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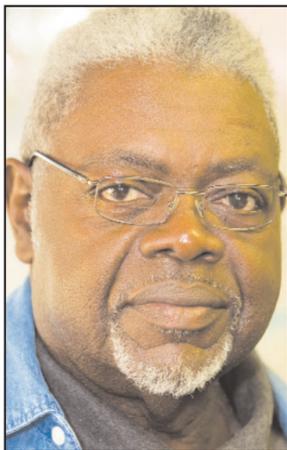
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A NEW BOOK

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, it's time to start a new book on what we do, or what we are going to do, in Brunswick County to improve the lives and living conditions here for the poor, disadvantaged, Blacks, Hispanic, etc. We have been treated with some of the worst kinds of hatred and discrimination there have been in modern times. Our young men and women who get a good education and possess qualifications are very unlikely to get good jobs here. Our people

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BLUE, HALL URGE BLACK DEMOCRATS TO UNITE

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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"I know that if I don't protect my freedom, no one is going to be as interested in it as I am."

And with those words, state Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue (D-Wake) urged members at Nov. 14th's Bi-Annual Convention of the State African-American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party (AAC-NCDP) in Chapel Hill to come together, and organize for the crucial 2016 elections.

North Carolina will see March primaries, in addition to gubernatorial, presidential, congressional and legislative races. With Republicans already in charge of the Governor's

Office and in the majority of the state General Assembly, Sen. Blue and other black Democratic Party leaders made it clear at the AAC-NCDP Convention that turning out the vote was crucial to stopping what many believe to be regressive GOP policies.

Sen. Blue made it clear that despite protestations to the contrary, many of the laws passed by the Republicans in the Legislature, and signed by Gov. Pat McCrory--like the 2013 voting restrictions, and 2011 redistricting plans "stacking and packing" black voters into a handful

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SENATOR DAN BLUE



REPRESENTATIVE LARRY HALL

A TIME TO GIVE



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MEMBERS OF HASO MINISTRIES

HASO holds Pre Thanksgiving Feast

BY **BEVERLY SMALLS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The region's cutting edge non-profit for social community activists, HASO, Help A Sister Out, provided spiritual and physical Pre-Thanksgiving feasts for more than three hundred fifty adults and children in the Union Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Scores of HASO volunteers completed prep work on Friday evening and Saturday morning to coordinate lunch needs, and donations of new clothing for area residents.

The Rev. John Brown of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Brunswick County delivered a

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Giving thanks by giving



PORT CITY WHEELERS' MEMBERS DELIVER BASKET TO MR. JACKSON.

BY **FREDDIE LAMB, SECRETARY**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Kirk Stands up and the Port City Wheelers were off and going on their annual ride to deliver Thanksgiving baskets. The Big Red Truck with the baskets brought up the rear. This tradi-

tion of service to the community has been happening for over 25 years.

On Saturday, November 21st, the Wheelers trav-

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UNCW to host Inaugural Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference Dec. 15

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL
FROM THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, UNC WILMINGTON

The University of North Carolina Wilmington's Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of Facilities are hosting the inaugural Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conference "Connecting and Collaborating: A Winning Game Plan."

Cape Fear MED Week recognizes the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs and honors individuals and organizations that support minority business development. The conference provides opportunities for networking and discussion of critical issues affecting business and economic growth. The event will be held Dec. 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Warwick Center on the UNCW campus. The conference is free and open to the public. The deadline to register for the event is Dec. 8.

"This is a wonderful first-time event for our region," said Kent Guion, the university's chief diversity officer. "The collaboration of the partners has been outstanding and demonstrates the importance of minority enterprises to enhancing opportunities in our community."

Attendees will have the opportunity hear about industry trends and participate in a panel discussion with local industry leaders. UNCW Men's Basketball Coach Kevin Keatts is the keynote speaker.

Sponsors for the event include Cameron School of Business, UNCW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE), Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, City of Wilmington, Duke Energy, GE Hitachi Nuclear, Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc., New Hanover County and the North Carolina Port Authority.

Cape Fear MED Week is among the events being held nationwide as part of the national observance of MED Week, created by presidential proclamation in 1983.

For more information about Cape Fear MED Week, visit www.uncw.edu/MEDweek or contact Cheryl Sutton at suttoncd@uncw.edu.



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sermonette based on the organization's event theme from Psalm 23. He encourage the attendees and emphasized that God's goodness and mercy is available to all.

Casey's Restaurant provided ten turkeys and ten hams for the meal. That business also gave the organization's honoree veterans with gift certificates for a future buffet dinner.

Other guests expressed appreciation that HASO remembers people that might be in need.

"This is a very nice, excellent idea," guest Anthony Gibbs

said. "Tim Ragin came by the library downtown and told us about it and he said we should tell other people to come."

Hands-on, site to site notifications of the Pre-Thanksgiving activity reached from downtown areas to Monkey Junction, and from public housing units to churches and homeless shelters. A special HASO Certificate of Appreciation was given to *Wilmington Journal* staff for publicity efforts and support.

HASO founder, Ramona Ragin was pleased with the work of the non-profit's members and the positive responses from the business community, institutions of religion, and individual donors.

One anonymous donor

offered a new wheelchair. Disabled Veteran Debbie Tindall whose physical ailment led to an amputation was the recipient. Wal Mart of Monkey Junction gave a special sheet cake for the veterans' table, while the Abundant Giving Ministries provided dessert items for all diners.

Many children and adults received new winter jackets, hats, and other items of clothing through the generosity of Fred Meyers, Queensboro Shirts. Minister Chad Joyner of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church supplied several sealed boxes from the Food Bank of North Carolina's dissemination point of the Wilmington YWCA.

"We are so grateful for the

community support," Ramona Ragin said. Chef Keem donated fifteen pies, and other food trays came from numerous individuals and churches. Individual donor, Lavonia Davis also provides long term support to ensure that all organization efforts succeed, she said.

The minister's church, union Missionary Baptist donated the spacious fellowship area for the organization's feast.

Some Pre-Thanksgiving lunch guests also recognized the ongoing services and provisions that HASO gives to the community.

Seated at a table of regular library patrons and friends, Anthony Gibbs emphasized that the group feeds people

regularly. He referenced the hot fried chicken sandwich lunches HASO prepares every first Saturday through the Lucky Star Café at Sixth and Red Cross streets. Anyone in need of food and friendly fellowship can be served.

A fifty-nine year old male, "Al B," who biked from Monkey Junction for the Pre-Thanksgiving activity came early and sat alone at a table reading a Christian book.

"It gives me a good Saturday meal," he said. "When anyone is taking care of social needs it's a good thing."

To join or receive information about other HASO programs or events, contact Ramona Ragin, 910 264-4530.

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of voting districts--are racially based and inhibit the rights and citizenship of African-Americans in North Carolina.

Blue said there are currently 16 Democrats in the state Senate now, and they've identified eight seats that they feel are winnable to give them the majority in the 50-member state Senate come 2016. Because each campaign could cost upward of over \$1 million to fund, the statewide effort is currently underway to make sure that adequate campaign war chests are in place to unseat each Republican incumbent.

Since many African-Americans have now been

redistricted to majority black voting districts, Sen. Blue asked that they use their influence outside of their districts to help elect the eight Democrats needed. "I don't care what color they are...you can tell them that the future of their kids and grandkids depends on what they're willing to do."

"It doesn't matter who the governor is [if we don't have] some real direction where the state is going if we don't change the General Assembly," Blue insisted. "If we pick up four or five more [Democratic] senators, we will have an effect on what direction this state is going in. If we pick up our eight or nine, we will have control."

The challenge for Democrats to retake the state House is no less daunting,

said House Minority Leader Larry Hall (D-Durham). There are currently 45 Democrats in the house, compared to the 74-member Republican majority, so compared to the state Senate, the ground that must be made up to regain Democratic control is considerable. And given how the districts are drawn to protect Republican seats, it's not likely Democrats will take 30 seats or more in the 2016 elections, observers say.

But Rep. Hall told AAC-NCDP members from across the state that even a few House gains can give Democrats more influence on what shape future public policy takes.

"We work, we win," Hall had the audience repeat after him. "Don't let anybody tell you there is no hope." The

Minority Leader reminded that that of all of the Republican-dominated state legislatures across the nation, the NC House was the only one in 2014 to pick up Democratic seats, in this case three.

"So we know what the formula is. We've got to pick up at least four more seats," he said.

Rep. Hall stressed the importance of working at the precinct and county levels to strengthen local organizing to get out the vote. But he also made clear that House Democrats were committed to do their part to help "...move North Carolina forward."

"You've seen what's been happening in the headlines. It's much worse than you know, the graft and corrup-

tion happening in our General Assembly through our [Republican] leadership there..." Hall charged, adding that he believed that wrongdoing was also taking place in Gov. McCrory's office as well.

