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DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
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Today, as I write this article, I have just come back from an interview with Lamar McDowell and Marie Holmes. I feel like both of them have been given a bad deal. I find that about half of what has been said about Ms. Holmes is untrue and part of what has been directed toward her comes from jealous feelings or opinions.

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

# ECSU RESIGNATION STUNS

BY CASH MICHAELS  
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As of Dec. 31st, Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones is no longer the chancellor of Elizabeth City State University.

It is the position the mathematician and systems engineer proudly held at the 125 year-old HBCU in northeastern North Carolina for just 14 months, when she made history becoming the institution's first female leader.

"Together we are embarking on something just shy of phenomenal," Dr. Jones said after taking over.

But then suddenly, and inexplicably, on Dec. 21st, 2015, it was reported that Jones had "informed" UNC System President Tom Ross of her decision to step down.

"It was a stunning announcement, and still is," opined the Dec. 27th edito-

rial of *The Daily Advance* in Elizabeth City. "Jones, who began work at ECSU in October 2014 and was just inaugurated as the campus's 10th chief executive in September, was to all public appearances doing a good job of helping the university recover after years of poor management that had led to financial and enrollment struggles."

HBCU Digest, an online publication covering historically black colleges and universities, in a Dec. 23rd article titled, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year to Destroy Elizabeth City State," stated bluntly, "Make no mistake - the resignation of Chancellor Stacey Franklin Jones was a forced dismissal."

It added that Dr. Jones "...was forced



FORMER ECSU CHANCELLOR STACEY FRANKLIN JONES AND FORMER UNC SYSTEM PRES. THOMAS ROSS

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## Wilmington Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi supports schools & families for the holidays



MEMBERS OF WILMINGTON ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI DELIVER THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR D.C. VIRGO FAMILIES.

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MEMBERS OF WILMINGTON ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI DELIVER THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR WILLISTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES.



MEMBERS OF WILMINGTON ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI DELIVER THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR A SHOP FOR FAMILIES.

BY DARYL PORTER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Members of the Wilmington Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi worked with the staffs at all three downtown schools to ensure that 15 families, five each from Gregory, Williston, and D.C. Virgo, received a turkey and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving meal. The chapter extended its efforts this year, having only worked with one school and adopting fewer families in the past. To further support families in the community, the chapter completed its Christmas outreach Wednesday 12.16. Partnering with the aforementioned schools again, each school identified one family whom received a donation of \$250.00 for Christmas.

Mr. Ronald Villines, principal at Williston shared, "The baskets are truly appreciated by Williston; this kindness is what the fraternity was

founded on. Mr. David Pena, Social Worker at Williston, further explained the circumstances of some of the families impacted by our outreach. He reiterated that the benefits from outreach like this can be seen in the classroom as well. "School Social Worker, Stacy Constantinou, said, "Gregory staff and families are so grateful for these generous offerings, the Kappa brotherhood's donations during the holiday season warmed the hearts of the recipients and provided them with food and gifts that may not have otherwise been available." Likewise at DC Virgo, Assistant Principal Sabrina Hill-Black and Social Worker Ms. Carol Robbins expressed much gratitude for the Kappas continued support in the community!

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc was founded in 1911 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. The Wilmington Alumni Chapter was founded in 1949. The local chapter is focused on making positive impact in the community, and their efforts this holiday season has done just that.



While pushing the case Monday for why he must issue Executive Orders closing the loopholes on gun show background checks, President Obama sheds a tear.

## President Obama begins final year with plea for gun control

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY  
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President Barack Obama, citing the thousands of people who are killed each year by guns, gave a tearful address before the nation on Tuesday, pleading for Congress to pass "common sense" gun control legislation and announcement his use of executive orders to make progress.

"Every single year, more than 30,000 Americans have their lives cut short by guns - 30,000. Suicides. Domestic violence. Gang shootings. Accidents. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have lost brothers and sisters, or buried their own children. Many have had to learn to live with a disability, or learned to live without the love of their life," Obama said in the East Room, surrounded by hundreds of victims of gun violence or supporters of gun control.

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## Goals of "It's our time, it's our vote"

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was announced on Dec. 1st, the sixtieth anniversary of the day civil rights icon Rosa Parks refuse to sit in the back of a Montgomery, Ala. bus. And it is with that spirit, says NC NAACP President Rev. William Barber, that the "It's Our Time, It's Vote" campaign will move forward in 2016 registering record numbers of North Carolinians to vote, and mobilizing them to

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## OOPS! CORRECTION

In our Dec. 31, 2015 edition, in a  
story titled "2015 ENDS WITH  
MORE POLICE INJUSTICE,"  
we erroneously reported that  
"2000 white teenagers..." had  
rioted at the Mall St. Matthew  
in Louisville, Ky on the  
evening of Dec. 26, 2015. How-  
ever, subsequent local report-  
ing and video footage from the  
area has proven that black  
teenagers were involved. We  
regret the error.

## BRUNSWICK

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People, if I don't do things  
like you want me to, remem-  
ber that we are two different  
people. If she spends her  
money to bail Lamar out of  
jail, remember that it's her  
money. This doesn't make  
her a bad person, Let's not  
judge her, She just has  
enough money to keep the  
unjust system on their game.

Lamar has all kinds of  
charges on him, and it seems  
that there is wrong on every  
corner, but we cannot believe  
everything we see and hear  
on TV or read in some news-  
papers. We are always made  
out to be the worst of society.  
I want you to remember  
when the ones who enforce  
the law begin to make the  
law, there is no law. We are  
too quick to judge our people  
when we hear charges made  
against them. We have been  
programmed to think the  
worst, no matter what is or is  
not. We have been program-  
med to be jealous and  
envious of each other. Don't  
jump to conclusions without  
proof. We all make mistakes!!  
Bernest L. Hewett is  
President of the Brunswick  
County Branch of NAACP.

## ECSU

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to resign due to issues with  
falling enrollment and its  
financial aid division," but a  
recent state audit would con-  
tradict some of that specula-  
tion.

Indeed, when she was first  
appointed, UNC System Pres.  
Ross, who also stepped down  
from his post at the end of 2015,  
first said of Jones, "Over a  
career that spans three  
decades, she has proven herself  
to be a strategic thinker who is  
engaged, resourceful, innova-  
tive and accessible. At this piv-  
otal point in its history, I  
believe she has the right mix of  
skills, expertise and passion  
needed to guide Elizabeth City  
State University toward future  
success."

Apparently something  
occurred that either convinced  
Dr. Jones that her future was  
no longer at ECSU, or forced  
UNC System administrators to  
change their view that she was  
the right leader for the school.  
The answer may lie in the  
tawdry mix of politics that has  
infused itself in the 32-member  
all-Republican UNC Board of  
Governors; the demands of the  
GOP leadership in the state  
Legislature who once seriously  
considered shutting ECSU  
down; and the troubled history  
of a struggling historically  
black university in an economi-  
cally impoverished region of  
the state.

Add to that mix Stacey  
Franklin Jones' own controver-  
sial history in academia, and  
the ultimate answer for her re-  
signation could any combina-  
tion of the aforementioned.

The popular meme thus far  
as to why Jones resigned is that  
she was given no choice when  
she resisted attempts by those  
in the UNC System administra-  
tion to dictate the direction of  
the school she was appointed to  
lead, a direction that already  
seemed to be chosen once her  
interim successor took office  
Monday.

If there is one thing clear  
about Stacey Franklin Jones,  
it's that she took her ability to  
independently chart a course  
for the future, based on her

vision, very seriously.

There is no question, based  
on published reports and dis-  
cussions with ECSU alums and  
others, that the institution has  
gone through rough periods  
with enrollment dropping by  
over 50 percent in the past five  
years (from 3307 in 2010, to 1867  
currently) since UNC System-  
wide minimum admission  
standards were raised. Tuition  
revenues and state appropria-  
tions dropped by nearly \$10 mil-  
lion; uninvestigated campus  
sexual assaults mounted; and  
even the purpose of school's  
mission was questioned.

ECSU has a proud history,  
since its establishment by the  
NC General Assembly in  
March 1891, as being a training  
facility for African-American  
educators. From 1891 to 1937,  
it experienced tremendous  
growth, becoming a four-year  
teachers college at one point. In  
1969, after broadening its edu-  
cational curriculum, the school  
was formally named "Elizabeth  
City State University," becom-  
ing a constituent institution of  
the UNC System in 1972.

Today it offers a wide variety  
of baccalaureate programs in  
business, arts and humanities,  
education and criminology,  
among other disciplines.

Ironically, one of the reasons  
why Tom Ross chose Dr. Jones  
to head up ECSU was because,  
"[She] brings to the role of  
chancellor a rare blend of lead-  
ership experience in higher  
education, industry and gov-  
ernment, as well as a practical  
understanding of how to guide  
institutions through serious  
challenges, whether academic  
or financial in nature."

At 53, Jones certainly came  
to ECSU with an impressive  
academic and professional  
record.

She was a summa cum laude  
graduate of Howard University  
in Washington, D.C., and held  
master's degrees in numerical  
science and technical manage-  
ment from Johns Hopkins  
University and a Ph.D. in com-  
puter science from George  
Washington University. She  
then spent several years in the  
private sector.

Jones was a management  
and technology consultant just  
before taking the ECSU

appointment. She had also  
served on the faculty at Johns  
Hopkins University in  
Baltimore and Benedict  
College in Columbia, SC. Prior  
to that in 2010, Jones was  
appointed provost and vice  
president for academic affairs  
at Bowie State University.

But when she took office as  
ECSU chancellor in Sept. 2014,  
some questioned the appoint-  
ment.

An article titled, "North  
Carolina Chancellor Choice  
Sparks Controversy: UNC  
Chancellor Choice is Asking  
for Trouble," written by Jay  
Schalin for See Thru Edu, the  
online publication of the Texas  
Public Policy Foundation,  
blasted the UNC Board of  
Governors for hiring Jones in  
spite of her two controversial  
tenures at both Benedict  
College and Bowie State.

As a dean of the School of  
Science, Technology, Engineer-  
ing and Mathematics at  
Benedict during the mid-2000's,  
Jones fired two professors who  
refused to implement the  
school's "Success Equals  
Effort" policy, which based stu-  
dent grades more on effort than  
actual classroom results.

"By firing [the two profes-  
sors], Jones committed an egre-  
gious offense against academic  
freedom and integrity, but the  
real problem is that her con-  
duct exhibited an utter lack of  
judgment and ethical stand-  
ards," wrote Schalin for See  
Thru Edu.

She left Benedict College in  
2009.

