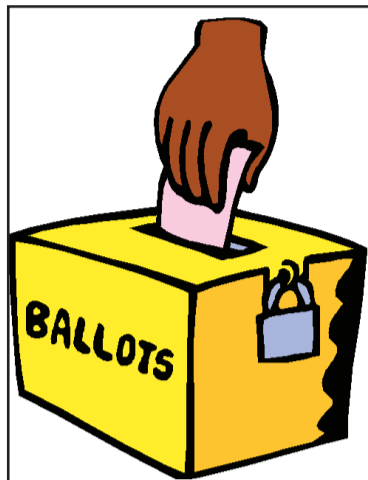




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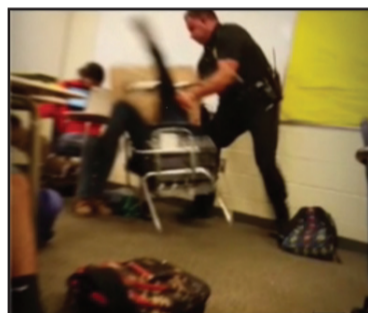
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**BERNEST HEWETT**

**Lunch at**  
**Smithfield's**

**BY BERNEST HEWETT**  
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

As I sat down to eat lunch at Smithfield's today, I met a man who was running for the Leland Town Council, and we had a long conversation about what he believes would improve this town and the surrounding area. He then said that we need more industry with plans and growth in affordable housing. There is a great need for us to work with the community and surrounding area to improve citizens' relations. There is need for a good living environment so that homelessness, poverty, etc. can be easily controlled, and organizations to

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**SPAULDING CALLS FOR DEBATES**

**BY CASH MICHAELS**  
**OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**

Attorney Kenneth Spaulding, Democratic candidate for governor, says neither his opponent, state Atty. General Roy Cooper, nor Cooper's gubernatorial campaign, have responded to his October 15th call for pre-primary debates thus far, adding that "Roy can run, but he can't continue to hide."

Spaulding wants to have at least three debates with Cooper.

"If Roy Cooper is afraid to debate me, then how in the world is he going to stand up to the Republicans and their sitting governor," Spaulding told reporters Monday during a press conference in Durham.

This is the second time that Spaulding has called for debates with Cooper, without a direct response.

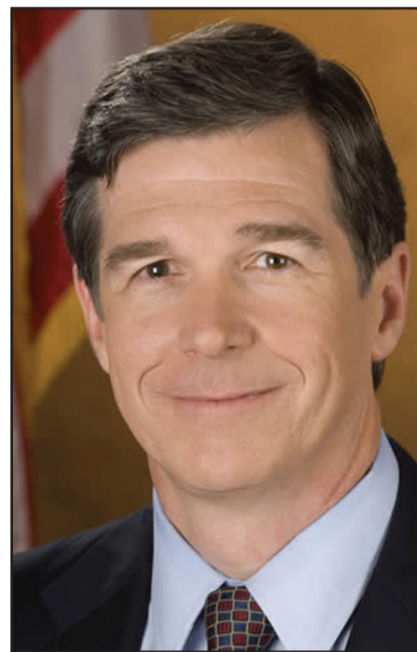
"It's time for Roy Cooper to show some degree of respect for the people of this state and agree to stand eye to

eye, and toe to toe, and debate the issues which are so important to North Carolina," Spaulding added.

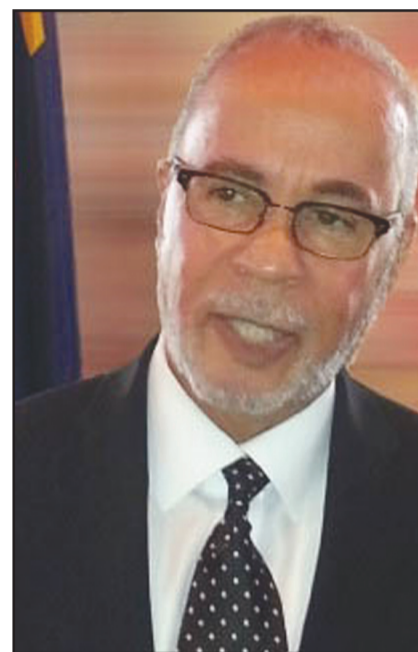
The Democratic primary race to determine who will be the party standard-bearer to face Republican incumbent Gov. Pat McCrory is scheduled for March 15th, 2016.