"It's beyond belief, it's disrespectful to the people of North Carolina, and we will not stand for it," Hall declared, noting that the FBI was already investigating allegations that the governor unduly influenced the extension of a contract a donor had with the prison system. McCrory has denied this.

"We're going to continue to stand and make sure that North Carolinians get a fair shake from their leadership," Rep. Hall vowed. "But everybody in your household should be registered to vote."

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who have good jobs are not given promotions or pay equal to that of their co-workers. There are a few plants in the County that employ and pay well, but our County has stopped bringing in industry and jobs and focuses more on parks. It is time that we begin to think about the thought that, if we had more jobs, we would have less crime. What if we had more schools that are concerned about education? What if the politicians were more genuinely concerned about the welfare of all people and not just winning elections? What if we had less destruction of our societal and family values? We have Whites who get upset when they hear people talk in favor of the Blacks Lives Matter movement, which began as a way of drawing attention to the beatings

and killings of young Blacks by police and others. However, a person with an 8x10 Confederate flag flying from his or her pickup truck creates no disturbance and causes no offense. Don't fool yourselves, Brunswick County! This is allowed to keep happening.

We will have some terrible times ahead because now the troubled minds can buy guns anywhere and carry them on their sides. The people who hate without a cause are free to carry their guns to the parks, churches, stores, or anywhere else they want. This is not good for society. Wake up, Brunswick County! Our enemies are those elected officials who write bills and pass laws which take away our rights as citizens. If the unjust are allowed to stand, the Lord will bring destruction upon us! *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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STUDY: NORTH CAROLINA MOVED POLLS FARTHER FROM BLACK VOTERS IN 2014

[DURHAM] North Carolina's boards of elections relocated about a third of its Early Voting sites for the 2014 election. A new study finds that those changes moved the

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polls a total of 350,000 miles farther away from African American voters' homes, while white voters saw only a 21,000 mile increase.

The study, published today by the data analysis group, Insightus, at insight-us.org, calculated the distance from each of the state's 3.4 million voters' homes to their nearest Early Voting sites, comparing these for 2012 and 2014.

"From one county to the next we saw different kinds of outcomes," explained

Insightus president, Dr. William Busa. But when you add up those changes statewide, African American voters saw a disproportionate increase: 350,000 miles, or about the distance from the Earth to the Moon and half way home again. White voters' increase was less than a tenth of that."

At the individual level, the average black voter's distance-to-poll increase by a quarter of a mile, while the average white's increased by just 26 feet.

Republicans have dominated the state's legislature since 2010, and also hold the governorship. But in national contests North Carolina is more competitive: Obama took the state in 2008 but lost in 2012, and in 2014 Republican Thom Tillis won his U.S. Senate seat from incumbent Democrat Kay Hagan by less than a two-point margin.

Political science researchers have found that increasing distance-to-poll decreases voter turnout by as

much as half a percent for every one-tenth of a mile. Applied to the new study's findings, 18,000 black voters may have been discouraged from making the trip to an Early Voting site by the poll changes in 2014. North Carolina's black voters overwhelmingly favor early voting, and among them Democrats outnumber Republicans by 30-to-1.

The findings come amid battles over North Carolina's new voting law, signed by McCrory after the Supreme

Court's Shelby v. Holder decision. The new law cuts Early Voting days nearly in half, bans out-of-precinct voting and voter registration on election day, and requires voters to present state-issued photo IDs. It is being challenged in federal district court by plaintiffs including the U.S. Dept. of Justice, the League of Women Voters, and the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP.

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PORT CITY WHEELERS' MEMBERS DELIVER BASKET TO PLUM LEWIS.



PORT CITY WHEELERS' MEMBERS DELIVER BASKET TO ODELL WILLIAMS.



PORT CITY WHEELERS' MEMBERS DELIVER BASKET TO MS. JONES.

PHOTOS BY PHYLLIS ALDERMAN

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delivered and baskets to four counties; New

Hanover, Brunswick, Pender and Onslow. Upon returning to the city, the members made a stop at a local nursing home, Azalea Health and Rehabilitation

Center and visited with some of the residents.

The Port City Wheelers wish all family, friends and readers a happy and safe Thanksgiving. We pray

blessings to all as we approach the holiday season.

Current members: Phyllis Alderman, Reggie Hagans, Robert Hansard, Melvin

Jackson, James Jones, Freddie Lamb, David Miller, Johnnie Ray Peterson, Major Rogers, Emerson Sartor, Reggie Simpson, Williams Stevens, Jr.,

Cheryl Walker, Beatrice Williams, Ronnie Williams, Associate Members: Cynthia Hooper, Joe Meares, Doug Mathis and JoAnn Cobb.

Forty Years Later, the 'Tarboro Three' Giving Thanks for Life After Death Row

The Southern Poverty Law Center and its founder, Morris Dees, refused to give up on their freedom

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

(TriceEdneyWire.com)- They were sentenced to die in 1973 for a rape they didn't commit, but found freedom after the Southern Poverty Law Center and its co-founder, Morris Dees, took on the racially charged North Carolina case.

Jesse Walston sounds like many men in their 60s when he speaks.

He talks about life in semi-retirement. He talks about spending time with family and friends. When he speaks about his grandchildren, his voice swells with pride. And when he reflects on life, he speaks with the authority that comes only from life experience.

But what sets him apart from many men his age is what he has experienced.

Four decades ago, Walston and two other men were sentenced to die in North Carolina's gas chamber. The Black men were wrongly convicted of raping a White woman in Tarboro, N. C. Walston and the others - who became known as the "Tarboro Three" - might have remained in prison awaiting their execution had it not been for the Southern Poverty Law Center, which appealed the case and freed them in 1975.

"There's no point in feeling bitter about it," said Walston, 65. "You just have to be happy that things turned out the way they did. I don't hold no grudges or no ill feelings for anybody. I'm just glad that the truth came out."

But it took time for the truth to come out.

Walston and his two friends - Vernon Brown and Bobby Hines - spent two years in prison before they were freed. Convicted of rape in 1973, they remained steadfast in declar-

ing that they had not raped the woman they had given a ride to a popular late-night hangout after spotting her walking alone at night. They even rejected a plea deal that would have spared them the death penalty.

After the story of the Tarboro Three reached SPLC founder Morris Dees, he took the case.

"When I met these men, they were locked up only 30 feet from the gas chamber," Dees said. "I am so proud that the Southern Poverty Law Center was able to free them and give them a second chance at life. I only wish that the racial injustice at the heart of this case was no longer an issue today. Unfortunately, our nation is still grappling with many of the same issues that almost cost the Tarboro Three their lives."

Dees found evidence that wasn't introduced at the trial, winning a new trial. Rather than retry the men, prosecutors agreed to release them from prison if they pleaded "no contest" to reduced charges. They accepted the offer, even though they had earlier refused to plead guilty to rape charges in exchange for a lighter sentence, saying they could not admit to a crime they didn't commit.

"When Morris stepped in we felt a little more relaxed and we knew it was just a matter of time that the truth was going to come out because he let us know that he was going to get to the bottom of it," said Walston, who still remains in contact with Dees today.

Life after the Tarboro Three Once the case ended and the headlines faded, the Tarboro Three had to resume their lives. Walston was reunited with his wife, daughter and 2-year-old son, who was born just before he went to prison. He was even rehired to the job he held before the ordeal.

Today, he's a part-time truck driver and lives in Camp Springs, Maryland, with his wife. A proud father of six adult children and grandfather of 10, Walston exudes a content and grateful demeanor. He speaks about summer vacations in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Virginia Beach, Va., as well as visits with family - time that he clearly savors.

"The whole life after that [case] has been happy," he said.

On Labor Day, Walston visited Brown in Tarboro. The two men's friendship, which began in high school, has endured over time.

"I guess we'll be friends for life," Walston said. The third member of the group, Hines, died in a work-related accident years after the case.

"Looking forward"

As for Brown, he found work shortly after being released from prison. He took a job at a factory that created pressboard for use in furniture and worked there for 31 years. At age 64, this father of three adult children and grandfather of seven now works part-time at a rental car company.

"I'm so grateful for Mr. Morris Dees," he said. "I'm indebted to him for the rest of my life. I'm just glad everything is behind me. I'm just looking forward."

But Brown also admits life is never the same after such an experience.

"I'm never going to forget it," he said. "But I'm doing OK."

Brown still lives in Tarboro, which keeps him near family and friends. He describes himself as a "homebody" - echoing a comment his mother made in a story published by the SPLC four decades ago where she questioned how her son, who "stuck by the house," could have ended up in prison.

There are still people who recognize Brown as a member

of the Tarboro Three today, something that's to be expected in a small town of about 11,000 residents. The younger generation, however, seems unaware, he said. Brown just pushes on with life, possibly finding strength and resolve from the memory of the day he was released.