In November 2010, Jones left  
her position under fire, at  
Bowie State University after  
just four months as provost and  
Vice President of Academic  
Affairs. The Faculty Senate  
charged that she "did not  
include [them] in important  
decisions" like reorganizing  
staff assignments, and gave  
her; and the school's president,  
a vote of no confidence. The  
Faculty Association head told  
the Washington Examiner that  
Jones resigned because "...the  
faculty would no longer work  
with her."

"UNC System officials  
picked Jones because, not in  
spite of, her record of short  
executive stays punctuated by

infighting with faculty and  
staff, along with a startling lack  
of acuity for higher education  
management," HBCU Digest  
opined.

So how was Jones' tenure at  
ECSU shaping up?

A recent state audit of the  
school's fiscal standing as of  
June 30, 2015 showed no evi-  
dence of financial mismanage-  
ment, and despite a decrease in  
state appropriations, a \$4.5 mil-  
lion budget cut had helped to  
steer the school towards profi-  
tability again. State lawmak-  
ers had just approved \$3 mil-  
lion to help stabilize the school  
in the short-term.

The crime rate was down,  
student recruitment was being  
better managed, and campus  
efficiencies were reportedly on  
the upswing.

Jones had also been promot-  
ing ECSU as on track to being  
"the state's premier interdis-  
ciplinary science university by  
2020," and hoped to have 23 new  
degree programs approved by  
the governing boards.

According to State Rep.  
Robert Steinburg [R-Chowan],  
Jones, who he felt was doing a  
good job, had to make some dif-  
ficult decisions that "didn't  
make her popular with every-  
one," he told *The Daily  
Advance*. "We're all painfully  
familiar with the mess that she  
inherited."

Two ECSU alums - Inez  
Eason of Wilmington and  
Eddie Davis of Durham, both  
said while many have been dis-  
cussing Chancellor Jones' situ-  
ation, and many had expressed  
concerns about some of the  
changes Jones was instituting,  
they were in a wait-and-see  
mode since she was still new to  
the Viking community.

Members of the ECSU Board  
of Trustees claim that they  
were as broadsided by Jones'  
sudden departure as everyone  
else, and insisted that if there  
was pressure for her to leave,  
it came from the UNC System  
board, not them.

Thomas Conway, formerly  
chief of staff at Fayetteville  
State University and one of the  
finalists for ECSU chancellor  
in 2014 when Dr. Jones was ul-  
timately selected, was immedi-  
ately chosen to become the  
interim chancellor as of

January 1st. Published reports  
indicated that the UNC Board  
of Governors is actually pre-  
pared to select Conway as the  
permanent chancellor at their  
next board meeting on Friday,  
January 22nd at NC A&T  
University.

Conway told *The Daily  
Advance* that one of ECSU's  
priorities now is to grow.  
Apparently a plan was already  
in the works, with Conway's  
blessing, that East Carolina  
University, along with NC A&T  
University, UNC-Charlotte,  
Fayetteville State University  
and NC State University, will  
work with ECSU to help the  
HBCU "build greater capacity  
throughout ECSU's student  
support and operational units."

"There was even discussion  
[during the 2014] legislative ses-  
sion of turning ECSU into a  
branch campus of East  
Carolina University rather  
than continuing as an inde-  
pendent institution with its  
own administration," See Thru  
Edu reported Sept. 12th, 2014.

Indeed, there are indications  
that there will be a stronger  
effort to recruit more white stu-  
dents to ECSU, as has happened  
at other historically black UNC  
campuses like Fayetteville  
State University and North  
Carolina State University. More  
whites means a greater, more  
consistent revenue stream,  
some observers say, since many  
black students, unfortunately,  
cannot meet the upgraded sys-  
tem academic requirements, or  
student loan restrictions.

The UNC Board of  
Governors, with both the  
appointment of Interim  
Chancellor Conway and the  
multi-campus plan to assist in  
operations, have now made it  
known since the departure of  
Chancellor Jones that, "Eliza-  
beth City State University is an  
important and essential insti-  
tution to the University of  
North Carolina System."

There are some in the ECSU  
Viking community who do not  
like the sound of that, and are  
concerned that it could be the  
precursor for ECSU to be  
merged with another UNC  
System campus, or dramati-  
cally changed into something  
much different than its HBCU  
tradition.

## OBAMA

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"A number of those people  
are here today. They can tell  
you some stories. In this room  
right here, there are a lot of  
stories. There's a lot of heartache.  
There's a lot of resilience,  
there's a lot of strength, but  
there's also a lot of pain. And  
this is just a small sample."

In a nutshell, the following  
are some of the president's pro-  
posals:

- Mandatory background  
checks by gun sellers or they  
will suffer criminal penalties.
- The funding 200 new  
Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
agents and investigators to  
help enforce our gun laws.
- An allocation of \$500 mil-  
lion for the increase of mental  
health treatment and mandato-  
ry reporting to the background  
check system.
- Shape the future of gun  
safety technology through  
research by the Departments of  
Defense, Justice, and  
Homeland Security.

Obama's stance drew imme-  
diate applause from civil rights  
leaders who daily endure the  
pain of community violence.

"The year is less than a week  
old, and already more than 120  
people have been killed by  
guns. Gun violence has out-  
paced automobile accidents as  
a leading cause of death," said  
National Urban League  
President Marc Morial.

"Gun violence is undeniably  
one of the worst public health  
crises in American history, yet  
our elected leaders have been  
woefully unresponsive. It's  
hard to imagine such inaction  
in the face of any other plague  
responsible for such death and  
devastation," he said.

Dr. Stephanie Myers, nation-  
al co-chair for Black Women for  
Positive Change, called  
Obama's stance courageous.

"President Obama's commit-  
ment to stand up to gun lobbies  
and gun show owners is his-  
toric and brave. Expanded  
background checks of gun pur-  
chasers at gun shows, over the  
Internet and wherever guns  
are sold should help to block  
the ability of gangs, criminals  
and other offenders to obtain  
dangerous weapons. Keeping  
guns out of the wrong hands

should result in reduced street  
violence," said Myers, whose  
organization has long champi-  
oned the cause of non-violence.

The National Action  
Network's Rev. Al Sharpton  
also said the proposals could  
reduce street crime. "Our  
community is disproportionately  
ravaged by gun violence  
and the President's executive  
action today is an important  
step towards taking these  
deadly weapons off our  
streets. From tragic mass  
killings in Charleston, Sandy  
Hook and San Bernardino to  
the everyday carnage in inner  
cities, we clearly cannot allow  
this violent trend to contin-  
ue," Sharpton said in a state-  
ment.

The 40-minute speech out-  
lined the specifics of his pro-  
posed gun measures, including  
a refutation by Republicans  
claiming his executive orders  
would violate the  
Constitution's Second  
Amendment right to bear  
arms.

"No matter how many times  
people try to twist my words  
around - I taught constitutional  
law, I know a little about this,"  
he said to applause. "But I also  
believe that we can find ways  
to reduce gun violence consistent  
with the Second Amendment."

He continued, "We all believe  
in the First Amendment, the  
guarantee of free speech, but  
we accept that you can't yell  
'fire' in a theater. We under-  
stand there are some con-  
straints on our freedom in  
order to protect innocent peo-  
ple. We cherish our right to pri-  
vacy, but we accept that you  
have to go through metal detec-  
tors before being allowed to  
board a plane. It's not because  
people like doing that, but we  
understand that that's part of  
the price of living in a civilized  
society."

The President paused and  
wiped away tears as he recalled  
the Sandy Hook Elementary  
School tragedy of Dec. 21, 2014.  
That's the day that 20-year-old  
mentally ill Adam Lanza shot  
and killed 20 first grade chil-  
dren and six adults, including  
his mother.

The President had been  
introduced by Mark Barden,  
whose son Daniel was killed in  
the Sandy Hook massacre.  
"Every time I think about those

kids, it gets me mad," Obama  
said as he wiped away tears.  
"And by the way, it happens in  
Chicago every day."

The weight of the issue and  
the public messaging issued  
from the White House before  
and after the speech indicates  
that gun control may be  
another legacy for Obama. So  
far, it has mainly been health  
care, which has stood against  
every court test so far. Republi-  
cans have vowed to  
challenge Obama's executive  
orders and GOP presidential  
candidates say they will  
repeat them if they win the  
White House.

Republican House Speaker  
Paul Ryan of Wisconsin im-  
mediately tweeted his opposi-  
tion: "No matter what President

Obama says, his word does not  
trump the Second  
Amendment."

Republican National Com-  
mittee Chairman Reince  
Priebus chimed in with a  
stinging statement, "The  
recent tragedies that have  
gripped our country are heart-  
breaking, but none of the uni-  
lateral restrictions President  
Obama is proposing would  
have prevented them, making  
his proposal all the more  
insulting and political."

On the other hand,  
Democratic Presidential  
Candidate Hillary Clinton  
applauded the president, tweet-  
ing, "Thank you, @POTUS, for  
taking a crucial step forward  
on gun violence. Our next presi-  
dent has to build on that

progress-not rip it away."

Despite opposition from a  
majority Republican House  
and Senate, Obama will likely  
reinforce his points on gun  
laws during his final state of  
the Union message Jan. 12,  
with hopes that Congress will  
at least visit the measures.

"Yes, it will be hard, and it  
won't happen overnight," he  
said. "It won't happen during  
this Congress. It won't happen  
during my presidency. But a  
lot of things don't happen  
overnight. A woman's right to  
vote didn't happen overnight.  
The liberation of African-  
Americans didn't happen  
overnight. LGBT rights - that  
was decades' worth of work.  
So just because it's hard, that's  
no excuse not to try."



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 [RALEIGH] On Saturday, January 9, 2016, at 1 p.m., State Senator Erica Smith-Ingram will administer an oath of office to the newly elected officers of the African American Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party. The location of the event is Goodwin House, which is the NC Democratic



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Party HQ, 220 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC.

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS APPROVES MARCH 15 PRIMARY SLATE**  
 [RALEIGH] The State Board of Elections Tuesday approved 27 candidates who will appear on the March 15th primary ballot. That will include 12 Republican candidates for president, and four Democratic presidential candidates - Hillary Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley, and a Los Angeles resident who garnered 10,000

petition signatures to qualify, Rocky De La Fuente.

**GOVERNOR, SUPPORTERS KICK OFF BOND REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN**  
 [RALEIGH] Gov. Pat McCrory and other state leaders kicked off the Connect North Carolina \$2 billion bond referendum campaign this week, urging broad-based support for passage in investing in improving public building infrastructure at colleges, universities and other state government buildings. McCrory

promised that there would be no tax increases because of the bonds. North Carolina Central University reportedly would get a new business school with passage of the bonds.

**GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RUBIO IN RALEIGH ON SATURDAY**  
 [RALEIGH] Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, currently running third in the Republican race for the White House, is scheduled to speak in Raleigh on Saturday at the NC State Fairgrounds. The event at the Holshouser

Building starts at 4:30 p.m., doors open at 4 p.m., and is free. Attendees must register for tickets. Rubio hopes to be among the GOP candidates running in the March 15th North Carolina primaries.

**SON OF NC CHIEF JUSTICE CHARGED WITH MARIJUANA POSSESSION**  
 [RALEIGH] The 17-year-old son of NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin has been charged by the Wake County Sheriff's Office with possessing a small

quantity marijuana, in addition to paraphernalia. Mark Nathaniel Martin was charged on Dec. 27th, and is expected in court on Jan. 15th. Young Martin was also charged with marijuana possession last February, along with assault on a government official. Those charges are pending. Chief Justice Mark Martin has served on the state Supreme Court since 1998. Gov. McCrory elevated him to chief justice in 2014.

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**NC NAACP**

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the polls.

The campaign, led by the NC NAACP and the Forward Together Movement, has been underway now for just over a month. A few weeks ago, black newspapers represented by the NC Black Publishers Association and the National Newspaper Publishers Association joined forces with the NAACP in North Carolina in the major 2016 voter mobilization effort, and to promote the upcoming 10th Annual Moral March on Raleigh/HK on J People's Assembly on Saturday, Feb. 13th in Raleigh.

More than 80,000 people from across the state and nation participated last year.

Rev. Barber says there are over 180 coalition partners representing from civil and economic to environmental and educational rights advocacy involved in the nonpartisan campaign. The NC Council of Churches has also joined forces in the GOTV (get out to vote) effort. Leaders in North Carolina's Hispanic community are also members of the coalition.

Per the NC NAACP, over 120 adult, youth and college branches statewide are involved, and the overall training for the campaign is being conducted by the state civil rights organization and Democracy North Carolina, a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy advocacy group.

"Our goal is long-term, issue-based voter registration, voter education, voter mobilization, and voter protection," said Rev. Barber.

The "It's Our Time..." campaign is just one prong of the NC NAACP's voting rights battle. Ever since the NC Legislature passed the 2013 Voter ID law that effectively rolled back previous voting rights expansions, the NC NAACP and its partners have gone to state and federal courts to challenge its constitutionality.

"We have called for an injunction against the implementation of the voter ID [law], because even though we have won a lot of concessions from the state, and forced them to change the original [law] that they had through our protests and legal action, it is still quite confusing...misinformation has gone out into the community..." Rev. Barber says.

"We're still headed to court because of the constitutionality of the law itself, because we already know from the Texas case that Voter ID on its face is unconstitutional. The courts have pretty much said that."

Rev. Barber also indicted that the NC NAACP will be appealing the 2011 redistricting case after the NC Supreme Court in December upheld the skewed voting districts the Republicans in the NC General Assembly created that "stacked and packed" black voters into limited districts so that they could dominate close races with white Democrats.

The NC NAACP is also waiting on the ruling from the federal judge in Winston-Salem involving same-day registration/early voting, heard last July Same day registration and early voting are still in effect until that ruling because the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals issued an injunction maintaining it.

Meanwhile, Jan. 25th is when the NC NAACP will be back in court to argue the unconstitutionality of voter photo identification. Last June, state lawmakers softened the requirement of using only a government-issued photo ID while voting, realizing that they could lose in court.

Per grassroots organization, Rev. Barber says there will be a mass "Souls to the Polls" campaign, though not necessarily on Sundays since not all counties will have Sunday early voting this year: There will be a mass media campaign, intensive training for NAACP branch members, faith leaders and other members of the coalition.

"Our goal, in coalition, is to raise at a minimum of ten percent of the 281,000 unregistered black population of North Carolina," Rev. Barber said, adding that that's in addition to a broader target of voter registration beyond the African-American community. The effort has also set a goal with the denominational leadership - inclusive of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish faiths - of having 3,000 faith communities to work with the "Souls to the

Polls" program, which would include registering particular denominations, doing religious studies and preaching around the theme of civic engagement that is nonpartisan and issue-based.

In anticipation of a lot of Election Day confusion at the polls, there will also be GOTV and voter protection training in all parts of the state for 1500 grassroots leaders in 90 counties, Rev. Barber says, beginning this month. There will be monitors at the polls to legal procedures are adhered to.

The will be more Moral Monday demonstrations on the road, going into counties where many of the extreme legislators come from. Rev. Barber says many of the citizens in these districts reject the repressive policies of the Legislature, and the NCNAACP has been able to start new, predominantly-white chapters in these areas.

A large number of young

people will be hired this summer for the "Freedom Summer Fellowship Program," where the work of Freedom Summer 1964 will not only be remembered, but reenacted.

Several hundred thousand robo-calls to voters will be made before the general election of 2016, and fifty Moral Marches to the polls will be held before both the March 15th primaries and the Nov. 4th general election.

Rev. Barber said the upcoming 10th Annual Moral March on Raleigh/HK on J People's Assembly on Saturday, Feb. 13th in Raleigh will also promote the theme, "It's Our Time, It's Our Vote."

"It's going to be livestreamed across the state and nation. We will have people who have been impacted by repressive policies [to stop the vote]," Rev. Barber said, adding that the uncle of Andrew Goodman, one of the three 1960's civil rights workers killed by the Ku Klux Klan in

Mississippi, will be a special marshal at the march.

After the march, Rev. Barber says they will take the campaign on the road across the state, and a 2016 voter guide will also be released, focusing on where the candidates have taken stands on the issues. Local branches and coalition partners will hold town halls to help better educate their communities on what the key issues are.

"Health care is on the ballot; public education is on the ballot; environmental justice, living wages and collective bargaining are all also on the ballot," Rev. Barber said. "Black lives are on the ballot. We see this election not just in ter



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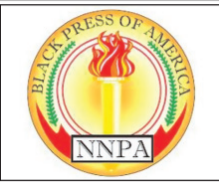
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## Our Voice

### CHILDWATCH

## Will America pass the test of morality in 2016?

(George Curry Media)

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality. . . . I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, December 10, 1964

The start of this New Year finds America at an inflection point as wars and terrorism abroad are echoed in violence, suspicion, and fear at home. How will we meet the moment? Hundreds of organizations and individuals have signed on to the urgent message of the campaign We Are Better Than This: "We grieve the many lives that have been lost or painfully transformed in recent weeks through extreme acts of violence. And we are appalled by the surge of divisive rhetoric that sows the seeds of more violence to come. A dangerous tide of hatred, violence, and suspicion is rising in America - whether aimed at Arab and Muslim Americans, women and the places we seek health care, Black people, immigrants and refugees, or people just going about their daily lives. This tide is made more dangerous by easy access to guns. When has hate ever led to progress? Is this really what we want America to be? We are better than this."



Marian W. Edelman

nearly 7 a day, 48 a week.

More than 15.5 million children are poor and children are the poorest age group in America - the world's largest economy. And the younger children are, the poorer they are. Children of color, already the majority of our youngest children, will be the majority of our children in 2020. Millions of them lack their basic needs for enough food, decent housing, health care and quality early childhood supports during their years of greatest brain development. And more than six decades after Brown v. Board of Education, a majority of children of color are still waiting for a fair and equal chance to learn.

A majority of all fourth and eighth grade public school students and more than 80 percent of Black and 73 percent of Hispanic students in these grades cannot read or compute at grade level and face dim futures as a jobless landscape looms. They also lack assurance that their lives matter and are at great risk of being sucked into a prison pipeline.

Those of us who remember McCarthyism see familiar signs in the hateful rhetoric and hatred aimed at Muslims, refugees, and immigrants. Even children report being bullied and attacked and hearing hateful words. And the pervasive and relentless threat of violence and terror continues to attack and frighten children and adults from Syria to Paris to California and in our cities and rural areas.

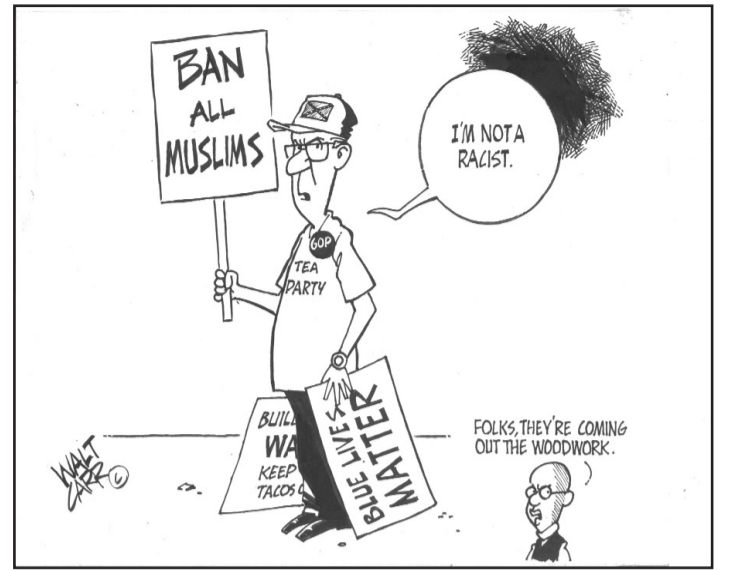
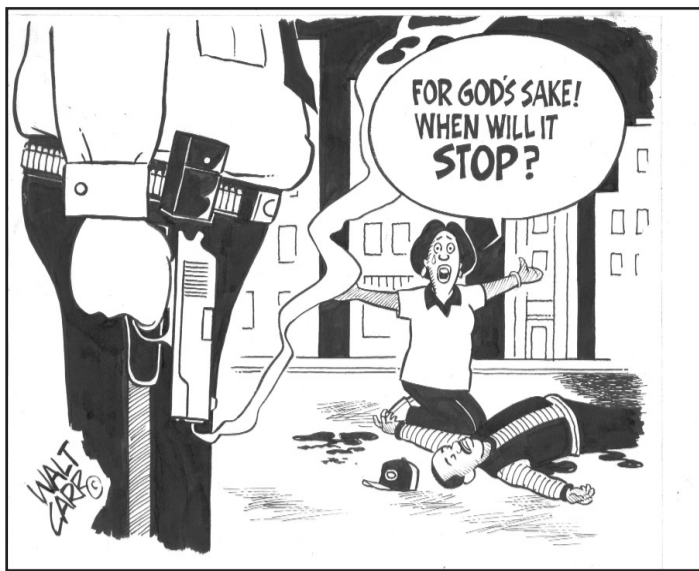
There is another way. Again, Dr. King's words lead us through a world that often can feel suffocated by "starless midnight" to belief in a new day. He warned us that excessive materialism, militarism, racism, and poverty could be America's undoing but that it was up to us to act and combat these evils.