Despite the governor's touts of a "Carolina comeback" in the state economy and jobs, both Democratic candidates believe that McCrory and the GOP-led state Legislature have hurt progress in North Carolina. Spaulding says, "We cannot afford to have the state turn back anymore."

Atty. Gen. Cooper finally announced his candidacy for governor on Oct. 14th, ending what some observers had joked was "the worst kept secret" in North Carolina. He told supporters at Nash Community College in his home-



**ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
**ROY COOPER**



**ATTORNEY**  
**KEN SPAULDING**

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**MRS. SUSAN SELLERS, MRS. PAMELA THOMAS AND MRS. ALICIA DANIELSON**

**Backpacks donated to area schools**

**BY RITA TODD**  
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

**O**n Saturday, October 10, 2015, The Eastern Carolina Cluster of the Mid-Atlantic Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was held at The Hilton Riverside. Over 400 members representing 23 chapters in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the 107 year-old Greek organization attended. During the public segment of the conference, The Honorable Bill Saffo, Mayor of the City of Wilmington and The Honorable Jonathan Barfield, Chairman of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, welcomed the attendees to The Port City. The host chapter was Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Alpha Psi Omega Chapter.

"Launching New Dimensions of Service" is the theme of the International Organization. Several target goals have been adopted. Included in these goals is an objective to promote the learning process of students by providing substantial support to them. A One Million Backpacks Initiative was developed and is

being implemented by this service based, international organization. Members around the world have been requested to donate and distribute one million backpacks and related school supplies to students over a four year period. Mrs. Pamela Thomas, vice-president of the host chapter, presented over 300 backpacks at this conference recently held at The Hilton Riverside. These backpacks were donated by 23 chapters representing the Eastern Carolina Cluster. Each bag was filled with nutritional snacks and a total of 3, 874 snacks were donated. They were divided equally and presented to Mrs. Susan Sellers, Principal of Rachel Freeman School of Engineering in New Hanover County and to Mrs. Alicia Danielson, Parent Facilitator of Lincoln Elementary School in the Brunswick County School System.

Ms. Dorothy Buchanan Wilson serves as the International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®; Ms. Joyce Henderson serves as the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region; Ms. Carol Artis serves as the Eastern Carolina Cluster Coordinator; and Dr. Rachel D. Stephens serves as president of the local chapter; Alpha Psi Omega.

**Obama says Black Lives Matter movement is legit**

**BY COURTNE DIXON**  
**OF HU NEWS SERVICE**

**SPECIAL TO THE NNPA NEWS**  
**WIRE SERVICE**

WASHINGTON - The Black Lives Matter movement, who many have embraced and others have claimed is anti-police, received an endorsement from the nation's highest

law enforcement officer, President Barack Obama, during a special White House session last week to deal with reforming the nation's criminal justice system.

Speaking to law enforcement officials, including 50 of the nation's top police

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**Three Council candidates answer Journal's questions**

**BY CASH MICHAELS**  
**OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**

When *The Wilmington Journal* sent three questions to seven of the eight candidates running in the Tuesday, Nov. 3rd election to fill three open seats on the Wilmington City Council last Monday morning, the paper asked that they respond by 2 p.m. Wednesday with their answers regarding a civilian complaint review board; district versus at-large voting and improving economic development in the port city's African-American community.

Over forty-eight hours later, by deadline Wednesday, only three of the seven candidates contacted responded - Hollis Briggs, Jr., John Presswood and Paul Lawler. Candidates Neil Anderson, Margaret Haynes, Deb Hays and Alvin Rogers did not.