"It looked like a whole new world," he said of that day. "The air was sweet - everything!"

system doesn't always work equally for everyone.

"I hate that it happens to people ... but I know it can happen," he said of people wrongfully convicted.

Walston offered one piece of advice for someone in a similar situation as the Tarboro Three.

"Never plead guilty to something you're not," he said. "Never."



JESSE WALSTON, VERNON BROWN AND BOBBY HINES

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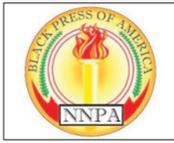
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CHILDWATCH

Time to face ugly truths

(George Curry Media)

On November 14, Georgetown University President John J. DeGioia announced the university will rename two buildings on campus honoring two 19th century Georgetown University presidents: Thomas F. Mulledy, who in 1838 arranged the sale of 272 slaves from Jesuit-owned Maryland plantations and used the profit to pay Georgetown's construction debts, and William McSherry, who sold other Jesuit-owned slaves and was Mulledy's adviser. The sale ignored the objections of some Jesuit leaders who believed using the money to pay off debt was immoral and their demands that families be kept together.

Georgetown's action followed a student sit-in outside President DeGioia's office but it was part of a longer ongoing process examining the university's historical connections to slavery. The renaming was one step recommended by the Working Group on Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation established by the president this school year. Recently, student protesters at Yale University repeated calls to rename its Calhoun College honoring slave-owning vice president and South Carolina U.S. Senator John C. Calhoun, already a subject of campus-wide discussion. For years, the college featured a stained glass window depicting Calhoun with a chained Black slave kneeling in front of him.

After complaints, the slave's image was removed but Calhoun's remains as does his shameful legacy that haunts our nation still. Georgetown and Yale are among the growing number of colleges and universities struggling to come to terms with their historical connections to slave owners, slave labor, and slave profits and the scars they leave on campuses and our nation today. What values do we want to hold up for our young as worthy of honor and emulation?

Brown University in Providence, R.I. was the first Ivy League university to move forward with a large-scale investigation of its history under the leadership of Former President Ruth Simmons. In 2003, she appointed a Committee on Slavery and Justice to learn more about Brown's past ties to slavery and wealthy benefactors involved in the trans-Atlantic slave trade. The Brown family included slave owners and slave traders as well as at least two members who became active abolitionists. The committee learned 30 members of Brown's governing board owned or captained slave ships and slave labor was used for some of the school's construction.

Brown is far from alone. In his groundbreaking 2013 book *Ebony & Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) scholar Craig Steven Wilder documented many of these connections. In the book's prologue he says: "In short, American colleges were not innocent or passive beneficiaries of conquest and colonial slavery . . . The academy never stood apart from American slavery - in fact, it stood beside church and state as the third pillar of a civilization built on bondage."

The nation's oldest colleges depended on direct and indirect wealth from slavery and the slave trade. Slaves helped build many university buildings, including some at Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia. Students sometimes brought slaves to college to serve them, as George Washington's stepson did when he attended King's College in New York City, now Columbia University.

Many university founders and early presidents owned personal slaves, including Dartmouth, Harvard, the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) and more, and some colleges owned slaves.

William and Mary, one of the slave-owning colleges, produced one of the most awful stories Wilder shares - that of founding trustee Rev. Samuel Gray, who "murdered an enslaved child for running away. Rev. Gray struck the boy on the head, drawing blood, and then put a hot iron to the child's flesh. The minister had the boy tied to a tree, and then ordered another slave to whip him. The boy later died. Gray argued that 'such accidents' were inevitable, a position that seems to have succeeded, as a court declined to convict him."

Slave corpses were used in a number of the colleges' medical and scientific experiments. In one of Wilder's examples, Dartmouth College founder Eleazar Wheelock's personal doctor arranged for a slave's skeleton to be wired up for study and his skin tanned at the college shop and made into a cover for his instrument case. Ongoing university "research" throughout the 19th century bolstered many of the race-based claims used to support slavery.

Across our country this ugly and profoundly morally defective past is finally being brought into the light. Brown University's Committee on Slavery and Justice said: "We cannot change the past. But an institution can hold itself accountable for the past, accepting its burdens and responsibilities along with its benefits and privileges."

More universities and institutions must follow Brown's example and engage in a thoughtful process of truth telling of their own and America's history in order to lift the indefensible blot of slavery on America's dream that plagues us still. College students, faculty, and administrators seeking an honest historical accounting on their campuses are to be applauded. Only the truth will make us free and move us forward together.

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James Hankins
Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

Don't believe the holiday hype

The build-up began right after Halloween, when the newspapers got thicker; the advertising inserts longer, and e-mails touting shopping bargains coming more frequently. Buy! Buy! Buy! The exhortations are almost hypnotic. Buy, buy more, and buy even more. Sellers have become far more aggressive in trying to separate consumers from their dollars because they depend on fourth quarter sales to make a profit.

The term "Black Friday" does not refer to Black people, but to the Friday after Thanksgiving when retailers can forecast whether they will end the year "in the black." Consumer confidence is higher than it has been in the past several years, and unemployment is lower. Spending is up. Have consumers shed the cautionary approach they had to holiday spending last year?

Whether you plan to spend or not, don't fall for the holiday

hype. The big box stores will advertise unbelievable bargains, a 58" wide screen TV for \$129, for example. What they won't tell you is that they have five of them. Exactly five. They are hoping that you will get to the store early, stand in line, and when you learn there are no more cheap TV bargains, you'll buy something else. Meanwhile, you and the other fools (yes, fools) who stood in line all day or night will perform for the cameras that record you stampeding through the store, trampling each other, in search of "deals."

Why not, instead, consider the meaning of holidays, holy days? Why not use these last few weeks of the year to do some of the good we neglected to do earlier in the year? Why not show love, regard, respect through words and deeds, and not through stuff? Why feed the great consumer machine that exploits consumers. Walmart, the largest of the mass retailers pays its workers little to nothing, adjusts their hours to avoid offering health care, and fires employees when they protest. They are the easiest to call out, but they aren't the only retailer that touts great prices but offers workers low pay and

benefits.

If there is shopping that should be done (and don't get me wrong - I like to shop as much as the next person does) why not spend your dollars with Black-owned businesses, and also on Small Business Saturday (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). Why not gift your friends (especially children and young adults) with great books. As you contemplate holiday giving, consider Maggie Anderson's *Our Black Year: One Family's Quest to Buy Black in America's Racially Divided Economy*.

Anderson's book is both sobering and empowering. Sobering - it was a chore to buy Black, because Black folks don't own things like gas stations. Empowering - it was important to see how Black business could be strengthened with more patronage. Unfortunately, African Americans spend less than ten percent of our income with Black businesses. While there are "reasons," there are also reasons we should go out of our way to support Black business. Supporting Black business generates jobs in our communities, which means providing opportunities for some of

the young people who desperately need employment.

According to a Gallup consumer survey, Americans plan to spend \$830 on gifts this year, 15 percent more than we spent in 2014, and more than any year since 2007. My snarly tone about holiday hype isn't likely to change hearts, minds, or spending habits. Without snarling, then, my suggestion is to think before you spend, and to let your spending reflect your values. You appreciate small businesses? Shop with them. You care about Black entrepreneurship? Look for Black businesses. If you can't find a bricks and mortar store, shop online.

And whatever you do, don't go galloping down the aisles of a big box store and get featured on the news chasing that elusive bargain. Holidays, our holy days, ought to be our season to be grateful, not our season to spend mindlessly. Just a word from the Grinch!

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BLACKONOMICS

How blind is Black America?

(George Curry Media)

Gil Scott-Heron once asked: "Just how blind will America be? The world is on the edge of its seat; defeat on the horizon, very surprising; that we all can see the plot and claim that we cannot. Just how blind America?"

Today, 40 years later, we ask, "Just how blind will Black America be?" We should be able to see the plot, but many claim they cannot. We are heading down the same political road that got us into our current condition of political impotence and irrelevance. The next election and all of its current hoopla exposes the continuous game being played not only on Black America but on America in general. Any discerning person can see it. Unfortunately, much of our discernment is invested in the lives of "The Housewives of ..." and all the other nonsense many of our people watch religiously.

We are too busy living vicariously through the TV lives of other folks who are paid to carry on a bunch of foolishness, to curse one another out, to threaten one another, and to insult one another. We are

blind to our own demise right now. But when October 2016 rolls around, we will be in a frenzy of registering to vote, albeit uninformed and ill-prepared to face the ensuing four years of the same mistreatment and neglect we have suffered under previous political administrations.

Political candidates said, "Game on!" months ago and the best we are able to muster are a few demonstrations, disruptions, and discussions about whether our lives matter to them. We have asked candidates what they are going to do in response to our plight, but we have not made appropriate and commensurate demands in that regard. In other words, we have a lot of rhetoric, but no substantive reciprocal relationships with any of the candidates.