In his Nobel Prize acceptance speech, Dr. King also told us he had "the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits." And he said: "Civilization and violence are antithetical concepts. . . . Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace, and thereby transform this pending cosmic elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. If this is to be achieved, man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

Let's hear and decide that this is the voice we will follow into this New Year. And let us pray and act for an end to preventable poverty and violence in our nation beginning with our children.

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

## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion

### WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

## "Oligarchy Vs Pontifex"

#### THE PROBLEMS:

The oligarchical form of government is we, a small number of people, make the rules to benefit us, so you keep your mouth shut, smile, bow and just follow us "aunt and uncle". The following politicians,



James Hankins

individuals, groups, policy and laws are designed to hold progressive people down and keep us in our place. Their goal is to return to the type of total control they had during the "good" old days in the land of cotton.

- Three strikes and you go to prison for life except for white collar crime.
- No increase in minimum wages, unemployment compensation or health care.
- Elimination of the earned-income tax credit for poor and added tax cuts for the rich.
- Cut teachers and assistants jobs and the amount of money spent per child.
- Completion of their

takeover of the North Carolina University system.

•Support off-shore drilling, hydraulic fracking and the National Rifle Association.

•Their quid pro quo players-Charles, David Koch and our "home boy" Art Pope.

•Their big three victories - gerrymandering, gentrification and voter suppression.

•The well-paid leaders are Governor Pat McCrory, Senator Richard Burr and the extreme conservative majority in the North Carolina General Assembly.

•Extreme conservative icon and political commentator, Ann Coulter, said Governor Pat McCrory would be a great vice presidential running mate for Donald Trump because they share the same position on immigration and other issues. "Birds of a feather, flock together".

NOTE # Pope Francis, the new leader of the Catholic church, with his travels to many countries and message of peace, love and cooperation is respected by most of the people in the world. The twitter handle he chose is "pontifex" which is defined as a bridge builder. He is building bridges with all races, colors, creeds and countries.

#### THE SOLUTIONS:

The following people, groups and actions can also be described as a "pontifex" / bridge builder.

•The triple love commandment-love GOD, yourself and your neighbor.

•Father, son and holy spirit.

•Faith, hope and love.

•Obamacare, support for veterans and passing of the Fair Sentencing Act.

•Expanded stem cell research and improved school nutrition.

•Repealed "don't ask, don't tell".

•Saved the U.S. auto industry and passed credit card reform.

•Expanded Pell Grants spending and increased funds to HBCU.

•Used his executive power to order pay raises for federal employees.

•Appointed Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court.

•President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Rev. William Barber Jr.

We need all of you progressive people to become a pontifex/bridge builder this year. Please get out of your comfortable chair in front of your 52-inch plasma TV, stop cruising

ing the internet and turn away from social media long enough to recruit and convince three or more people to register and vote in our life changing 2016 election. Do this in memory of your grandparents, parents and for your children, grandchildren and most of all for you.

You can stay informed of the candidates and issues by buying and supporting our local Black newspapers. They have been and are still today our most trusted source of information.

Can we count on you to become a pontifex/bridge builder in 2016?

Galatians 5:1 (Paraphrased) "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."

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### BLACKONOMICS

## Black Consciousness vs. Christianity -Part II

(George Curry Media)

Again, this is not an attempt to proselytize or to shape your thinking regarding religion or spirituality. Rather, this is an attempt to delve into a subject that is often brought up among Black folks and used to separate us instead of bringing us together around practical economic/public policy solutions.



James Clingman

By example, in 1843, Christian minister and abolitionist Henry Highland Garnet gave an inspirational speech that shocked the delegates of the National Negro Convention. Known as the "Call to Rebellion" speech, in which Garnet encouraged slaves to turn against their masters. "Neither god, nor angels, or just men, command you to suffer for a single moment. Therefore it is your solemn and imperative duty to use every means, both moral, intellectual, and physical that promises success."

In response, Frederick Douglass spoke out against the speech to the convention. Garnet responded to Douglass' rejoinder but the convention did not sanction Garnet's approach to abolition. To misunderstand the message here is to fall into that same trap of divisiveness; this is an attempt to build a bridge between "conscious" Blacks and Black Christians.

Can one be a Christian and also have a Black consciousness? This does not simply mean giving fiery sermons on Black consciousness but having no track record of doing anything to back up the rhetoric. It means doing the work that comes with being conscious. Last week's column cited Garvey's and MLK's words to illustrate their Black/Christian consciousness rhetoric, but they also have a voluminous record of working according to their beliefs in both areas.

Too often we get so deep into Black Christian/Black Consciousness conversations and fail to get to the work of either. Seems some of us are convinced that it has to be either or. We can choose to be one or the other, but we can also choose to be both. My contention is that we can get the maximum from both camps, not by arguing or putting one another down, but by marshaling our forces for our collective economic and political benefit.

Here is a cross-section of three contemporary "Conscious/Christian" individuals. Father George Clements, the Chicago-based Catholic priest who founded the One Church-One Child program in the 1980s and then moved on to become an integral part of the MATAH Network, the only Black-owned and operated distribution network. Father Clements never compromised his Christian beliefs and yet has always stood strong in his own Black consciousness.

Richard A. Rose, is a Church of Christ Minister in Cincinnati, Ohio, now retired. I have seen, first-

hand, his dedication to Christian principles; and through conversations about his childhood, I learned about Rose's Black consciousness, the most outstanding act of which took place during the planning and construction a new church building. Rose insisted on hiring a Black architect and then a Black builder to do the work. Imagine our collective economic benefit if all contracts to build Black churches were awarded to Black architectural and construction firms.

Then, there is Jonathan Weaver, an A.M.E. pastor in Bowie, Md. Also a Harvard Business School grad, he has such an extraordinarily high level of Black/Christian consciousness, and he uses it to teach about economic empowerment by inter-weaving relevant economic information into his sermons. Weaver has demonstrated the power of Black Conscious Christianity via establishing and working for 20 years now with the Collective Empowerment Group (CEG).

Other unapologetic Black Conscious Christians, such as D.C. Pastor Willie Wilson, stress and do the work of empowerment; they understand that, as Booker T. Washington said, "Not everyone goes to church, but everyone goes to business."

Likewise, there are many non-Christians with what I call an "active" level of Black consciousness, who far exceed the work of some of our most noted Christian leaders, many of whom are only interested in their own self-aggrandizement and "prosperity."

Imagine the progress we

would make if we combined these groups' efforts. Howard Thurman said, "What, then, is the word of the religion of Jesus to those who stand with their backs against the wall? ... They must recognize fear, deception, and hatred, each for what it is. Once having done this, they must learn how to destroy these or to render themselves immune to their domination."

Black Power to Black Consciousness (Univ. of California Press) observed: "James Cone and the theologians of Black Consciousness in South Africa agreed that White missionaries had preached a form of Christianity that helped to sustain racist and colonialist oppression...But this was not the fault of the Gospel itself; it had resulted rather from an interpretation of it that served the selfish interests and sinful appetites of Europeans."

Marcus Garvey, referring to the "injunction of Acts 17:26," said "If Negroes are Black, and Negroes are created in God's own image, then God must in some sense be Black."

It's time for the "collection." Say, "Ashe" or "Amen."

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**Cape Fear Housing Coalition Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. at City Council Chambers, Thalian Hall, 310 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. for early-birds; Presentation will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Topics: •2016 Affordable Housing Issues from our State Capital-Diving Deeper in Housing Trust Funds: How are they funded & How can they help?•Lockwood Village Affordable Apartments: Could this community be built today?**



Community Briefs

**GE Retirees Association** will meet at noon, Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Rd. Open to GE retirees and spouses. Speaker will be Kevin Kozak, long time brewer and operations manager at Front Street Brewery, who will talk about "How Beer Saved the World." For more information, 910-819-2776.

**Lower Cape Fear Hospice** will offer a free six-week grief program for those coping with the loss of an adult child. It will be from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mondays, January 25th-February 29th, at the Dr. Robert M. Fales Hospice Pavilion, Conference Room, 1406 Physicians Drive in Wilmington. Registration is mandatory and closes once the series begins. For more information, call 796-7991. When leaving a message, please leave your name, phone number and indicate the specific program you wish to attend. Sessions are free. Donations are appreciated. Additional groups will form throughout the year.

**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.

**Old New Hanover Genealogy Society** will sponsor Using Online Newspapers for Family History Research with Jennifer Daugherty on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. Northeast Library David M Paynter Room. Find out how to locate newspapers available online and how they can aid you in your genealogy research.

**The Democratic Women of New Hanover County** will meet on Thursday, January 14th at McAllisters Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Dinner and social time begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting and program. Our program will be about organizing our Precincts and its importance in preparing for the March 15th Presidential Preference Election on through November 8th. All Democrat men and women are invited. If you have any questions, please call 395-4502.

**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, NHRMC. 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 next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

**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.

**The Wilmington Symphony Orchestra** will hold auditions for new members on Monday, January 11, 2016 at the UNCW Cultural Arts Building. Times by appointment. Interested musicians must schedule an audition time by emailing the WSO Orchestra Manager, Shirley Lebo at orchestramgr@wilmingtonsymphony.org. Applications and required audition music are available at www.wilmingtonsymphony.org, or by calling the symphony office at 910-791-9262.

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St. Pauls businessman passes

Earl Dean Burch, 82 of St. Pauls, NC owner and operator of Burch's Paving Company in St. Pauls died November 23, 2015. For many years, he was one of a few minority paving and landscaping companies in the four county area. He grew up in Swansboro, NC and received his educational training in Florida while staying with his aunt.

The Obituary

Mr. Earl Burch, son of the late David Roosevelt and Annie Chatman Burch, was born on May 3, 1933 in Raeford, NC. He departed to be with the Lord on November 23, 2015 at Southeastern Medical Center, Lumberton, NC.

Earl accepted Christ at an early age.

He was a faithful member of his home church in Swansboro, NC. He owned and operated Burch's Paving Company for many years, and was widely known throughout Robeson, Cumberland and Hoke counties. He was the widow of the late Anita Lynn Lewis Burch of St. Pauls, NC. His early educational training was attained in Florida under the guidance of his aunt.