*The Journal* was unable to find reliable contact information for candidate Frank Madonna to forward questions in time for publication.

These are the questions posed to the candidates by *The Journal* this week:

1. What are your feelings about going to a district election system as opposed to the current at-large system of elections Wilmington currently has?

2. Many of Wilmington's African-American citizens feel it is time for the city to establish a Civilian Complaint Review Board with subpoena power to have greater oversight and accountability over the city's police department. Do you support this, and why or why not?

3. What more should the city be doing

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**President Barack Obama speaks to guests at The White House Panel Discussion on Criminal Justice.**



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deal with these kinds of problems ought to be in place. I was amazed at his response because it sounded like a man with ideas of building a sound and solid system with a future for the people of this area.

This man, Michael Callahan, has the right idea to move forward a free and self sustainable area. We need more elected officials like this who would make plans that would include the whole society in which we live and not just part of it, plans that, when put into place, would move government to a place wherein taxes would be down, wages livable, and people able to afford decent affordable housing, whether by renting or buying. Schools would be allocated enough monies to effectively educate our children. This is the American dream we want our elected officials to have.

It's time we start getting back to it and start getting rid of the elected officials we have, those who make unjust laws and spread the underlying words of hate that tear up a free nation.

If we are judged by a lie, everybody looks for someone to pat on the back, but if we are judged by the truth, everybody just looks! Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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to promote further economic development in our poorest neighborhoods?

These are the answers *The Journal* received from three of the candidates unedited:

**HOLLIS BRIGGS, JR.**



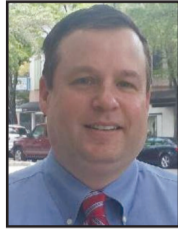
**DISTRICT VOTING** - Although most cities that are the size of Wilmington have Districts, I think the question should be brought to the ballot and let the people decide. Currently the state Legislature has intervened in the city of Greensboro and created districts. So the question remains who will draw the lines, and with the present make up in the state Legislature, I dare not trust them drawing the lines to represent the citizens of Wilmington fairly.

**CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD** I would like for the city to look into some sort of review system. Currently State Representative Rodney Moore is working on House Bill 193 that would give the proposed board subpoena power. However Councilman Earl Sheridan is proposing to form a Human Relations Board that would somewhat

have the same function as a Citizens Review Board.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - We can do a lot to promote economic development in all of our neighborhoods. First I think the city should recommend to employers that they relax their criteria for hiring non-violent offenders making a reentry into society. It does not seem fair that most offenders are punished twice and are never able to return to the work place which causing them to repeat the same action that got them incarcerated previously.

**JOHN PRESSWOOD**



**DISTRICT VOTING** - I am in favor of leaving the at-large system in place. If elected, I would be accountable to all the citizens of Wilmington and not just those in my district. I think the voters can replace members of council if they will come out and vote. The real issue I see is the lack of voter turnout for Wilmington City Council elections. This election directly impacts your life so please come out and vote. If you want to see better paying jobs, improved transportation solutions, and a better response to our crime issues then vote this

November 3, 2015. Make it a point to vote and bring a friend to vote. Vote Presswood to "Move Wilmington Forward".

**CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD** - I think it is time to involve more citizens in our city government. I would be in favor of some form of Civilian Complaint Review Board. The issue of subpoena power and oversight would have to be determined by the North Carolina General Assembly. I am also in favor of establishing a Civic Group System that is directly linked to the city government. This would allow city council to gain the insight and participation from more citizens in Wilmington.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - The Wilmington City Council needs to place more emphasis on increasing the number of better paying job opportunities in Wilmington. We have a limited manufacturing base in this city to support the small and medium size businesses that already exist here. I am in favor of recruiting more light (clean) manufacturing jobs to Wilmington. The key to reducing the crime rate is to give people opportunities to improve themselves by having access to good paying jobs. The citizens of Wilmington need higher paying jobs to provide their own housing, food and financial security. This city needs to improve the transportation network that is set up for a small town versus the growing city that we have today.