In all the debates thus far, there was one question pertaining to Black folks. It came from a Black man, CNN's Don Lemon, who selected the ridiculous question from a viewer: "Do Black lives matter or do all lives matter? The question was silly and meaningless; the candidates' response was to ignore the question."

Political candidates know that Black lives did not matter when 2000 Nigerians were slaughtered in the Baga Massacre in Nigeria, which took place the same time as the 12 Charlie Hebdo murders. They know that the 147 students killed at Kenya's Garissa University in April 2015 did not

matter, but the 132 killed in Paris do matter. Want more? They knew that the lives of 985,000 Tutsis in Rwanda did not matter during that massacre in 1994-1995. They know, and we know as well, that Black lives do not matter in "Chiraq" and other cities where we are killing one another. So why ask that dumb question?

Just how blind will Black America be? As we are led down the primrose path by the likes of "pleaders" rather than real leaders, as we buy-in to their sell-out of Black people in exchange for a few crumbs from their master's table, the speed of our headlong plunge to the bottom increases exponentially.

Can't you see, Black America? It matters not who lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue; you have been and are being played. You are being duped with your eyes wide open. Right now many Black folks are arguing about Hillary, Carson, and Trump, as though we have some power to determine our own political destiny rather than one of them being in charge of it.

Here's the point. As Brother Gil Scott-Heron suggested, even though it's obvious that our elected officials will do whatever they want to do, legal or illegal, in our name, we turn a blind eye to it rather than changing the political game and playing to win. If you would listen to The Watergate Blues, The Bicentennial Blues,

The New Deal, and We Beg Your pardon, you will see that 40 years ago Gil Scott-Heron told us what the political deal was; we would not listen then and we are still blind to the realities of political chicanery.

Just how blind will Black America remain, y'all? Our political engagement must be pragmatic; it must be for real, not some childish game where candidates are free to simply ignore us as they seek our so-called "precious" votes.

Our political dilemma has never been the lack of a "Black" president, no more than it was in the 60s and 70s when we thought it was a lack of Black politicians. Our problem was and is our lack of political involvement beyond voting, our failure to build political power based on an economic power base, and our reliance on political symbolism over political substance.

The Watergate Blues poses the question: "How much more evidence do the citizens need; that the election was sabotaged by trickery and greed?"

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TO BE EQUAL

Mizzou and the new campus activism

(George Curry Media)

Those who profess to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are people who want crops without ploughing the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning; they want the ocean without the roar of its many waters. The struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may be both. But it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will." - Frederick Douglass, American abolitionist, Remarks from "West India Emancipation," August 1857

Michael Middleton, the University of Missouri's new interim president faces the challenge of healing wounds that have been decades in the making, since the first African-American students

fought for admission in the 1930s.

As the first Black student to enroll as a freshman and graduate with a law degree, Middleton is uniquely well-suited to tackle the immense task before him. In fact, the students who are reclaiming the mantle of principled and peaceful protest to affect real and necessary change are emulating Middleton himself.

As a Mizzou student in the 1960s, he was one of the founders of the Legion of Black Collegians, a governing body for Black organizations on campus. And the list of demands he and his fellow students presented to the university are virtually the same as the demands presented just a few weeks ago - hire more Black faculty, fund scholarships for Black students, create a Black culture center and start a Black Studies Program.

Middleton helped the university fulfill some of those demands - he was a member of the committee that hired Arvarh Strickland, who became the first Black tenured professor at Missouri and the Black Culture Center

was created the year after he graduated. But even today, only 3 percent of Mizzou's faculty is African American.

If our nation's college campuses are a microcosm of the realities and inequities to be found in our larger society, it should come as no surprise that as our nation grapples with the lingering injustice of racism throughout so many of our institutions, college students are using their First Amendment right to protest racial injustice, and become a modern-day model for confronting and dealing with racism in America.

The university's African-American students endured decades of racially-charged slights. No matter how persistently charges of racism or demands for change were brought to the university's attention, the answer was always the same: inaction.

In 2010, cotton balls were scattered outside a Black student cultural center. Two White students were expelled, but the university engaged in no broader conversation or initiatives to address racial tensions on campus.

In September, the president of the Missouri Students Association, a young Black man, charged that racial slurs were hurled at him as he walked near campus. On October 5, members of the Legion of Black Collegians were called the n-word while they were rehearsing for homecoming festivities. And only three weeks later, a swastika made of human feces was smeared on the wall of a university residence hall.

These alarming incidents of should have awakened the slumbering administration. Instead, students - who had had enough of the university's lethargy in the face of repeated racist attacks - protested, caught the attention of the nation, and began to realize their crusade for change.

Weeks of student and faculty-led protests - including a hunger strike by a graduate student and the announcement of a sit out by the university's football team until the president either resigned or

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Terrorism is a 'Black Issue'

(George Curry Media)

It was disturbing to listen to some people calling in Friday during my weekly radio segment on Keeping it Real with Rev. Al Sharpton who displayed only a passing interest in the issue of world terrorism or failed to realize how international violence should be a major concern to people of color, especially African Americans.

Of course, there were callers who were on top of the issue and I commend them. But I want to address the narrow-minded, knee-jerk reaction that somehow violence committed on foreign soil is not a "Black issue" or shouldn't be a priority.

Even if one subscribed to such nonsense in the past, that should have been eradicated last Friday with the attack on guests at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Bamako, the capital city of the West African country of Mali.

An al Qaeda-affiliated group took credit for the attack that left at least 27 people dead, including five gunmen. At least 170 were taken as hostages in the dramatic early morning assault.

Mali was once one of three African empires that controlled the trans-Saharan trade of salt, slaves, gold, and other precious commodities.

I don't know how you get any "blacker" than that.

Although we seem to have conveniently forgotten about them, it wasn't that long ago that a social media campaign was organized around the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls. Several hundred school-age girls were kidnapped in April 2014 near the town of Chibok that garnered international attention. Some escaped after being abducted, but 219 are still believed to be missing.

In August, nearly 300 girls not part of the original schoolgirl kidnappings by Boko Haram were rescued by Nigerian troops in the northeastern Sambis Forest. It is not known how many others are being held by Boko Haram.

Although Nigeria is the largest staging ground, terrorism is no stranger elsewhere on the continent.

On Aug. 7, 1998, in what is commonly referred to as the East African Embassy bombings, U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania were struck. According to the State Department, 224 persons - including 12 Americans, 32 Kenyans and eight Tanzanians - were killed and more than 4,000 others were injured in the truck bomb attacks.

One of my friends, Edith Bartley, an African American, lost her father, U.S. Consul General Julian Bartley, Sr., and Julian, Jr., her younger brother and only sibling, who was working a summer job, in the Nairobi bombing.

My Black Parisian friends, who confront some of the same discrimination challenges African Americans face in the U.S., aren't exempt from terrorist attacks in France or anywhere else they travel.

Although Paris has captured international headlines and sympathy following the Nov. 13 terrorist attacks on four different locations there, including the Bataclan Theater, that resulted in the deaths of 130 people and injuries to 368 others, terrorism in Africa isn't receiving anywhere near the attention it deserves.

According to a report issued last Wednesday by the Institute of Economics & Peace, "Also notable over the past year is the major intensification of the terrorist threat in Nigeria. The country witnessed the largest increase in terrorist deaths ever recorded by any country, increasing by over 300 per cent to 7,512 fatalities. Boko Haram, which operates mainly in Nigeria, has become the most deadly terrorist group in the world. Boko Haram pledged its allegiance to ISIL (also known as the Islamic State) as the Islamic State's West Africa Province (ISWAP) in March 2015."

For the first time, Boko Haram has overtaken ISIL as the group that caused the most terrorism deaths.

"Deaths attributed to Boko Haram increased by 317 per cent in 2014 to 6,644. ISIL was responsible for 6,073 terrorist deaths," the report stated.

It explained, "Terrorism remains highly concentrated with most of the activity occurring in just five countries - Iraq, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Syria. These countries accounted for 78 per cent of the lives lost in 2014."

But terrorism is spreading, with the number of countries experiencing at least 500 terrorism-related deaths increasing from five to 11, a 120 percent increase over the previous year. Of the six new countries with 500 or more terrorism deaths each year, four of them are in Africa - Somalia, Central African Republic, South Sudan and Cameroon, according to the report titled, "Global Terrorism Index: 2015."

And some say terrorism isn't a Black issue? In terms of loss of life, the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. were by far the largest, claiming 2,296 lives, including the 19 terrorists, and property and infrastructure damage exceeding \$10 billion.