He was a loving husband, father, granddaddy and father-in-law. He was self-employed until his health failed.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO EARL DEAN BURCH

Fond memories are cherished by: seven children, Lyndelia Wynn (Bobby) of Fayetteville, NC, Angeline Burch of St. Pauls, NC, Jacqueline Ann Burch of St. Pauls, NC, Stephanie Jean Burch-Hernandez (Juan) of Fayetteville, NC, Earl Levone Burch of St. Pauls, NC, Sabrina Vanessa Burch of Fayetteville, NC and Dwayne Maurice Burch of St. Pauls, NC; twenty grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; two sisters, Vance Morgan (Charles) of Supply, NC and Mary Lou Finks (late Authur of Chadbourn, NC; and two brothers, Willie Lee Burch of Baltimore, Maryland and Billy Bridges (Roetta) of Tennessee. *McMillan Funeral Home(Lumberton) Service*

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Times in which we are living!

**W**e are living in the winter season of the year. The weather can become very destructive in times such as these. What's happening in the deep southern states is leaving people homeless.

Thousands of people do not have electricity. We have a strong feeling they will get the help immediately. Hurricanes and tornadoes are horrible and usually bring about horrible results. They can happen anywhere, including Brunswick County. The weather has been unusually warm for this time of year this year. The temperatures have reached well into the seventies on Holden Beach and the surrounding area, and visitors from Ashville, N. C. and various places have visited the beaches in the area. At shopping centers many people have been spot-

ted wearing summer clothes (shorts and shore), even in December.

We know there will be changes in the weather before the winter is over. January 2016 is here, and the temperature has already dropped considerably, how cold it will get in January and February 2016? There could be many changes in the weather, e. g. drops in temperature, the rise of heavy fog, etc.

Just a word about some political changes and challenges! Hillary Clinton is a Democratic Presidential candidate. In my estimation, it is time for a woman to be President of the United States. Another interesting candidate who has raised some eyebrows is Dr. Ben Carson. He is a Republican Presidential candidate. Carson has said, "I certainly don't expect to get through a campaign without some scratches and bruises." Carson acknowledges that he has had a rough life and admits that some of his difficulties were of his making. He is convinced that he can

prove to voters that he is up to the challenge of being Commander-in-Chief.

We are living in a fearful time of terrorists and immigrants living in our country as citizens. They are coming across the border in large numbers. We have some information on a Mexican leaving a child across the border and walking away. This could happen over and over again in the times we are living in.

Saturday, December 26, was a beautiful day! Youngsters were playing with toys on wheels in the church parking lot. No one was parked there for awhile, and it was a time for the children to enjoy the excitement. At one point, one could see the big wheels of a pickup truck, driving very fast. There was a Confederate flag attached to the side of the truck, and it was headed toward the Brunswick County Government Complex. We would suggest to those who feel they must display such signs of segregation that they do so elsewhere, at places other than in

our community. We do have white neighbors live on Randolphville Road. Randolphville Road is a predominantly Black community located about half a mile from St. John Missionary Baptist Church on Old Ocean Highway 17. We welcome good peaceful neighbors to our neighborhood. We want our community to be a peaceful place for all people.

*Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.*

Verniece Stanley

NHC NAACP Annual MLK, Jr. Breakfast to be held on January 16, 2016 at Burney Center

The New Hanover County Chapter of the NAACP hosts its 13th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16th at the Burney Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the Wilmington Journal (412 S 7th St.), the Greek Boutique (201 N 2nd St.) and online with PayPal at

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The theme for this year's annual fund raising event is "Pursuing Liberty in the Face of Injustice."

Guest speaker for the 2016 MLK Breakfast is Harvard Jennings, community activist and radio producer and commentator on WLTT, 1180 AM.

For his community leadership Jennings was named 2010 Citizen of the Year by the New Hanover County Human Relations Commission. The former Executive Director of the Southeastern Sickle Cell Association has served on many area non-profit boards.

Mistress of Ceremonies will be Jasmine Turner from WECT. Music will be provided by Lamanuel Boykin.

At the breakfast the New

Hanover County NAACP will honor the Church of the Year, St. Luke AMEZ Church and Minister of the Year, Rev. Anthony Watson, pastor of Mt. Olive AME Church. In 2014 Mt. Olive was named Church of the Year by the North Carolina NAACP.

For more information about the New Hanover County NAACP, please go to our website. <http://www.nhc-naacp.com/>

NHCS and UNCW Named 2016 Kennedy Center Partners in Education

New Hanover County Schools, in partnership with the Office of the Arts at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, is proud to announce its selection as one of ten teams to join with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as Partners in Education. This is the second time the NHCS Arts Department has been selected to partner with the Kennedy Center.

In April 2016, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts will host the 14th Partners in Education Institute. The four-day intensive program is designed for arts organizations and school districts interested in partnering to initiate or expand professional development programs for teachers. The

Kennedy Center selected 10 teams of arts organizations and school systems from across the nation to participate in the Partners in Education Institute, April 27-30, 2016. The Institute promotes partnerships between arts organizations and local schools in communities across the nation, focusing on the development of education programs for teachers. The information learned at the Institute has proven invaluable to past participants who have left the Kennedy Center with more confidence in their ability to create their own professional development programs for teachers.

While at the Kennedy Center, each team develops a plan customized to their community for the partners to establish or expand arts-

based professional development programs for teachers. Teams receive a detailed planning guide, attend performances, and meet with national education leaders and guest artists while at the Kennedy Center. The new teams will join the current 95 teams from 41 states and the District of Columbia already participating in the Partners in Education program, now in its 25th year. At the Institute, participants will examine the variety of educational offerings for teachers developed and refined at the Kennedy Center since 1976. The newly-selected teams met the criteria for selection by effectively demonstrating the potential for the arts organization and school system to commence or further grow pro-

grams for teachers and the stated commitment by both partners to collaborate on developing programs.

**About the Kennedy Center's Education Division**

Since its establishment in 1972, the Kennedy Center's Education Division believes the inclusion of the performing arts in a broad-based curriculum improves the quality of a child's educational experience. The Kennedy Center's Education Division is committed to its leadership role in promoting higher standards of national performing arts education programs and policy. For more information about the participating teams and the Partners in Education program, visit [www.kennedy-center.org/partners](http://www.kennedy-center.org/partners).

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Gloria Mae Pierce

Gloria Mae Pierce, 72, died December 19, 2015 at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC. The memorial service will be held May 2016.

## Mrs. Sarah Louise Canty

Sarah Louise Canty was born in Bishopville, South Carolina on July 30, 1965. She was raised by the late Eddie and Annie Richardson in Wilmington, North Carolina. Sarah graduated from Hoggard High School in 1984. She departed this life December 19, 2015. Sarah Louise Canty's funeral was held Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at St. Phillip AME Church in Wilmington, NC.

Sarah had an in home day care for several years until her health prevented her from continuing teaching, training and molding her day care children.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband Willie Canty of the home, her mother Ruby Holloman of Bishopville, SC; her father Robert Brown (Carolyn) of Wisacley, SC; her sisters Frances Washington (Shep), Joy Charles, Yvette Morris and Methette Murrain all of Bishopville, SC; her brothers Robbie Charles (Katresa) of Bisopville, SC; and Jason Brown of Randallstown, MD; her brother-in-law, Alfronza Canty (Patricia) of Sumpter, SC; Rodney Canty of Polkton, NC; Jessie Canty (Sabrina) of Greensboro, NC; her sisters-in-law, Ann Mae Suber of Wilmington, NC; Alberta Williams of Baltimore, MD; Dorothy Cook of Raleigh, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special lifetime friends, Deloris Shaw, Kim Cesar, Lilly Tobias and a host of many friends and classmates, and a special loving aunt, Mrs. Frances Ellison, her two special girls, JsNasha Gottfried, and Ja'Merah Drakeford. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

## Mr. Ra'Shaun Akeem Mckoy

GOD in his flawless wisdom called Ra'Shaun (Shawn) Akeem McKoy home Wednesday, December 30th, 2015. He was born in Raleigh, NC on February 19, 1985. Ra'Shaun Akeem McKoy funeral was held Saturday, January 2, 2016 at St. Phillip AME Church in Wilmington, NC.

Ra'Shaun gave his life to the

Lord at an early age. He graduated from Hoggard High School in 2003. Ra'Shaun experienced several setbacks in life but was determined not to allow this to define him and he continued striving to excel in life. He had various jobs but was a well-known musician, photographer, writer, rapper, and producer.

Ra'Shaun loved life and had an unforgettable smile that would light up the room. He was very affectionate and loved hugging. He especially loved hugging and kissing his lovely Mother.

Ra'Shaun was preceded in death by his son Camren Amir McKoy.

He leaves to cherish his memories to his sons-Tristen Bryant McKoy and Jayden Stevens (Wilmington); Parents-Victoria and Gerry McKoy (Wilmington); Brother-Abdul McKoy (Wilmington); Fiancee-Tarnesha Bryant; Grandparents-Frances Ellison (Wilmington), Lillie Ann White (Wilmington); Nieces-Nadia Malone, Tianna Matherly; Nephew-Christopher Malone; Special Cousin-Ciera Ellison; 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](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

## George Pompey, Jr.,

George Pompey, Jr., 61, of Wilmington, NC died Friday, January 1, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 812 Harnett Street. Burial followed in the Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Davis Funeral Home service.

## Evangelist Evelyn Noble Nixon

Evangelist Evelyn Noble Nixon, 66, of Wilmington died Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Pine Forest Cemetery. A Davis Funeral Home service.

## William Russell Clemmons "Buster"

William Russell Clemmons "Buster", 78, of Southport, NC died Thursday, December 3, 2015 at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at Mt. Carmel AME Church, 507 N. Lord Street, Southport, NC. Burial followed in the Northwood Cemetery. A Davis Funeral Home service.

## Frank Ballard, Jr.

Frank Ballard, Jr., died Sunday, December 20, 2015. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 26, 2015 at Johnson Chapel AMW Zion Church. Burial followed in the Ballard Family Cemetery.

Frank was born August 21,

1969 to Frank and Cynthia Ballard. He was preceded in death by his mother; five brothers, Walter, Thaza, Phemba, Onzel and Jauhar and one sister, Shahidah. Frank Jr. was known and loved by many for his sense of humor and his "tell it like it is" attitude. He attended North Brunswick High School. He loved his family and friends and will be greatly missed.

He leaves behind two children; one son, Bilah (Shecorey) of Wilmington, NC and one daughter, Ebony of Shelby, NC; three brothers, Rodney Watne (Rynee), Jabar (Toye), and Seke; three sisters, Phyllis, Kawaida (Bernard), and Gajarah (Gabriel). A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Shane Simpson

Shane Simpson died Sunday, December 20, 2015. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 27, 2015 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Mears Cemetery.

