 am, Inez Ruby Burney entered into eternal rest to be with the Lord. Funeral services were held Monday, March 16, 2015 Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel.

Inez was born June 7, 1921 to the late Owen Nixon, Sr. and the late Marie Hayes in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was also preceded in death by her two brothers Samuel Nixon, Sr. and Owen Nixon, Jr.

She attended Williston Industrial School where she graduated before relocating to the city of Brother Love, known as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Inez began serving her community as a teacher at the Corner Stone Day Care and as a case worker for the state of Pennsylvania.

During her time in Pennsylvania, she became a member of the Tenth Memorial Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor William Moore. Those were some of the most enjoyable moments of her life. While there, she served as an usher and bible school teacher.

As illness began to take place 12 years ago, Inez returned home to Wilmington, North Carolina, eventually settling in at Wilmington Health and Rehabilitation Center until the Lord called her home.

Inez is survived by her godson, Rev. Dr. Derrick Brennon (Alberta) of Philadelphia, PA; a special niece, Shelly Douglas of Norfolk, VA; a special nephew, Samuel Nixon, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; nieces, Gloria Lyde of Wilmington, NC; Bettie Nixon and Sandra Jackson (Roosevelt) of Fayetteville, NC; nephews, Crosby Nixon (Stacy) and Keith Nixon of Wilmington, NC; one sister-in-law, Frostie Mae Nixon of Wilmington, NC; 6 great nieces, 10 great great-nieces, 3 great-great-great nieces, 6 great nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com.*

In Loving Memory Of

Mrs. Mattie Mae Session
Sunrise: December 9, 1917
Sunset: March 21, 2002

To a wonderful mother

Mom it has been thirteen long years, since we have heard your voice and have seen your lovely smile.
We miss you so very, very much.
The world has changed a lot in the past thirteen years.
But our love for you has remained constant and steadfast.
We were taught by you, that Heaven is a beautiful place.
No pain and no suffering.
The bluest of skies, golden streets and always sunshine. What's not to love?
And alone all, you are in the presence of the father.
It can get no better than this. Enjoy your time with him and the heavenly family.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Joan Jarden Boyer,** deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of June, 2015,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of February, 2015

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

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION-
Small Claims
FILE NO. 14 CV 003835

KIMBERLY SCOTT, PLAINTIFF
V.
APRIL PARKER AND TIMOTHY CENAME, DEFENDANTS

TO: APRIL PARKER AND TIMOTHY CENAME, DEFENDANTS

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is money damages for injury to property.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than **April 27th, 2015,** (not less than forty days from the first appearance of this notice) and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking services against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 18th day of March, 2015

Kimberly Scott, Plaintiff
Peter Grear
Attorney for the Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2279
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-2279
Ph. 910-763-4671
State Bar Number: 7134

March 19, 26, April 2, 2015

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
2014 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM
HOUSING REPAIR BID ADVERTISEMENT

Brunswick County is seeking general contractors for the rehabilitation of homes under the County's FY14 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM, funded in part by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and administered by the Brunswick County Planning and Community Development. Both licensed and unlicensed contractors may submit bids. Several bids require contractors to be certified Lead-Safety Renovation, Repair and Painting contractors. Contracts will be awarded based on a competitive bidding process.

A contractors' meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Solarium Cafeteria area of the Brunswick County Public Assembly Building, 45 Courthouse Drive, Building D, Bolivia, NC. The County will distribute the bid proposal packets for the rehabilitation of four (4) dwelling units at this meeting and the work required for each dwelling will be reviewed. There is no charge for receiving bid packages. A contractor or their representative is required to attend the contractors' meeting as a prerequisite to bid unless otherwise specified in writing by the program Administrator/Rehab Inspector. Bids will be opened and read promptly at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the Brunswick County Public Assembly Building D. Please contact the Brunswick County Planning and Community Development Office at 910-253-2213 or 910-253-2210 if there are any questions.

Brunswick County is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Service Provider and encourages participation by small, minority and female-owned businesses.

March 19, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Violet Roth Wark,** deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of June, 2015,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Jonathan Peter Wark, Executor
PO Box 1871
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Lethia Sherman Hankins,** deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of June, 2015,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Angela Hankins Metts, Executrix
2519 High Valley Court NE
Bolivia, NC 28422

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Donnie Earl Spivey,** deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of June, 2015, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of March, 2015

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

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S
In Re The Estate of ROBERT DENNIS MADSEN, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ROBERT DENNIS MADSEN,** Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **06/12/2015** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, March 12, 2015.