Many Blacks, including 12 African American firefighters, lost their lives that day. However, many have been ignored in the numerous services commemorating 9/11. Media columnist Richard Prince pointed out that Time magazine, for example, published 64 pages of photos of 9/11 victims, none of whom were identifiable as Black.

Whether the media identifies them are not, Blacks, like Whites, are frequent victims of terrorist attacks.

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was removed - culminated in the ouster of two top university officials. Within hours of each other, the university's president, Timothy Wolfe, and its chancellor, R. Bowen Loftin, stepped down from their posts.

With the high-profile resignations came new initiatives to address race relations on campus, including hiring a diversity, inclusion and equity officer and requiring the diversity and inclusion training for all faculty, staff members and incoming students. There are other pressing needs, other demands and requests, such as hiring more faculty of color; but what is most important is that finally the plight of students of color on campus have been recognized and the wheels of justice are beginning to turn. The story of the students

of Mizzou is far from over. Their protests have emboldened students on a host of campuses, including Yale and George-town to challenge administrators to address inequities and racism. Demonstrations by students at Georgetown led to the university renaming two buildings originally named after slaveholders.

This is a new generation of activism and activists. We may not agree with every principle, demand, or every tactic, but we should embrace and appreciate the important civic lesson our students are teaching us: if you were under the impression that peaceful and persistent protest cannot make a difference or affect real change, let this new generation of campus activists disabuse you of that idea.

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RAINBOW COALITION

University of Missouri football team picks up hammer of justice

(George Curry Media)

Paul Robeson. Muhammad Ali. Bill Russell. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Jim Brown. Curt Flood. Hank Aaron. The "Black 14" at the University of Wyoming. The St. Louis Rams. Michael Sam. Tommy Smith and John Carlos, black-gloved fists in the air.

LeBron James and Derrick Rose, wearing "I Can't Breathe" T-shirts.

These are only a few of the most visible African American athletes who risked their positions, their high status in our culture, their endorsements and their high salaries in the cause of civil rights and equal justice.

Not all the athletes that championed fair play were African American, of course. Roberto Clemente comes to mind immediately. Bill Walton spoke out against the Vietnam War. Billie Jean King stood up for women's equality in sports. Brooklyn Dodgers captain Pee Wee Reese stood by Jackie Robinson on the ball field, making it clear that the

color line had been crossed for good.

Now, the University of Missouri football team has shown us what real "Tigers" do when it's time to pick up the hammer of justice.

These African American players stood by the student protesters and hunger striker Jonathan Butler. Interestingly, their White teammates and their White coach, Gary Pinkel, then joined the cause. And change came to the campus.

The students and the athletes showed that they had studied Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the lessons of the Civil Rights Movement. They were disciplined, nonviolent, focused - and they used their leverage to demand a role in their own educations.

Strategically, they chose a moment to act when they had leverage over a million dollars in potential TV revenues. It was smart organizing, and it worked. As the old saying goes, rabbit hunting is a lot less fun when the rabbit has a gun.

In this case, of course, the "gun" was nonviolent protest against racial injustice.

African-American athletes showed their clout.

A sleeping giant awoke. Today's colleges spend a lot of time recruiting African

American athletes but much less time recruiting young African American scholars. No expense is spared to develop a young halfback, but fewer and fewer Pell Grants are available to support young chemists. Good athletes are awarded scholarships (unless they get hurt), while their universities reap millions in tickets sales and revenue from jerseys and sports bling.

Athletic departments are supposed to be appendages of universities, but it often appears that the reverse is true. African American players are empowered on the field, but much less so in the classroom.

Think about college basketball. The entire sports world focuses on "March Madness," when integrated teams from all over the nation compete for sports glory. But what about "May Sadness," when graduation time comes, and many athletes are left behind and left out.

Meanwhile, good minority students - and many, many good White students - struggle to pay excessive tuition and fees, too often ending up buried under massive loans that will burden them for decades.

On Saturday afternoons, those of us who are sports fans choose to root for our teams based on uniform color rather

than skin color. This was not always so. It's a change in American culture that deserves celebration.

And it teaches us a lesson for the rest of society, because young African Americans can compete and excel when the playing field is level, when the rules are public, when the goals are transparent, when the referees are fair.

Our sports playing fields are level, and our teams are diverse, multicultural, multiracial and successful. Our societal playing fields are not so level, are less diverse, and the rewards are less evenly shared. College campuses are good places to learn this lesson and to begin to discuss how to do better.

We have learned to survive apart as individuals; but in the globalized 21st century - where most people are Yellow, Brown, Black, non-Christian, poor, female, young and don't speak English - we need to learn how to live together to prosper.

The Missouri student/athlete protests just taught us a lesson in nonviolent change. We should learn from it.

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'Safe space' is for white people

(George Curry Media)

Dear Black College Students:

There's much I admire about the purpose of the demonstrations and protests you and your allies among other students and faculty have waged to awaken some colleges and universities to the significant racial problems undermining the sense of community on your campuses.

But I have to say there's one general demand I'd advise you to put aside - the demand for "safe space."

Not because it isn't a legitimate sentiment. Of course, the search for a place of psychological comfort and physical safety is a fundamental human impulse. I say drop it because the intractable reality in America is that "safe space" is for White people.

I'm sure you know that by now you couldn't have gotten to college without being aware of this awful American tradition.

You know that the British colonial settlement and then the new "United States" were created as a safe space for Whites only. Over time, Whites decimated the First Nations' peoples and forced them farther and farther west in order to grab increasing chunks of

land for White governmental and private ownership.

You know the purpose of the trans-Atlantic slave trade was to establish an enormously lucrative and psychologically satisfying safe space - Negro Slavery - for the White majority to validate its fantasies of individual and racial superiority. It's no coincidence that the blackface minstrelsy that some Whites resort to today originated in the era when Whites were scratching for all sorts of reasons to justify their inhumanity.

Ever inventive, after the Civil War, the White majority created de jure and de facto systems of discrimination to establish new versions of racial safe space fit for the industrial age. This allowed WASPs and the floodtide of White-ethnic immigrants to implement during the next century a division of the resources of the burgeoning American society that left Americans of color at the bottom of the ladder of social and economic mobility.

The result was an America full of safe spaces for Whites: segregated urban neighborhoods and schools; segregated suburbs; de jure segregated White colleges and universities in the South, de facto ones in the North; segregated trade unions and professional associations, and all sorts of jobs reserved for Whites, from those in police and fire departments to those in civil service and corporate bureaucracies. Even those two mythic pillars of American society - the military

and major league baseball - were ferociously guarded safe spaces for Whites until after World War II.

As I say, I know you understand this. As one who went to college in the wake of the Civil Rights Movement's great legislative victories in the 1960s, I'm well aware of the initial shock one feels at discovering how much remains to be done on the racial- and social-justice front. I'm also aware that many Whites who denigrate your demand for safe-space do so from the safe spaces of their near- or lily-White neighborhoods, workplaces and social networks. They tell you to "look away" from racist insults, or, worse, to try to, in effect, prove your humanity to people who want to hurt you. That's something they never have to do because the society remains firmly structured to protect their safe-spaces.

Yours? Not so much. Not when police racial profiling remains widespread and police routinely brutalize Blacks and Hispanics for supposedly violating the most trivial traffic infractions. Not when the Supreme Court has - once again - sanctioned the racist movement to deprive Black Americans (and others who tend to vote for the Democratic Party) of their right to vote. Not when the impeccably-ivied educational credentials of both the first Black president and first lady of the United States and the first Latina Supreme Court Justice are denigrated by so-called respectable Whites.

Nonetheless, I say, take note

New Hanover County

City of Wilmington Holiday Events

Tree Lighting in Historic Downtown Wilmington. The public is invited to attend a tree lighting on Friday, November 27th downtown at the corner of Water and Princess Streets. The event is presented by City of Wilmington and the Downtown Business Alliance (DBA). Holiday entertainment will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the lighting of the tree at approximately 6:25 p.m. Santa will arrive shortly thereafter and will be available for children to visit with him at no cost. Families are encouraged to bring their cameras for photo opportunity with Santa. Parking is available on the street and in the downtown parking decks. For more information, visit www.wilmingtonnc.gov or call 910-254-0907.

Community Briefs

Tree Lighting & Movie @ Greenfield Park. Thursday, December 3rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. Greenfield Park - 1940 Amphitheater Drive. This is collaborative event between the City of Wilmington and Greenfield Lake Collaborative.

- 6:45 p.m. Elf Costume Contest Prizes for all ages
- 7:00 p.m. MOVIE - ELF (at Hugh Morton Amphitheater @ Greenfield Park)
All events are FREE!

For more information, call 343.3614 or visit www.wilmington-recreation.com

Holiday Parade

The annual Wilmington Holiday Parade will take place on Sunday, December 6th at 4:55 p.m. in Historic Downtown Wilmington. The parade begins at N. Front St. and Walnut St. and travels south on Front ending at Church St.