We need to reconnect our

rail line to Raleigh by a more focused and unified effort with surrounding county leaders to request the state and federal funding. We need to lobby for Amtrak to provide future passenger rail service from Wilmington to Charlotte and Raleigh. The City of Wilmington should also encourage the New Hanover County government to develop and expand a broad range vocational training program within the county school system. This would allow young men and women to graduate with the work skills required to participate in today's economy.

**PAUL LAWLER**



**DISTRICT VOTING** - The NC General Assembly been imposing districts on local governments North Carolina. Greensboro and Wake County were both converted to districts against their will. That would be bad for Wilmington. Right now all Wilmingtonians can access all city council members because all Council members represent all of us. I don't want to give up that right.

**CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD** - Public safety and our troubled youth should be on top of everyone's concern for Wilmington. Most of the kids are okay. They're going to

school and getting jobs. Our mission should be to find ways to reach out to the ones that aren't on a success path and give these kids some hope and opportunity. Street lights to light up our neighborhoods, better after school activities, improved police/ neighborhood relations can all help. But we also need to bring in the churches and nonprofits that can reach out in ways that government cannot reach. One City step is recreate the human relations council as Mayor Saffo has proposed. It provides a forum to present concerns. This is a practical action that can be taken now. It is unlikely that the general assembly will authorize a civilian review board in the near future. We need to focus on solutions that Wilmington can take now.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - A key to making Wilmington even better is to bring more, better jobs here. Our people need more opportunities. We can do that by using our potential in the tourism business and in the technology sector. By attracting history tourists we will see better opportunities for our lodging, restaurant, retail and attractions and for their employees. Similarly, we have a growing technology sector that will create businesses headquartered here and employing people here. There may also be potential in the new specialty and organic foods businesses that Wilmington and SE NC can encourage. Those are actions that Wilmington can take and take now.

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chiefs, Obama said the movement is addressing an important issue - deaths of unarmed black men and women at the hands of law enforcement - and is not racist or exclusionary, as its critics have claimed.

"I think the reason that the organizers used the phrase 'Black Lives Matter' was not because they said they were suggesting nobody else's lives matter," Obama said. "Rather, what they were suggesting was there is a specific problem that is happening in the African American community that's not happening in other communities."

"And that is a legitimate issue that we've got to address." The Black Lives Matter movement began shortly after the 2013 acquittal of volunteer security George Zimmerman in the shooting death of unarmed African-American teen Trayvon Martin and has grown continuously with the police-related deaths of numerous unarmed black men across the nation.

Obama said one of the

issues that needs to be addressed is the disproportionate imprisonment of African Americans and Latinos. They represent 60 percent of the prison population although African Americans and Latinos only represent 13 and 17 percent of the population respectively, according to whitehouse.gov.

In Washington, African Americans represent over 90 percent of the prison population, although they only account for 49 percent of the city's population.

"The problem of racial justice or injustice in the society has been a running theme in this country's history for a very long time," Obama said, "and so, we just have to make sure that all of us own it."

Currently, the United States the highest prison population in the world, including China, which has a population more than 10 times larger than the U.S.

To address this, Obama stated that reform should include fair application of law, proportionality in the sentencing of crime and programs focused on rehabilitation and crime prevention.

"We know we're spending \$80 billion a year incarcerating folks," he said. "If, in fact,

we had smarter sentencing, we thought about how we're dealing with drug offenses more intelligently, we are working on evidence-based approaches to rehabilitation and reducing recidivism."

Other panelists included John Walsh, United States attorney for the Colorado District; Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck and moderator, Bill Keller, editor and chief of The Marshall Project, a news organization that focuses on the nation's criminal justice system.

Walsh said that federal government has moved away from mandatory minimum sentencing.