Shane was born January 25, 1999 in Wilmington, NC to Le Vern Ross and Stephanie Simpson. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, James (Julia Simpson, Charlie (Delores) Graham; grandfathers, Leon Ross and Jeffery Graham; and one niece, Samya Dyer-Tindall. Shane attended John T. Hoggard High School. He joined New Hope Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. He was a gifted young man, singing in the youth choir (The Truth) and a member of the Port City Boxing and Fitness Amateur Boxing Association. To know Shane was to love him. He was outgoing, caring, devoted to both his family and friends. There was always a smile on his face.

Shane leaves to cherish his memories: his loving mother, Stephanie Simpson-Hansley (Andre); father, LeVern Ross; brothers, Malik Hansley, DeAndre Hansley, Shamir Bragg, Jemarko Miller, all of Wilmington, NC, LeVern Ross, Jr. of Florence, SC, Mario Watson of Atlanta, GA; his sisters, Alicia Hansley, Brittany Dyer, Shea Brockington, Angel Ross all of Wilmington, NC; grandmothers, Julia Simpson-Smith (Jeffery), Melvina Ross all of Wilmington, NC and Diane Graham of Navassa, NC; several aunts, uncles, godmothers, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Carl Jones

Carl Jones died Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, December 28, 2015 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Navassa. Burial followed in the Bryant Cemetery.

Carl, son of the late Gus Jones and Beulah Jones was born June 15, 1950. He joined Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. He was educated at Lincoln High School in Leland, NC. A

carpenter by trade, he took pride in his work. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Samuel and Gus Jones, Jr.; one sister, Beulah Alston and one grandson, Tarron Jones.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Bertha Jones of Wilmington, NC; one daughter, Lakesa Jones of Wilmington, NC; sister, Dorothy Moore (Levi) of Leland, NC; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two uncles, Nathaniel Merrick (Inez) and James Merrick (Martha) of Navassa, NC; one aunt, Eliza Farrow of Wilmington, DE; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends, Levi Moore, Richard Perkins, Steve, Dr. Thurman Everett and Joe Weston and caretaker, Melvira Walker. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Eddie LeVern Armstrong

Eddie LeVern Armstrong died Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 27, 2015 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.

Eddie was born July 6, 1939 to the late John and Doretha Armstrong. He was raised in the East Wilmington Community and attended the New Hanover County Schools. Vern as he was commonly called was well liked and a friend to all and was willing to give help to anyone he could when asked. He worked for Dan Imman over thirty years. Eddie also worked for Pearsall Fertilizer Company for ten years as well as some work for ILA Local 1426, before he became disabled. He loved baseball and in his earlier years, played for the East Wilmington Team. He also had a passion for fishing and hunting. Eddie was an affiliate of Progressive Lodge #830, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina Jurisdiction, Inc. He was preceded in death by two brothers, George Abbot and Burnis Armstrong and three

sisters, Vernell Lucas, Christine McCrimmon and Ernestine Miles.

Cherished memories are by: wife, Geraldine Armstrong; children, Corin (Joseph) Humphrey, Donald Armstrong, Crystal Armstrong, Terrica Southerland, Ronia Burney, William Daniels, Darrin Daniels; 23 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Oscar and John Armstrong; one sister, Mary Malloy; aunt, Juanita Murray; sisters-in-law, Sandra Wilson, Cheryl Docks, Valadia Love, Tarnesha Givens and Regina Lettley; brothers-in-law, Major James Givens, III, Zachery B. Givens, Steve Givens, Ronald Givens, Anthony Docks, Danny Lettley and Robert Love; nephews, nieces, cousins and friends, including very close friends, Linda Grainger and Johnnie Mae Pridgen. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Marsha Gordn Dube

Marsha Gordn Dube died Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at Cypress Pointe. Funeral services were held on December 29, 2015 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

Martha was born June 12, 1953 to the late Robert and Bettye Nixon Gordon in Wilmington, NC. She received her formal education at the New Hanover County Schools, graduating from New Hanover High School in 1971. After moving to Falls Church, Virginia, she worked in marketing, courier for NOVA. Marsha was joined in holy matrimony in April 1983, to Ishmael Duke and to this union, one son, Brandon Dube was born. Marsha joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. She was a member of the Inspirational Choir; an active participant in Sunday School and "Sister 2 sister Class". While residing in Virginia, she united with Mt. Zion Baptist Church and was a member until 1998, when she returned home. One of her major accomplishments was earning the title of "NAACP Mother of

the Year 2008" from the New Hanover County Branch. Also, Martha loved writing poetry which was enlightening and beautiful. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, William Gordon and Ernest Gordon.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Ishmael Dube; son, Brandon Dube; aunt, Delores Nixon Cason; nephew, Michael Hudson, special cousins, Rodney and Adrian Cason; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Larry Bethea

Larry Bethea died Wednesday at LCFH. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 29, 2015 in Willie L.

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## Remembering Mom's Birthday on January 10th Retha Barnhill

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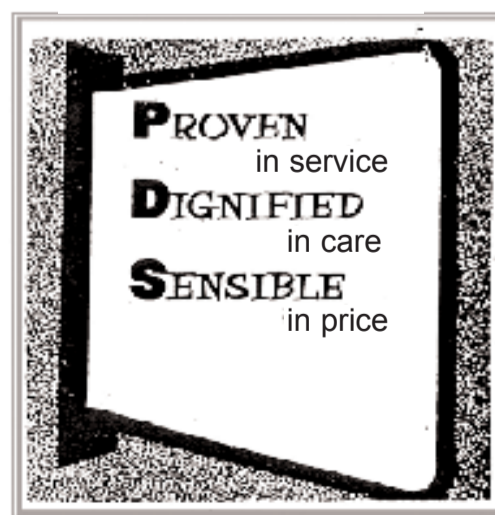
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**New Hanover County**

**Church Women United** will hold their annual meeting on Friday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Little Chapel on the Board Walk, 2 W Fayetteville St., Wrightsville Beach. 9:30 a.m. coffee and registration.



**Faith Temple Church of God In Christ**, 1119 South 4th Street will hold their New Year's Revival from January 13th- January 15th, 2015 at 7:30 pm nightly. Elder Shawn Maynor will be the guest Evangelist.

**Religious Briefs**

**Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church**, 801 S. 10th St. will celebrate The Unity Choir's 21st anniversary on Sunday, January 17th at 3:30 p.m. Choirs and praise dancers from the surrounding area will participate.

**Myrtle Grove First Born Church**, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold an one night revival on Friday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Elder Ryan Godfrey. For more information call 910-395-4250.

**Bladen County**

**Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church** will hold a 3-night revival January 13th - January 15th beginning each evening at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be Bishop Alfred Williams of Bacon Chapel Holiness Church; 76 Lee Street; Johnston, South Carolina 29832. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

**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.

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*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

**NBCI Calls for a five year nationwide boycott of the State of Ohio in wake of Tamir Rice grand jury decision**

*Twelve year old victim of systemic violence against Blacks deserves justice*

Washington, DC - In wake of Monday's grand jury decision not to indict two police officers in the fatal shooting of Tamir Rice, Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), is calling for a nationwide boycott of Cleveland.

"We are asking all African Americans organizations to cancel all plans to hold any type of meeting or conference in the state of Ohio" said Evans. "Tamir Rice was a 12 year old black child. What type of society excuses the actions of white racist cops who kill at will its black children with disregard? If we cannot protect our own children, then what good is the black race? Without action we will sow the seed to our own destruction. We must honor and protect our children by sending the only lesson the system will respond to - not spending our black dollars in a state that kills our children. Boycott!"

The decision to not charge a Cleveland patrolman in the shooting of 12 year-old Rice, who was holding a pellet gun, comes last in a series of incidents involving white officers fatally shooting African Americans without being charged, sparking widespread national outrage.

Evans went on to say that "the State of Ohio must pay for the killing of Black children since the first black president Obama refuses to hold any of the white racist cops accountable. Boycott!"

NBCI leadership continues to question the suspicious details surrounding Rice's case. To start, Cuyahoga County prosecutor Timothy McGinty said he had recommended that the grand jurors not bring charges in the killing of the boy, and spent an estimated \$750,000 on expert witness to support his case. Why did the police officers drive their car within feet of a "child with an air gun" Why did the cops set up a safe zone between them and the "gunmen"? Why did they shot the "child" within 6 second upon arriving on the scene? Why the prosecutor did not convene the grand jury within 30 days of the incident? Too many unanswered questions make a boycott necessary.



**TAMIR RICE**

We must punish the state of Ohio for not seeking justice, and for not protecting it children and not.

**About NBCI**

*The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.*

*NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.nalblackchurch.com.*

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**SENIOR MOMENTS**

**Global warming**

My Fellow Seniors:

**M**uch has been said in recent years about global warming, a worldwide trend which no one can control, but, more recently, we have been hearing that global terrorism, a man made horror from which no one is exempt. It seems like the civilized world has lost its civility. People all over the



**Ruth Johnson**

world are attacking strangers who have done them no harm. Young people are being trained to hate and trained to kill.

When will we ever learn? War doesn't change anything! The losing side will go underground, and some day they will rise again. Their children will attack our children, and the madness will go on forever, but isn't it better to work things out at the conference table than to blow up the planet?

There are several major religions that use some version of the Golden Rule in their teachings. I can't name

them all, but your children can. Ask them to go online and find out the origins of the Golden Rule. We got it from the Bible, but some of those religions were established before the Bible was written. They were around long before Jesus was born.

How did people who lived worlds apart, eons ago, happen to stumble upon the same rule that God gave to Christians? There is only one God! If we would look at the similarities among religions, we would know that He is everywhere. That's why the Golden Rule is universal. If we could understand that, there would be no

religious wars.

That rule is not written exactly the same way in every religion, but it is impossible to misinterpret it. It is too simple to misunderstand. As soon as we realize that there is only one God and that He is the God of all mankind, we will be able to gather around the conference table and talk things over.

When we learn to love our neighbors as ourselves, there will be no more wars. Mankind will live forever in a world without end.

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

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**Peace on Earth ..cont'd**

**W**hen Jesus prayed for his disciples he asked God to let his will be done in earth as it is in heaven. There is peace in heaven.



**Sylvia Hooper**

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, he decreed and declared these three words, "Let there Be!"

and things began to happen! When we yield our will to the will of God, things will begin to happen. When we want for ourselves what God wants for us, things will begin to happen! Jesus Christ our Saviour was totally committed and totally submitted to carrying out the will of God, while he was here on earth. When we become fully focused and

fully persuaded to follow Jesus, things will begin to happen in our lives, and there will be peace in our hearts.

Jesus set the example as the perfect role model for his disciples to follow. Since we are his disciples, as we follow Jesus, we will also follow peace. Hebrews 12:14 says, "Follow peace with all men and holiness without no man shall see the Lord."