Narconon reminds families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or Prescription-abuse.org. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754.

The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men-and their partners-who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

There still may be Black people living in some places of the United State who will never be members of the NAACP. There is a possibility that these are people in the community with very little education. Some of our history, including, but not limited to slavery, has never published, but there are past memories of hard work in rice and cotton fields with loved ones, some of whom have passed on and were never recorded in the family



Verniece Stanley

history. The runaway slaves used the Underground Railroad to escape slavery and live a better life. Slaves were the property of the master and had no rights of their own. They could be beaten repeatedly by the White master or overseer. They could even be hanged from a tree with a rope tied around his neck. Many slaves found various ways to seek their freedom.

Today, we are trying to increase the membership of the NAACP, and we are trying to maintain the voting rights of our people. The NAACP is built on a religious foundation and recognizes that these are changing times. In fact, many people think we are living in the last days, that we

are near the end of time. All kinds of disasters, earthquakes, floods, etc. These are beyond our control. They are occurring throughout the land, and they can happen in Brunswick County also.

The NAACP is still trying in every way to combat racism such as, it seems, has occurred frequently at the mostly White flagship campus of the University of Missouri. This is where the entire football team threatened not to play another game until the president resigned his. President Tim Wolfe has now officially resigned. This was a lesson for us in unity and solidarity. This is what our people need to understand and replicate. Now is the time for us to fight

for our rights, and we can win the battle.

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Brunswick County to begin accepting LIEAP applications December 1

Bolivia, NC – Brunswick County will begin accepting applications for LIEAP, the annual energy assistance program, from adults who are more than 60 years old or disabled on December 1.

The LIEAP, or Low Income Energy Assistance Program, provides a one-time annual vendor payment to help eligible families offset winter heating expenses. The household's total countable income for the base period must be equal to or less than 130 percent of the

current poverty level, and the household's total resources must be \$2,250 or less.

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accepted Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Beginning Monday, January 4, anyone who meets those financial requirements can apply for the funds, regardless of age or disability. At that time, applications will be taken in person at Building D Solarium (side of the Cafeteria building), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Applications will be taken until March 31, or until all funds are exhausted. For additional information, please call 910-253-2422.

Leland Area Rotary Club feeds the hungry for Thanksgiving

Leland Area Rotary provided 30 individual \$50 Thanksgiving cooked meals vouchers from Piggly Wiggly to Lincoln Elementary. The meals included a 10-12 lb turkey and sides of the meal for the family. We want to thank the Leland Rotary Club members and community supporters along with Piggly Wiggly for helping to make this happen. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

The Leland Area Rotary Club was chartered in early 2010 and serves northern Brunswick County, N.C. Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide

who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The Rotary club meets 7:30 AM with the exception of the first Thursday of the month at The Holiday Inn Express, Leland, and is nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races and creeds. For more information about the Leland Area Rotary Club, visit <http://www.lelandarearotary.com>.



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LELAND AREA ROTARY CLUB MEMBER(C) PRESENTING THANKSGIVING VOUCHERS TO LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kelly stationed in Sicily

Teachey native Dalter Patric Kelly, affectionately known as Delta, daughter of Vernelle and Ralph Boney, granddaughter of Mattie Crumpler and Melissa Boney is now stationed in Sicily, Italy.

Kelly was born in Kenansville, North Carolina. She graduated from Wallace Rose Hill High School, June 1989 and attended North Carolina Central University before joining the Navy in 1997. She did her Navy Recruit Training in Great Lakes, Illinois, followed by her Yeoman "A" School in Meridian, Mississippi.

She has attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer. After graduating from Wallace Rose

Hill High School Delta completed two years of college credits at NC Central University and currently enrolled in Kaplan University.

She began her career in the Navy on March 25, 1997. She is the recipient of various personal awards including Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards) Good Conduct Medal (6 awards) and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Her motto is one borrowed from Bob Marley "The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."



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CHIEF PETTY OFFICER KELLY

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Mr. Mayes Griffin

Mr. Mayes Griffin was born on February 6, 1926. He was the baby boy of 14 children, born to the late Walter and Martha Mayes Griffin. Mayes Griffin memorial service was held Thursday, November 19, 2015 at New Kelly's Chapel AME Church in Wilmington, NC.

At an early age, Mayes confessed Christ as his Savior. He joined Macedonia AME Church in Union, SC where he sang on the choir.

In 1942, he moved to Wilmington, NC to live with his sister. He later married Ida Mae Woodbury in 1946. Through their union there were six children.

Mayes was a hardworking, loving, dedicated father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He always had a moment in history to share even up to the end of his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ida Mae, his sons, Sammy, Reginald, and Frank; along with all his siblings.

On November 13, 2015, God called him from this earthly realm. Left to cherish his memory are his children: Leola Allen (Alfonsa), Eugene Griffin (Theresa), Mary Williams (Leon), Phyllis Smith, Andra Jones (Evette), Cathy Nelson, Whitney Jones (Maryann), Koketha Gardner, Cynthia Jackson, two special nieces Rita Rhodes and Yvonne Knowles, and a host of family and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Reverend Debra Benbow "Debbie"

Reverend Debra Benbow "Debbie" was born September 14, 1958 in Wilmington, NC. She was a jewel of a child and the firstborn for her mother, Melvenia Benbow Gibbs. Debbie held a very special place with her grandparents, Charlie and Caroline Benbow; to them, the sun would rise and set on their first born grandchild. They nurtured her and took her to Sunday Worship Service every week while her mother made provisions for them.

Debra received her formal education in the New Hanover County School System. She graduated from New Hanover High School and went on to matriculate at Bennett College in Greensboro, NC. Debra graduated Magna Cum Laude and entered the Master's of Psychotherapy Program at Florida State University.

Debra became stricken with Lupus and relocated back to Wilmington, NC. She rejoined her home church of St. Phillip AME Church to be with family and friends. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of twenty-six years old. She served in numerous capacities at St. Phillip, supporting several Pastoral Administrations. She preached her initial sermon in April of 1995 under the very capable leadership of Pastor William

Stewart. In May of 1998 she was ordained an Itinerant Deacon and was sent to supply Murph Chapel AME Church. In June of 2000, Rev. Debra Benbow was ordained an Itinerant Elder and received the official appointment to Murph Chapel AME Church. As her health declined, Debra requested and received Annuated Status with the North Carolina Conference and returned back to her home church of St. Phillip AME, where she continued to labour in the vineyard until her health failed.

On Sunday morning, November 8, 2015, Debra took flight and moved from labour to reward. She leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Alonso Gibbs; six sisters, Terry Wise of Wilmington NC, Alvenia Parson (James A. Parson) of Newport News, VA, Sherry L. Dendy (Thomas Dendy) of Greenville, SC, Shenita Josey (Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Josey) of Rockville MD, Meryle Leonard (Brad Leonard) of Mooresville NC, and Quessie Jones of Wilmington NC; one brother, Todd R. Wise of Atlanta GA; nieces and nephews, Nikki Wise, Marcus A. Clark, Keona Foye, Antonio Dillard, Antuane' Josey, Montrel Clark, Duane' Josey, Courtney Parson, Jasmine Parson, Derrick Parson, Tanya Clark, Avery Todd, Jay Leonard, Amir Clark, Amari Clark, and Carter Foye; special aunt, Ernestine Lewis; three special friends, Angela Foye, Dorothy Stewart, and Jean Brinson; many other relatives and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

James Edward Williams "Chessie"

James Edward Williams "Chessie", 74 died Friday, November 13th at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 18th at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Coastal Carolina veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneral-home.net.

James Edward Williams, affectionately known as "Chessie" was born on December 28, 1942 to the late James B. Williams and the late Evelena Campbell in Wilmington, NC. He departed this life with a smile and surrounded by his family on November 13, 2015 at 12:25 a.m. at New Hanover Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

James was reared in Wilmington and attended the New Hanover County Public Schools, graduating in the Williston High school Class of 1963. In 1968 he joined the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division and served his country honorably.

On June 11, 1977, after a long courtship, he married Ruth Nelson and they shared many happy years together. In his final days and hours, when he needed her most, he took his last breath peacefully, with his wife by his side.