Charles Hurst Pennington,
Personal Representative
c/o Sherman & Rodgers, PLLC
by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr.,
Attorney for the Personal Representative
PO Box 250
Burgaw, NC 28425

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth McLauchlin Hunter, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Elizabeth McLauchlin Hunter,** 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 **June 14, 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 12th day of March, 2015.

Michael S. Hunter
Administrator of the Estate
of Elizabeth McLauchlin Hunter
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Larry Lotus Newkirk,** deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of May, 2015,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of February, 2015

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

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Zola Mae Boston,** deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of May, 2015,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of February, 2015

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

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Angelo Fargnoli,** deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of May, 2015,** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of February, 2015

Regina Fargnoli, Executor
141 Foxwood Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Carol M. Atkins,** deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of June, 2015,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

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

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

This the 3rd day of March, 2015.

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

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Martha Scarborough,** deceased, late of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **10th day of June, 2015,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address below.

This the 3rd day of March, 2015

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

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This the 5th day of March, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
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March 5, 12, 19, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **David R. Parker, Jr.,** deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of June, 2015,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Kevin A. Parker and Lauris P. Long, Executors of the Estate of David R. Parker, Jr.
7024 Airlie Oaks Lane
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Wilmington, NC 28401

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

CONDADO DE BRUNSWICK
PROGRAMA DE REPARACIONES URGENTES 2014
ANUNCIO DE LICITACIÓN
REPARACIÓN VIVIENDA

Condado de Brunswick está buscando contratistas generales para la rehabilitación de viviendas del Condado FY14 programa de reparaciones urgentes, financiado en parte por la North Carolina Housing Finance Agency y administrado por la planificación del Condado de Brunswick y desarrollo comunitario. Ambos con licencia y sin licencia de contratistas pueden presentar ofertas. Varias ofertas requieren contratistas a ser contratistas certificados de plomo-seguridad renovación, reparación y pintura. Los contratos se otorgará basado en un proceso de licitación.

Encuentro un contratista está programada para lunes, 23 de marzo de 2015 en 10:00 en la zona de solárium cafetería de la Brunswick County Public Assembly Building, 45 Courthouse Drive, edificio D, Bolivia, NC. El condado a distribuir los paquetes de propuesta de licitación para la rehabilitación de 4 cuatro unidades de vivienda en esta reunión y se revisará el trabajo requerido para cada vivienda. No hay cargo para recibir paquetes de oferta. Un contratista o su representante es necesaria para asistir a la reunión de los contratistas como requisito previo a ofertar a menos que se especifique lo contrario por escrito por el programa administrador/rehabilitación Inspector. Las ofertas serán abiertas y leer puntualmente a las 10:00, martes, 31 de marzo de 2015, la Brunswick County asamblea pública edificio d. Póngase en contacto con la oficina de desarrollo comunitario en 910-253-2213 o 910-253-2210 y planificación del Condado de Brunswick si hay alguna pregunta.

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March 19, 2015

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contracts DA00236 in Pasquotank Co., bidding on 4/1/15. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 3/23/15 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type+1. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

March 19, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This the 24th day of February, 2015.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel.#910-798-0230
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March 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

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

TO: HUELO M. PEARSALL

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is negligence.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than A**pril 17th, 2015.** Upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 2nd day of March, 2015

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
14 SP 1010

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of DLB Leasing, LLC to John Cameron Coburn, Trustee, dated February 26, 2007, and recorded in Book 5147, Page 869, New Hanover County Registry
David L. Ray, Substitute Trustee,
See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5856 at Page 713 of the New Hanover County Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by DLB Leasing, LLC, dated February 26, 2007, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 5147 at Page 869 ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, David L. Ray, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 31st day of March, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. at the place where public auctions are held at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28425, the real properties (including any improvements thereon) with a physical address of 6804 Holly Shelter Road, Castle Hayne, North Carolina, 28429 and 6808 Holly Shelter Road, Castle Hayne, North Carolina, 28429 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and in Exhibit 1 attached hereto, which description is incorporated by reference herein. The sale may be held up to one hour after the time stated herein.