In John 14:2 Jesus told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Colossians 3:15 says, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." When we enter into his gates with thanksgiving and enter into his courts with praise, gratitude will be there along with the peace of God.

To let the peace of God rule

in our hearts, means to allow the Lord to have his way in our hearts. God blesses our obedience and sets us free to praise, worship, and be thankful.

The peace of God is a product and result of prayer; and being in the presence of the Lord.

Phillipians 4:7 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

God does not want us to worry about anything, but to pray about everything. He wants us to cast all our care upon him, because He cares for us. He knows we cannot have peace in our hearts when we are carrying the weight of the world upon our shoulder. If we follow his instructions, irregardless of what is going on in the world,

there will be peace in our hearts.

Prayer: Lord, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

Tell Somebody

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

**OBITUARIES**

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Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Mr. Larry Russell Bethea, son of the late Mary and Eddie B. Bethea Sr., was born in New Hanover County on July 13, 1953. He departed this life on December 23, 2015, at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Larry was the youngest boy of eight children: Juanita, Eddie B. Jr., Sarah, Annette, Thurmond, Alfare, and Linda. "Squirrel", as he was affectionately called, was a pleasure to be around. Always ready with a smile and a quick comeback, he brought life to anywhere he was.

Larry chose not to live alone and was joined in holy matrimony to Norma Jean Allen. To this union no children were born, however, he became a stepfather to three children that he loved as his own: Marcell "Redd", Kristy "Kitty", and Bernard. Later, he married the former Patricia Kaye West and to this union one daughter, Marjorie "Annette", was born. Larry spent his final years in the residence of his niece, Alicia "Lisa". In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Alfare, Annette, Linda, Sarah, and Juanita.

Surviving to cherish his memories are: his wife, Patricia Bethea; his daughter, Annette (MyShawn) Taylor; step-granddaughter, Nani; two brothers, Eddie B. Bethea, Jr. (Shirley) and Thurmond (Sonya) Bethea; an adopted daughter, Betty McFadden; grandson, Darrel Holmes; great-grandson, Dorian Holmes; a host of nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Martha Shipman**

Martha Shipman died December 27, 2015. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 31, 2015 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Martha Lee McCall Shipman, affectionately called "Kitty" was born April 5, 1934 to the late James and Bessie McCall. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon Shipman Hemingway. Martha was a dedicated member of St. Andrew AME Zion Church for many years. She held several offices and positions within the church. All who knew Martha can attest to the fact that she genuinely loved St. Andrew and her church loved her. Martha was a graduate of Williston Industrial High School Class of 1952.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one granddaughter, April Hemingway; two great-grandsons, Raekwon Smith and Keovonte Hooper; several devoted nieces, nephews, many friends and acquaintances. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Vernell Hooper Martin**

Vernell Hooper Martin died Friday, December 25, 2015. Funeral services were held Saturday January 2, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in the Hooper Hill Cemetery, Leland, NC.

Vernell, daughter of the late Henry Hooper and Annie Mae Hooper Malloy was born on June 7, 1944. She was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from Williston High School in the Class of 1963. Vernell worked several years for Corning, Inc. and also in the medical

field. "Shaky" was also preceded in death by her brother, Henry Hooper and her sister-in-law, Rosetta Hooper. She leaves to cherish her memory: nieces, Nakita Brown, Tiambe Hooper, Valerie Hooper (Essa Jansha), Tamara Forbes, Kimberly Williams and Teresa Lawfton; nephews, Reggie Stokes, Douglas Hooper, Anthony Williams and Michael Harden; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Clementine Witherspoon**

Clementine Witherspoon died Wednesday, December 24, 2015. A memorial service was held Saturday January 2, 2016 at Emmanuel Temple Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Darrell Landis**

Darrell Landis died Tuesday, December 22, 2015. A Memorial service was held Friday, January 1, 2016 at the Willie L. Shaw Memorial Chapel.

Darryl, the beloved son of the late Ida Mae Landis was born on August 3, 1968, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Darryl was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from E.A. Laney High School. He attended East Carolina University for four years and later enlisted in the US Navy. Darryl was a well-rounded athletic man who enjoyed life to the fullest. His life was a blessing, and his memory a treasure. He was loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure. He will continuously be in our hearts.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: one son, Syshaun White; one sister, Sarita Baldwin; two aunts, Gloria

Jean Turner (James) and Regina Richardson; nephew, Curtis Marshall, Jr.; a very special friend Carrie; two special friends he loved like brothers, Shaun-Re Hicks and Terrus Bryant; a special friend he considered a cousin, Michelle Waddell; a host of other relatives, extended families and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Mattie Hightower**

Mattie Hightower died Tuesday, December 29, 2015. A memorial service was held Saturday January 2, 2016 at Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Ida Mae Broadwater**

Ida Mae Broadwater died Friday, January 1, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. today, Thursday, January 7th at Mt. Calvary MB Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Janette Pugh**

Janette Pugh died Friday, January 1, 2016 at NHRMC. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. today, January 7th at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Pauline Green**

Pauline Green died Friday, January 1, 2016 at her residence. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 8th at Mt. Zion AME Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **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 **17th day of March, 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 the 20th day of November, 2015

Alfonso Williams, Executor  
5012 Crosswinds Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

December 17, 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 2016

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT ROGERS

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate **Albert Rogers**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the 22nd day of March, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 11th of December, 2015.

Thelma Thompson Rogers,  
Administratrix  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 17, 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Marvin Brown Shoemaker, 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 **24th day of March, 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 24th of December, 2015

Marion Lynn Shoemaker-Younce,  
Executor  
325 Wayne Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT ROGERS

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate **Dorothy Mae Rouse Sidbury**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **22nd day of March, 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 December, 2015.

Freddie W. Sidbury, Jr, Administrator  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 17, 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jacey Brown** 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 March, 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 3rd of December, 2015

Cleo Brown, Administrator  
5008 Weybridge Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28409

December 17, 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 2016

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Notice of Sale to Enforce Lien for Unpaid Storage Charges

**The name and address of the lienor:**  
Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc.  
801 Paoli Court  
Wilmington, N.C. 28409

**The name of the person having legal title to the property:**  
Jason McKinney  
266 Buff Cir.  
Wilmington, NC 28411

Wilmington, NC 28411

Jason McKinney  
6514 Old Fort Road  
Wilmington, NC 28411

**Description of the property:**  
2000 190 SEARAY SUNDECK  
NC 4484 WM  
Hull ID: US - SERV6708F000;  
1905D3223  
MERCUISER INBOARD / OUTBOARD MOTOR

**Amount due for which the lien is claimed:**  
As of 10 December 2015, \$2400.00

**Place of the sale:**  
Steps at the New Hanover County Court House  
316 Princess St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

**Date and hour when the sale is to be held:**  
10:00 AM  
26 January 2016

January 7, 14, 2016

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FORSYTH IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 15 CVD 6358

**BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff, vs. RUBY D. TATE a/k/a Ruby Tate, G.L.G. CORPORATION, SUNTRUST BANK s/b/m to Central Carolina Bank, CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, and LI ACQUISITIONS GROUP, LLC, Defendants.**

**TO: RUBY D. TATE a/k/a Ruby Tate**  
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the aboveentitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

1. Plaintiff seeks to recover judgment reforming the Deed of Trust recorded in Book 2152, Page 492 with the Forsyth County Registry to include the correct legal description as set forth on Exhibit E attached to the Complaint, said reformation to relate back to the original date of recording; to recover judgment reforming the Deed of Trust recorded in Book 2085, Page 1902 with the Forsyth County Registry to include the correct legal description for Tract 5 as set forth on Exhibit F attached to the Complaint, said reformation to relate back to the original date of recording; and judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the holder of a valid first lien Deed of Trust recorded in Book 2152, Page 492 with the Forsyth County Registry. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 16th day of February, 2016, said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice; and upon your failure to do so the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 29th day of December, 2015.  
/s/  
Bowen C. Houff, Attorney for Plaintiff OF COUNSEL:  
BLANCO TACKABERY & MATAMOROS, P.A.  
POST OFFICE DRAWER 25008  
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27114-5008  
TELEPHONE: 336-293-9000  
FACSIMILE: 336-293-9030  
January 7, 14, 21, 2016

### LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Lawrence A. Quintman**, 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 **17th day of March, 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 17th day of December, 2015

Judith Hoover Quintman, Executrix  
Of the Estate of Lawrence A. Quintman  
6226 Ingleside Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 17, 24, 31 2015, January 7, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jewell Rose Mitchell**, deceased of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of April, 2016** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of January, 2016

Collin Ray Mitchell, Administrator  
3169 Mount Misery Rd. NE  
Leland, NC 28451

January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NEW DATACENTER EQUIPMENT

Brunswick County Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase and installation of a Storage Area Network (SAN) with Host Servers, Firewalls, and Switches for a new datacenter. Sealed proposals must be received on or before 2:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, January 14, 2016. Details of the proposal requirements and contact information can be obtained from the Brunswick County website at <http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/info/bid/> or by contacting Andrew Byron at [Andrew.byron@brunswickcountync.gov](mailto:Andrew.byron@brunswickcountync.gov).

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#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF ELMORE ENTERPRISES, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to 57D-6-09 of the North Carolina General Statutes, Elmore Enterprises, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (the "Company"), has elected to dissolve and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the North Carolina Secretary of State. YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED THAT, if you have a claim against the Company, you present it to the Company in accordance with the terms of this notice as follows:

1. Notify the Company in writing of your claim setting forth the name and address of the claimant (or agent) and a detailed statement of the nature and amount of the claim (a "Claim").
2. Mail your Claim to the following address:  
W. Keith Elmore  
2207 Sterling Place  
Wilmington, NC 28403
3. UNLESS A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THE CLAIM IS COMMENCED WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS OITCE, YOUR CLAIM WILL BE BARRED BY LAW.

This 17th Day of December, 2015  
ELMORE ENTERPRISES, LLC  
By: w. Keith Elmore, Manager  
January 7, 2016

### LEGAL NOTICES

Intercoastal Marine, LLC is accepting subcontractor and supplier bids for the North Carolina State Ports Authority Relocation of Liquid Bulk Pier-Port of Wilmington contract #C-1072 (W), no later than 4:00 PM Jan. 14, 20145. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a bid. Reply to 910-672-9791(p), 910-675-9796(f), or 6101 Diamond Shamrock Rd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

January 7, 14, 2015

#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Pursuant to 55-14-03 of the North Carolina General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned corporation has executed Articles of Dissolution by affirmative vote of the stockholders and such Articles of Dissolution were filed with the Secretary of State of North Carolina. Claims against the Corporation will be barred unless proceedings to enforce such claims are brought within five years of publication of this notice. Claims may be presented to the Corporation at the following address:

Business Development Corporation of Wilmington  
3333 Wrightsville Avenue, Suite N  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Attention: W. Keith Elmore

Any claims presented for payment shall include the name and address of the claimant (or agent) and a statement of the nature and amount of the claim.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF WILMINGTON  
BY: w. Keith Elmore  
Its: President

January 7, 2016

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on Tuesday the 19th day of January, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at 108 North 13th Street, 714 Timber Lane and 1012 South 5th Avenue and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7873.