Chessie dedicated his heart

to the Lord in October 2015. The last scripture read to him in his final hours was Ezekiel 37:1-5.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: His wife, Ruth Nelson Williams; his daughter, Kimberly Renee Williams, "His Boo" of Oakland, California; one grandson, Brian Keith Williams (Courtney); three great grandchildren, Ajane, Nevaeh, and Amaya; three sisters, Hattie Nixon, Evelena L. Jones (Charles), and Dorothy Montgomery (Torrence) of Wilmington; one brother, Claude H. Williams of Wilmington; four sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; one uncle, Dr. Joseph Campbell (Dorothy); two devoted nieces, Cassandra Nixon and Michelle Nixon; a host of other nieces, nephews, and cousins. He had many friends, but two who were "Friends for Life" - childhood until his final days, Bobby Johnson and Butch Howard. Special thanks to a special friend and caregiver, Suzanne Payne, and the staff of New Hanover Regional Medical Center. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Lois Eloise Caraway Samuel

Lois Eloise Caraway Samuel, 74, died Friday, November 13th at Davis Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 18th at First Baptist Missionary Church, Wilmington. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneral-home.net

Lois Eloise Caraway Samuel was born on February 2, 1941 in Hartsville, South Carolina to Theo Caraway and Corrine Harris Caraway. She passed away peacefully on November 13, 2015 at Davis Health Care Center in Wilmington, North Carolina due to complications from Alzheimer's Disease, with which she was afflicted for over 16 years.

Lois received her primary and secondary education in Durham, NC, graduating from Hillside High School. Lois was the first in her family to attend college; earning her nursing degree from the Winston-Salem State University Katie B. Reynolds School of Nursing. Early in her career, she worked as a Registered Nurse and Dietitian in the Duke University Medical System. However, the majority of her career in nursing was spent as a Registered Nurse in Wilmington, NC at several medical facilities including Community Hospital, New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, Davis Health Care Center, as well as in the field of private duty nursing.

Lois married Ronald Samuel of Wilmington, NC on November 22, 1967, and from their union, they had one daughter, April Ronnel Samuel Perry. Lois was a very loving and involved wife and mother.

A member of First Baptist Missionary Church in Wilmington, Lois served in a variety of ways, including as a

member of the Senior Choir and as a co-leader of the church's Girl Scout troop.

In addition, Lois volunteered with the Cape Fear Rape Crisis Center; now a part of Coastal Horizons Center; and at Elderhaus, an adult daycare for seniors.

A voracious reader, Lois' hobbies also included gardening and walking. To her surprise and delight, she found enjoyment working in the local film industry, appearing as an extra on a number of Matlock episodes, as well as in other locally filmed productions.

Lois is survived by: her husband, Ronald Samuel of Wilmington, NC; her daughter, April Perry and husband, Efreem of Woodstock, MD; grandsons, Efreem Perry, Jr., Elijah Perry, and Joshua Perry of Woodstock, MD; brothers, James Caraway and Charles Caraway; sister, Peggy Caraway; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Card of Thanks



The family of the Debra Cromartie Addison would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all that showed love during their time of sorrow. Maybe you said a prayer, came by, sent a card, food, phone call, or showed acts of kindness. We are forever thankful and may God bless each and everyone of you. She has her wings now and will forever watch over us.

The Cromartie Family

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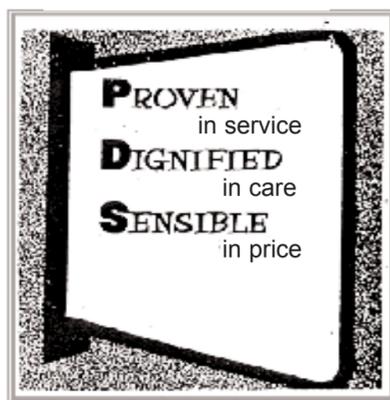
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New Hanover County

Chords Across America, 1020 Rankin St., will hold a platform service, "Fruits of the Spirit" on Saturday, November 28th at 3:00 p.m.



Gregory Men's Fellowship will hold a special event with Madafo on Friday, November 27th from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ, 609 Nun St. Madafo will introduce "Know Thyself", a mentoring program for young males ages 6 - 14 of African American descent. Contact Walt Grainger at 910-769-3276 for information or to reserve a spot.

Religious Briefs

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries will hold a free Christmas giveaway on Saturday, December 12th from 8:00 a.m. until at Everybody's Supermarket, 1022 Greenfield St. Please contact Elder Utrillia Bryant at hesdoingit@yahoo.com or 910-508-6861.

Wilmington College of Theology will hold a city wide fellowship service on Sunday, November 29th at 4:00 p.m. at International Embassy of Holiness, Inc., 76 Darlington Ave. The guest speaker will be Dr. Vernice Dingle. For more information contact 910-4431-7714.

Bladen County

The twenty-eighth (28th) annual parade honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held in Elizabethtown, North Carolina on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Martin Luther King Day celebrates the life and accomplishment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MLK promoted Civil Rights through nonviolent civil disobedience. He is perhaps best known for his "I have a dream..." speech in 1963. He was assassinated in 1968. Martin Luther King, Jr. day became a federally recognized holiday in 1983. The first year this holiday was observed was 1986, and not by all states. In 2000 it became a nationally observed holiday in all states. Martin Luther King Jr. Day takes place on the third Monday of January each year. Everyone but not limited to civic and religious organizations, bands, step-teams, antique vehicles and farm equipment, queens etc. are invited to participate. The public can send requests to participate in the parade to abullock001@ec.rr.com. There is no fee involved. Individuals, groups or organizations that want a float should call (910) 645-4995 for float information. The line-up starts 9:00 a.m. at 805 West Broad Street, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

Brunswick County

New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, 88 Snowfield Rd., will hold their 41st Annual Harvest Festival Banquet on Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Sister Nikita Webb James. The junior choir under the direction of Elder Devonia Harrison will perform.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

What does the future hold?

My Fellow Seniors:

A few days ago I read an article in the *Star News* that said more people had returned to Mexico last year, than had entered the United States illegally. So I guess Mr. Trump will stop talking about building a wall to keep them out. I always thought the wall was a bad idea, but at the same time I was concerned about the number of people coming here and taking jobs

Ruth Johnson



that American people needed. Since the illegal residents had no social security cards that had to be willing to work under the table. Which means they were saving money for the employers, while leaving many Americans unemployed. I call that robbing the poor and giving to the rich. But there was no easy solution, I never wanted to speak against the Mexican people, but surely we don't walk into another person's house without knocking. And we always wait for permission to enter. But the people crossing the border illegally seem to have no respect whatsoever for American laws. Were they that desperate or was this just an adventure?

Anyway, crossing the border in such large numbers was not good for the economy. The American people had a lot to lose. But now that so many have decided to return to their own country we can breathe a little easier. I hope this will mean more jobs for our people, who have never known any other country. I feel like the reason so many Mexicans went back home is because the American economy was going down. But now that we are doing better, will they be coming back? Or will they be content to stay in their own country?

But for large numbers to invade another country just as an adventure is very disrespectful. When there is no danger, anyone can learn to live off the land. So why did they invade America in such large numbers? A better question would be what does the future hold? Now that the American economy is bouncing back, will we once again have millions of people coming into the country illegally? Whatever they decide to do, the real question is how do we respond? Now is the time to think about it.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A Thanksgiving Praise"

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:10

As we come together with family and friends to celebrate the time honored holiday of Thanksgiving, before we carve the turkey, toss the salad, eat the greens, and serve the cobbler...let us remember to offer unto the Lord our God, a Thanksgiving Praise! Praise never takes a holiday, because everyday is a day of thanksgiving!



Sylvia Hooper

always good and proper to give praise unto the Lord. As a matter of fact, Saints of God understand the purpose and power of praise. The purpose of praise is to exalt the name of the Lord. Psalm 34:3, says "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Praise brings us into the presence of the Lord. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalm 11:4 "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." Psalm 22:3 Praise reminds us of God's greatness. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3 "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?"

The power of praise can lift us up out of despair, despondency, and depression. When we stop and give God praise, we focus on Truth, rather than facts. Facts say you may be broke, but Truth says, "Our God shall supply all our need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Facts, may say you have a bad report from the doctor, but whose report are you going to believe? Facts say you are sick, but Truth, says, "with his stripes you are healed!" The facts may determine that you need a miracle. Truth reminds you that, "With God all things are possible." David the psalmist said in Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times; HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH."

undignified praise. He praised God in the dance until he felt better! He didn't care who saw him praising the Lord. He was so full of thanksgiving! Like our brother, David, let's keep the high praises of God in our mouth, before, during, and after this holiday season. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee." Psalm 67:5 Prayer: Dear Lord, touch my heart, so that I can give you praise every day of my life, because everyday is a day of thanksgiving! And you are so worthy! In Jesus'Name Amen. Happy Thanksgiving! Tell Somebody!

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

The power of praise can edify the Believer. The more we bless the Lord, the more he blesses us. This is important to know because, there will be times when we do not feel like giving God praise. Our praise should not be predicated on a feeling, because feelings change. Hebrews 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." The economy is down, unemployment is up, and sickness has no respect of person. Nevertheless, when we assume an attitude of gratitude, praise will pick us up every time! Praise is what we do, even when we are going through.