EXHIBIT 1

TRACT 1: 6804 Holly Shelter Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429;
PARCEL ID NO. R00700-001-004-000

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the Grady line on the North Side of the Holly Shelter Road, said beginning point being where the Northern line of the said Grady Tract intersects at an acute angle the Northern edge of said Holly Shelter Road, said beginning point being also the point where the Southern line of the Richard Braak 100 Acre Tract intersects the Northern line of said Holly Shelter Road; running thence North 66 degrees West 200 feet to a stone marked "3"; thence North 4 degrees West 250.3 feet along the Western line of the Richard Braak land to a stake in the Southern line of the paved County road which leads from the Castle Hayne Road to the Market Street Road, which stake is about 4.3 miles East of the Railroad at Castle Hayne, which stake is also about 2.6 miles East of the Wrightsboro Road; thence along the Southern line of the said paved County Road North 72 degrees 02 minutes East 207.6 feet to a stake; thence South 17 degrees 58 minutes East 400 feet, more or less, to a stake in the Southern line of the Richard Braak 100 Acre tract; thence South 77 degrees 35 minutes West 125.5 feet to the point of Beginning, containing two (2) acres, more or less, and being a tract in the South Western corner of the Richard Braak 100 acre tract, which tract was purchased from Grace W. Hinton, Commissioner, by deed recorded on January 23, 1946 in Book 376 at Page 68 of the New Hanover County Registry.

The land herein conveyed being described from a survey and map dated February 10, 1950 and made by E.M. Sears, Jr., registered land surveyor.

The property hereinabove described was acquired by DLB Leasing, LLC by instrument recorded in Book 5147 at Page 865 of the New Hanover County Registry and being the same property described in deeds recorded in Book 5147, Page 859 and Book 950, Page 282 of the New Hanover County Registry.

TRACT 2: 6808 Holly Shelter Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429;
PARCEL ID NO. R00700-001-003-000

BEGINNING at a stake in the Southern line of the Richard Braak 100 acre tract of land, which stake is North 77 degrees 35 minutes East 125.5 feet from an iron pipe driven at a point where the Northern line of the Grady Tract intersection at an acute angle the Northern edge of the Holly Shelter Road; running thence from the point of Beginning along the Southern line of the Richard Braak 100 acre Tract 77 degrees 35 minutes East 180.6 feet to a stake in the Southern line of said Richard Braak 100 Acre Tract; thence North 17 degrees 58 minutes West Four Hundred and Twenty-one (421) feet, more or less to a stake in the Southern line of the paved County road which leads from the Castle Hayne Road to the Market Street Road; thence along the Southern line of said paved County road South 72 degrees 02 minutes West one hundred and eighty (180) feet to a stake in the Southern line of said paved County Road; thence South 17 degrees 58 minutes East Four Hundred (400) feet, more or less to the point of Beginning, containing one and seven-tenths (1.7) acres, more or less, and being a tract in the south Western area of the Richard Braak 100 Acre Tract, which Tract was purchased from Grace W. Hinton, Commissioner, by deed recorded on January 23, 1946 in Book 376, at Page 68 of the New Hanover County Registry.

The property hereinabove described was acquired by DLB Leasing, LLC by instrument recorded in Book 5145 at Page 1134 of the New Hanover County Registry and being the same property described in deeds recorded in Book 5145, Page 1124 and Book 466, Page 158 of the New Hanover County Registry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This the 3rd day of March, 2015.

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

March 19, 26, 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, March 25, 2015 at 3:00pm in the Lord Spencer Compton Conference Room (1st Floor), City Hall, 102 N. 3rd Street, 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

March 19, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

This 19th day of March, 2015.

James Ernest Clark
3425 Marathon Ave
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ADVICE

ASK ALMA with ALMA GILL

Mom's friend turned on me

Dear Alma,

My husband was laid off after 16 years on the job. My salary alone wasn't enough to keep up with the bills, so we decided moving in with my mom was the best thing. She has been having health problems anyway and is in need of care, so this works out for the all of us. My mom was in the hospital a few months back and was talking out of her mind. She told the doctors that I had been mistreating her, which wasn't true.

During that time her best friend and neighbor visited regularly and knew everything that was going on. I've know this woman all of my life. While my mom was in the hospital this friend totally turned on me. I think she was even talking about me to the other neighbors. We had a big falling out about my mom's care and what was really the truth. It was ugly! Anyway, I say all this to give you some background because she recently died and my mom wants me to cook and help her family out with her funeral. I'm thinking she must be crazy. Remember this woman has been awful to me, about all I can do is write a check. My friend told me about your column so I thought I'd ask your opinion?