Steve L. Harrell  
Community Services Director

The City of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs or activities.

All requests for appropriate auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability or need for a non-English-speaking interpreter, must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting.

January 7, 2016

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF BALTIMORE BALTIMORE COUNTY In the District Court Case No. 24D15002434

**Evette H. Parker vs.  
Andre Levi Parker  
Absolute Divorce:  
To: Andre Levi Parker**

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: Divorce

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than February 9, 2016, that being 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 31st day of December, 2015

Evette H. Parker  
2500 Garrison Blvd.  
Baltimore MD, 21216

December 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 14 JT 207, 208

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
J.G.H. (DOB: 9/9/2014)  
K.R.H. (DOB:  
9/9/2014)**

TO: RESPONDENT-MOTHER, TAMMY T. KING, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE AND FEMALE TWINS 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 forty (40) days following December 24, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR March 14, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of December, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3511  
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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICESUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 15 SP 804**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Clarence H. Price and Barbara M. Price to Paul McCombie, Trustee, dated July 30, 2007, and recorded August 9, 2007, in Book 5218, Page 390, New Hanover County Registry Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5932 at Page 1070 of the New Hanover County Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Clarence H. Price and Barbara M. Price, dated July 30, 2007, and recorded August 9, 2007, in Book 5218, Page 390, New Hanover County Registry ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the **20th day of January, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of **5621 Beaver Creek Ct., Wilmington, NC 28409**, as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Exhibit 1** Lying and being located in the unincorporated area, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, all that certain parcel or tract of land known as:

Being all of Lot 7, Section 2, Beaver Creek Subdivision, as shown on a map of revision of Section 1 and 2, Beaver Creek, recorded in Map Book 30, at Page 117, of the New Hanover County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description and incorporated herein.

County Tax Parcel No. R06608-017-004-000

5621 Beaver Creek Ct., Wilmington, NC 28409

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

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

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State

subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

The record owners of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice are Barbara M. Price and Clarence H. Price.

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

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

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Cash in the Apple

By Cash Michaels



**HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR** – Hope everyone has enjoyed their Christmas, Kwanzaa ns New Year's holiday respite. As always, on Jan. 3rd, I had the additional treat of celebrating my 60th birthday with friends and family. It is indeed a blessing to reach my 60th birthday, and be able to share it. My youngest daughter, KaLa, keeps teasing me about being an "old man." I hope and pray that GOD gives me the longevity to see her live into her 30's, 40's or 50's, just to see how she handles being a parent.

I deserve a good chuckle in my retirement. Thank you for all of the birthday wishes on Facebook. Much appreciated.

**GOODBYE, NATALIE COLE** – She was an absolute treasure, and like her father, the legendary Nat King Cole, a pure singer. Natalie Cole, 65, died on New Year's Eve, cause unknown. She had bouts with drug abuse and depression during her life, living in the shadow of her great dad. She was known for her great jazz singing, one of her most popular hits called "Mr. Melody."

But the songs she sang in tribute to her father, "Unforgettable" and "When I Fall In Love (With You)" were the ones that endeared Natalie Cole to both a new and old generation.

I saw her recently portray a defense attorney on an old episode of "Law and Order: SVU." She was good, and full of promise as an actress.

Either way, thank you Natalie Cole for all of the good times, and sharing your tremendous talent with the world. You will be missed, but not forgotten.

**COSBY CHARGED** – Well, one person the holidays were not a blessing for was comedian Bill Cosby, arrested and charged in Montgomery County, Pa. with three felony counts of aggravated indecent assault, based on allegations that he drugged and then sexually assaulted former employee of Temple University over ten years ago.

Cosby has always maintained that the sex was consensual, even if he did give the woman drugs to knock her out.

Montgomery County did not charge Cosby after an initial investigation, but after a new DA took over, charges were filed last week prior to the 12-year statute of limitations running out. Those charges are based on statements Cosby made in a deposition about the allegations that helped the new probe to determine new criminal charges.

Cosby's attorneys responded by saying, "The charge by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office came as no surprise, filed 12 years after the alleged incident and coming on the heels of a hotly contested election for this county's DA during which this case was made the focal point," Cosby's attorneys said in a statement released after his arraignment Wednesday. "Make no mistake, we intend to mount a vigorous defense against this unjustified charge and we expect that Mr. Cosby will be exonerated by a court of law."

This is the first time that the comedian has been

criminally charged, despite accusations of sexual abuse from over 50 women over at least 40 years.

It was sad, indeed, to see and old, frail Bill Cosby – a man who had made generations laugh for so many years – perp walked into the courthouse with a cane to be arraigned for monstrous sexual crimes. Just like singer Michael Jackson before him, Cosby's great legacy in show business will be forever tarnished. Even if he's found not guilty, he's already paid a settlement in the case, and will always be dogged by other accusations.

It is truly sad, indeed.

**COSBY'S SUPPORTERS** – There are some black celebrities who are still standing the man they say has helped so many get into the business, and raised millions to help worthy causes and historically black colleges and universities.

Comedian Eddie Griffin says he's sticking by Bill Cosby's innocence, saying that the famous comedian is being targeted because he's black.

Comic actress Whoopi Goldberg, co-hostess of ABC's The View, said Monday, "I'm glad it's happening because I sort of feel like whenever you have people saying this is what happened, this is what happened, I want the court—I want to hear it. "I want the courts, I want everybody to be able to ask questions because we've heard a lot, but we have not heard anything from his side."

Comedian Damon Wayans says, "If I was him, I would divorce my wife, give her all my money, and then I would go do a deposition. I would light one of them three-hour cigars. I'd have some wine and maybe a Quaalude, and I would just go off, because I don't believe that he was raping."

For many, once the trial starts, if any of the charges ever get to trial, only then will any of the allegations mean anything because only then will Bill Cosby finally be able to speak to the charges directly.

**STEVE HARVEY DRAMA** – That Steve Harvey controversy involving the popular comedian and game show host announcing the wrong Miss Universe during the pageant telecast a few weeks ago has pretty much landed him on his feet. The pageant organizers have apparently forgiven Harvey for the big error, and signed him to come back a host for the next few years.

Needless to say, though, he will now forever be known for the mistake that would have ended anyone else's career.

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Reel-ality TV Talk By Marquesa LaDawn



**5 of the 10 biggest life lessons in 2015 from the Real Housewives of Atlanta and New Jersey**

**1-Self-Awareness is Everything:** Finding yourself in the same argument or situation multiple times with different people means you've issues you need to fix. Kenya Moore (Real Housewives of Atlanta) struggled with this issue since she became a Real Housewife. Over the past year, it grew worse. She consistently requests that people are removed from her space when she gets angry at them. Every time she gets in an argument, it's someone else's fault, she's always the victim - at least in her mind.

The interesting part of this is, the other housewives are noticing the consistent bad habits and are sick of it. Ironically, Kenya introduced Kim Fields on the show this season, and Kim's not having it. In a tasteful way, she calls Kenya out on her stuff. I have a feeling that this season, Kenya will have to look in the mirror and change.

**2-Personal Responsibility** will happen one way or the other: Teresa Giudice (Real Housewives of New Jersey) is notorious for not owning her stuff. One of the original RHONJ, she found herself in some legal hot water that resulted in prison time for her and her husband. Has she truly changed? We will find out in time, but she's not off to the greatest start. She left prison and arrived home to see a fancy Lexus SUV wrapped in a bow parked in front of her home. This became a big part of the news story about her return home (unavoidable) and now fans are outraged about what seems to be a lesson not learned.

I have mixed feeling about this, I think if she needed a car, she's free to choose what that is. At the same time, however, it's not smart to rub your expensive things in front of the world so soon after being released from prison for financial mischief. I just pray for their children's sake, the lesson is learned.

**3-Be Real from the Beginning:** If you are loud and proud, own it, especially in a relationship. Otherwise, you are setting it up for failure. Porsha Williams (Real Housewives of Atlanta) is a completely different person from who she was in her first season. Initially, I thought it was because her husband required her to be a certain type, but I now believe she had a fake persona from the beginning. The fake persona was a Stepford wife; her look was super conservative, everything was about her husband, she seemed to pro-

mote her grandfather's charity in her spare time, etc. The post-divorce Porsha is anything but conservative - she's loud, outrageous, eager to display her body parts and pretty vocal about everything.

I have no problem with this type of persona, it defines a real housewife's TV personality. I do have a problem with her trying to fool everyone from the beginning. She's desperate for love and seems to think just being a pretty girl with a great body will get her there. All that does is attract the wrong men with the wrong intentions. Still, it's extremely entertaining.

**4 - Success does not erase your past,** which will keep showing up: NeNe Leakes (Real Housewives of Atlanta) is a bonafide celebrity. She's done it all, including sitcoms, movies, Broadway, talk shows, clothes line, you name it.

If we go back to how she became famous, it was from bad behavior; she was cold, rude and unforgiving when it came to defending her point of view. She's had a record number of physical altercations and made a lot of not-so-great choices on past seasons. She also changed and became more mature as time passed. She walked away from arguments, she excluded herself from potential problem situations and she even tried therapy, though not always successful. I look forward to seeing the newest version of Nene Leakes.

**5-Friendship is a delegate thing:** When its put up against other big things like money and fame , it does not always win: Phaedra Parks (Real Housewives of Atlanta) is a natural friend and thrives on that connection. Phaedra had a tough 2015, she lost her husband to prison, her credibility is still questioned and she's struggling with her new normal. Image and success was everything for her since she first debuted on the show. So much so, she lied about little things to keep that perception intact. Now, her ride-or-die chick is no longer a fan and she's devastated. Kandi tried hard to not choose a side when it came to her husband and her best friend but it was unavoidable. Phaedra entered a business deal with Todd, Kandi's husband, and she did not complete the business.

In her mind, she thinks Kandi and Todd have more than enough money to settle their obligations. But Kandi has famously dealt with friends not paying for her services and is ultra sensitive about that and must look out for her husband the same way. In addition, Todd is an Apollo fan and that rubs Phaedra the wrong way. It's a mess and Phaedra is acting out by talking about Kandi behind her back. Again, bad for them, but entertaining for us.

(NEXT WEEK: The other five lessons

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