This praise warrior had a made up mind, and a double determination to give God praise in whatever state he found himself in. When he declared that he would bless the Lord at all times, it was because he trusted the Lord at all times. The words of his testimony showed great confidence in the Lord's ability to deliver him out of any and every situation. He even said, "Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me..." Psalm 23. He had so much faith in God's ability to deliver him, he offered God praise in advance. On at least one occasion, he gave God an

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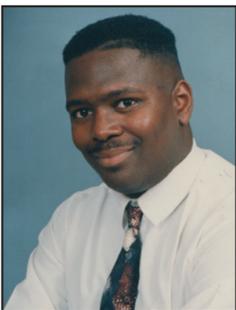
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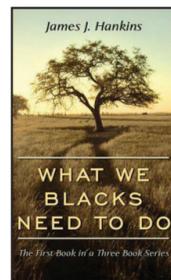
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September 5, 1930-
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Willie Brinkley, Sr.
October 7, 1928-
November 9, 2014

I saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: "This is God's dwelling among His people. He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people and He shall be their God Who is always with them. He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said to me, "See, I make all things new." For those who have been faithful. O Lord, life is not ended, but merely changed; and when this earthly abode dissolves an eternal dwelling place awaits them in heaven.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF HATTIE TERRY**

The undersigned having qualified as Executrix of the **Hattie Terry**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **17th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 9th of November, 2015.

Geneva P. Clark, Executrix
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Yawanda Felicia Doe** late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.
This 12th of November, 2015

Yvonne Doe, Administratrix
2912 Spaulding Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2015

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

The undersigned, **Laurie I. Jacobs**, having qualified on the 12th day of October, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate of Patti M. Torp, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at **GRAVES MAY PLLC**, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **1st day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 21st of October, 2015.

Laurie L. Jacobs, Administrator
ESTATE OF PATTI M. TORP, JR.
David Anderson, Esq.
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

Having qualified as of the Estate of **James Andrew Kosicki**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 12th of November, 2015

Phyllis Reynolds Kosicki, Executrix
7808 Marymount Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28411

November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Louise Mary Parisi** late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.
This 5th of November, 2015

John M. Parisi, Executor
260 Sumac Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313

November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Judith Elizabeth Williams** late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 26th of November, 2015

Alfonso Williams, Executor
5012 Crosswinds Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 15 JA 268-273**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
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(H/F - dob: 09/10/2005)
J. A.
(H/M - dob: 04/20/2004)
T. A.
(H/F - dob: 04/10/2003)
L. A.
(H/M - dob: 12/20/2001)**

**TO: RESPONDENT -
MOTHER: SUSAN SMITH
ALVARADO
RESPONDENT-FATHER:
CARLO ALVARADO**

TAKE NOTICE that a JUVENILE PETITION was filed by the New Hanover County Department of Social Services on October 23, 2015, alleging the above-captioned Juveniles to be NEGLECTED Juveniles within the meaning of the statute.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the District Court of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina, in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief is as follows:

Adjudication/Disposition of the above-captioned Juveniles as neglected Juveniles.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than **December 30, 2015**, said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so, said Juveniles will be adjudicated neglected Juveniles.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT the Adjudication/Disposition Hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, JANUARY 14, 2016**, at 9:30 a.m., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

Attorney Christine Farrell has been provisionally appointed to represent Respondent-Mother and may be contacted at: 2802 Market Street, Wilmington, NC, 28403, (910)763-1100, cfarrell@mulliganepstein.com.

Attorney Margaret Jennings has been appointed to represent Respondent-Father and may be contacted at: 1501 S 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401, (910)762-0850, mjennings@ec.rr.com.

This the 18th day of November, 2015.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615
(910) 798-3772 * fax

November 19, 26, December 3, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Lydia Bailey Hines**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of November, 2015

Stephen C. Harper, Executor of the Estate of Lydia Bailey Hines
1408 Old Lamplighter Way
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Teresa Koska Gausman**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of November, 2015

Atlanta Marie Carrera, Executrix of the Estate of Teresa Koska Gausman
6750 Gordon Road
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
File No. 15 JT 277**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
E.T.M. (DOB: 09-24-2015)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHERS OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE 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 children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following November 19, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 14, 2015, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 16th day of November, 2015.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel.#: 910-795-0230
Fax #: 910-401-1485

November 19, 26, December 3, 2015

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Elizabeth Helen Duncan**, late of 4610 Holly Tree Road, Apt. 217, Wilmington, 28409, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **12th day of February, 2016**, 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 9 day of November, 2015.

James H. Duncan, Jr.
Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Helen Duncan
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS PA
509 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix-Ancillary of the Estate of **Judith Carolyn Pomeroy** late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 19th of November, 2015

Jean Pomeroy Monroe,
Administratrix-Ancillary
4100 Fern Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Henry Timothy Woodberry** late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 26th of November, 2015

Timothy VaShaun Woodberry,
Administrator
750 Oneida Dr.
Forestdale, AL 35214

November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2015

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November 26, December 3, 2015

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **James Allen Bryant, Jr.**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of February, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 26th of November, 2015

Lester Bryant, Executor
201 Barrow St.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DUPLIN COUNTY
In the District Court
File No. 15CV02224**

**Wade Hankins, Jr., Plaintiff
vs.
Patrinia Hankins, Defendant**

To: Patrinia Hankins
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: Absolute Divorce

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 26th day of November, 2015

Wade Hankins, Jr.
PO Box 728
Norlina, NC 27563

November 26, December 3, 10, 2015

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ENTERTAINMENT

**Reel-ality
TV Talk
By
Marquesa
LaDawn**



First, let's welcome Ms. Facts of Life legend herself, Kim Fields to the Real Housewives of Atlanta. First impression: Part of her appeal is watching how she interacts with the ladies.

Her first taste of relating with the RHOA divas was Kenya Moore. Kenya stopped by and re-introduced herself and asked Kim to become an executive producer on her project. Her face said, heck no! It seems they are familiar with each other from having worked with Tyler Perry. I loved how Kenya put herself in the same category as Kim, in terms of TV legends. Kim gave her look that communicated: Really?

Later in the show, we met Kim's beautiful family. It was interesting to see the simplicity of her life. Looking forward to getting to know the "real person" - bring it Kim!

Back to the RHOA divas, of course the season had to kick off with fireworks between the ladies, this time it was Sheree and Kenya. Yes, instigated by Kenya. I liked how Phaedra called Kenya out in a nice way. So much so Kenya had to leave the party early, with the pie on her face and all. She's not the only one a bit embarrassed. Peter has issues, too. He's mad, defensive and stupid, all rolled into one. I fear he's pushing Cynthia to her breaking point. They teased Cynthia and told Peter maybe it's time for us to shut this union down. Uumm!

Speaking of not-so-harmonized unions, Phaedra and Kandi finally spoke. Kandi shared how she felt so hurt by Phaedra's negative talk and so much more. Phaedra shared how she needed Kandi to be more supportive along with hubby Todd. But Todd is proud to be buddy-buddy with Apollo, in part because of bad business with Phaedra; Kandi shared that concern. It appears that Phaedra is looking to make peace and so is Kandi. But what made the scene extra spicy was Kandi's assistant sharing how Phaedra is not capable of being a real friend to Kandi and he broke it down. Wow!

That wasn't the only "wow" moment. Porsha, oh so young and at times naive, called herself introducing her new love to her friends and family. With her new love of a couple of months, she practically proposed and he was sweating bullets. I can't help but think she felt a bit envious of the news that her younger sister is pregnant before she is. Porsha is the star of the family and needed to steal the spotlight back. The only problem is that she should have discussed her intentions with her new man, who really seems uncomfortable. According to news reports, they didn't last. Oh love, is so unpredictable. Yet, I appreciate the spirit of staying in the game!

This season is off to a great start...

- The "who will build their home faster" battle between Kenya and Sheree is fun to watch;
- Phaedra and Kandi friendship struggle is like watching a movie, not sure of what happens next;
- Cynthia and Peter's marriage struggles are heartbreaking but organic and raw;
- Porsha is trying so hard to find a lover with whom she can start a family, which is nail-biting and interesting;
- Kim Fields trying to find her place in the RHOA world. Well, I'm watchin' you girl. Can't wait to see what will happen next and (drum roll, please)
- Nene telling anyone who will listen that she's on her way back to RHOA, which is kinda funny and confusing. She actually told the ladies on The View that she felt ganged up on, although that's her trademark.

Quick update: I had to stop watching Dancing with the Stars after my girl Tamar Braxton left. It's not interesting to me. But I'm impressed with how her health issues are of concern to everyone. She's building a celebrity brand in a short period of time. You go girl!

Marquesa LaDawn is a professional businesswoman who escapes the pressures of living in New York City by retreating into the real world of reality TV. Follow me on twitter @realityshowgirl and subscribe to her podcast at www.Realitytv Girl.com. George Curry Media Columnist.

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