T.B. in the Bahamas

Excuse me T.B., while I sip on my blueberry tea. I wanna make sure I've got a hold of all that's happening in your house – oh wait it isn't, it's your mama's home. Now that we've established authority, I can understand how difficult it is to find your adult-self and your husband, moving in with your mother. You and I both can agree and recognize, clearly it wasn't ever a part of the game plan. But let's not be ungrateful for this blessing, at least ya'll have somewhere to go, so don't get it twisted. While I can sympathize with your situation (sip, sip, aaahh) hold up, why are we talking about you and your immature issues when you're mother just lost her dear friend? Since you asked, I gotta tell you ~ this shouldn't be about you, it's all about your mama! Yes, by all means you should help.

This woman and your mom have had a long, loving and valuable friendship over the years. I'm sure, similar to Lucy & Ethel, Florida & Willona, Maaary & Rose, you hear what I'm sayin? These women, although on television, lived as neighbors who took great care of each other. When you saw one, you saw the other. They knew each other's business and everybody else's business, too, for that matter, LOL. I too grew up with these friendships beautifully displayed in my old neighborhood. I watched grown women weathering the various storms of life, supporting each other through marriage and children, sometimes divorce, the loss of a child and even widowhood. Can't you see, your mother is asking this of you because it's just as if an aunt has died? It's all the same to her – her best friend was just like family. She loved her and her love for her friend (your play aunt) outweighs anything you can argue, cuss or fuss about. So simmer down, reach for a cup of compassion, your mother is in a very fragile place, bless her heart.

I know I hear you, ya'll had a fallen out, WHATEVER! Even if your mother was speaking out of her mind, as you say, her friend would only show solidarity towards your mom. That's just the way it is between friends. Fall off your high horse before I push you off, forgive that woman for the misunderstanding between the two of you, and let it go. Pick up the phone right now and offer your services to her family. You hear me! Put on your mother's shoes and pearls, and get to stepping. Don't you sit down and take your shoes off until the memorial, funeral, wake or whatever is over.

Your mom has lived long enough to know you can't truly love without giving, and the giving doesn't have anything to do with money. It's about giving of your time, offering up support that comes from your heart and unconditional care that isn't measured. When death takes a loved one, there's no room for discontent or the holding of a grudge. Your mother is looking to see the best rise out of her daughter, stop acting like a child. Mind your manners girl, we both know while she was in her right mind, she taught you better.

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. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and twitter @almaaskalma.

ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality TV Talk By Marquesa LaDawn

Gossip in the Air

This week in Atlanta it was all about friendships, complicated love and lots of gossip…RHOA's Kandi just wants a happy marriage, not an unreasonable goal for a newlywed. The challenge for the Buress marriage, however, is they are not "handling" their issues. Why is it that smart businesswomen are not so smart in love? Todd, admitted during the counseling session that he's not excited about the marriage, which is now showing up in the bedroom. He loves Kandi – or so he says – but between Mama Joyce's insults and lack of accountability along with the pre-nuptial agreement wedding ultimatum, he's not happy. He actually said being out of Atlanta and working feels better. Ouch! You could see the embarrassment and shock on Kandi's face as she heard this. But Kandi, at least he's talking and wants to work things out.

On another front, Kandi, you need to talk to your friends, let them know you are focused on your married life right now and need space. This secretive nature is biting you in the butt! Phaedra, Porsha and Nene are feeling like you do not have Phaedra's back as you normally do. On top of that, you are not being honest. I get not repeating Apollo's accusations regarding infidelity as his wife. But, to say you didn't know anything about that or hadn't heard anything at the same time your husband confirms that you heard it, looks bad. But, I will compliment you on not talking to Mama Joyce about anything personal. This may be the biggest lesson for her yet!

Speaking of the ladies talking, Cynthia reached out to Phaedra to clear things up. I knew this was not a good idea; it's too soon. You can't out the rumor in one dinner and apologize for outing it in another. Anyway, Phaedra showed up looking for an apology, which was unrealistic. I agree with Cynthia that the rumor was not started by her so she should not own it. But, I do think her not taking responsibility for sharing it, and expecting Phaedra to understand was crazy. I'm a bit embarrassed to admit that I love the new Cynthia. Yes, she's being messy, but outspoken. She has a right to her opinion and she's sharing it. Why is it that folks have self-induced amnesia? Phaedra has always been outspoken and shared her opinion without "fact checking." Do I think some of Cynthia's behavior comes from her anger toward the demise of her friendship with Nene? Yes. But, I also think she was tired of the criticism of not having an opinion and changing her limited views on a dime. I will say this, Cynthia is not going anywhere – she's solidified her housewives spot by constantly surprising us!

The episode ended with the ladies agreeing to a session with Dr. Jeff.

In RHBH land, Yolanda realizes even her dear home of Amsterdam cannot calm the housewives. Only problem, Lisa R, who claimed she would never engage Kim again (even post-apology) decides to go shopping with Kim and Brandi. Really

Next scene, the boat became "the love boat." The ladies start off in an awkward way, just sitting and looking, not sure what to say. Then, Kyle and Yolanda head over to the bar and are joined by Lisa V. and begin talking about the awkwardness. Left at the table are Kim, Brandi, Eileen & Yolanda, being step ford like, for a bit a least.

Then, Brandi opens her mouth and the awkward flag is lifted! Irked, Eileen defends herself against comments by Brandi, very well I should say. Eileen speaks the truth, Kim and Brandi speak well – they speak something. Eileen says Brandi is mean and I was shocked to see that Brandi accepted it.

Then the other housewives return … Brandi's familiar behavior returns and Kim jumps in with her "defensive" comments. Eileen says to Kim, "Kim sue me for giving a damn" was priceless.

The shocker was Brandi revealing a past transgression of Eileen's – an affair. Kim is loving it! Then, the fight is on! Yolanda leaves and goes to the other table and decides to eat. Yolanda, I love you, but, if you do not like drama – get off of reality TV Then Lisa V. joins her while the other ladies are still going at it!

Kyle reminds Brandi, get out of sisters' business, but her words fall on deaf ears and everyone leaves the table except Brandi, Kyle and Kim. The new very vocal Kyle, tells Brandi, I do not want to be your friend and she leaves. Brandi wants to jump in the water and Kim starts crying a river! This is a moment! Peacemaker Yolanda, invites Brandi and Kim to eat and they begin to eat! Then, it turns into the 'love boat," a bunch of insincere compliments, with a few real ones thrown in.

It ends with a love fest! I love the drama and at times, I love the peace.

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. Visit her at www.Realitytvgirl.com.

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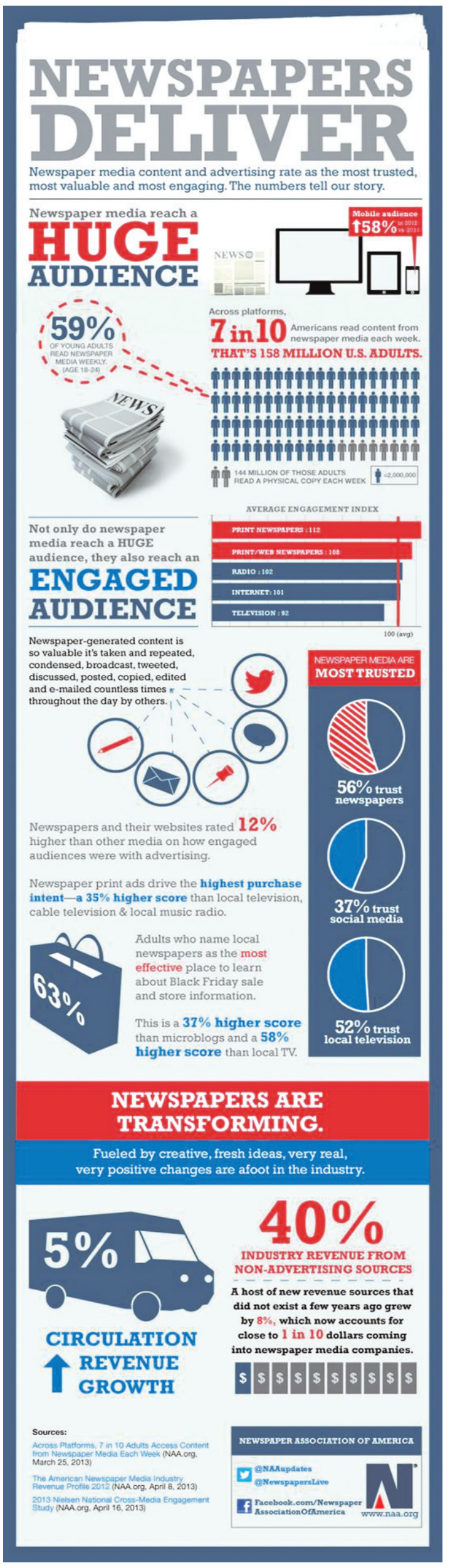

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