"Since 2013, when the Smart on Crime policy was announced by then-Attorney General (Eric) Holder, federal prosecutors have been instructed not to use mandatory minimums, except in cases that really merit their attention," he said, "in other words, aggravated felons, leaders of drug organizations, violent people. And what's that's meant is that our use of mandatory minimums has probably dropped by about 25 percent in that time."

The president insisted that

data would be necessary to counteract the current trends in criminal justice.

"Collecting data, I think, is something that's going to be very important in guiding us forward," he said. "We don't really do a good job right now in collecting national data on a real-time basis, but we now have the tools and the technology to do it better."

Obama said new strategies being used by police and residents are an example of what can be achieved through creative thinking.

Camden has cameras located around the city that uses software that citizens can use to direct what is being seen for the police, so that the community can help monitor the city. In addition, Camden has implemented a neighborhood officer that must spend 24 hours straight in his or assigned neighborhood to interact with the community.

"Creative work, like, for example, where they know there were hotspots and some gang shootings related to drugs, police officers drive the ice cream trucks, park them where the drug dealing has been going on, giving out free ice cream from the police," he said.

"Suddenly families are out

on the streets, and now it's creating a space in which it's a lot harder for you to just be dealing drugs."

Obama said he also believes legislation is also paramount in reformation. Currently Congress is considering legislation that will reduce federal sentencing, the first of its kind in a decade.

"We're in a unique moment in which on a bipartisan basis, across the political spectrum, people are asking hard questions about our criminal justice system and how can we make it both smart, effective, just, fair," he said.

Obama emphasized that the current state of the criminal justice system was not just the responsibility of one entity, such as police, but rather a reflection of the society as a whole.

"If we, as a society, are willing to tolerate very poor neighborhoods with no opportunity, a lot of violence, a lot of standard education, and then we're surprised that the police, in interacting with a community that hasn't been cared for, is going to have tougher interactions, then we're passing the buck," he said.

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**NC STATE PROBES MOCKING "COUNTRY VERSUS BLACK CULTURE" PARTY**



STATE BRIEFS

[RALEIGH] NC State University officials are probing an off-campus party held last Thursday titled "CMT versus BET," where students dressed up mockingly either as figures from country music culture or black music culture. Members of the school's Diversity Advisory Committee say they're sad

that the event was held, adding that clearly the importance of diversity on NCSU's campus needs to reach more students.

**JUDGE ALLOWS NC NAACP VOTER ID CHALLENGE TO GO FORWARD**

[WINSTON-SALEM] A federal judge has rejected attempts by lawyers for the Republican-led NC General Assembly to dismiss a legal challenge to North Carolina's voter photo ID law, and has ruled that a trial focusing on that provision will be held in January 2016. State lawmakers made a

sudden, unexpected change to the 2013 stringent law that required a government-issued photo identification for all voters starting in the 2016 elections. The change, made last July, softened previous restrictions, allowing provisional voting without an ID. Attorneys for the state argued that should be enough to have the lawsuit from the NCNAACP and others dismissed, but US District Court Judge Thomas Schroeder disagreed, suggesting he sees merit in the NCNAACP's argument that still maintaining the requirement for photo ID is unconstitutional and dis-

criminatory under North Carolina law, especially towards African-Americans.

**STATE'S EIGHTH GRADERS FARING POORLY; FOURTH GRADERS IMPROVE**

[GREENSBORO] Eighth graders in North Carolina are not doing as well on national math and reading tests as they did two years ago, according to a report released Wednesday by the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress). That same report, however, showed that North Carolina's fourth-graders have improved their

reading national test scores by four points, while their math scores remained the same. Still, the state's eighth-graders scored at the national average for math, but three points lower in reading. North Carolina's fourth-graders scored higher in both math and reading than the national average.

**UNC BOARD CHAIR RESIGNS AFTER SPELLING CHOSEN AS SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

[CHAPEL HILL] The chairman of the UNC Board of Governors resigned this week after leading a contentious

process in the selection of Margaret Spellings as the new UNC System president. Chairman John Fennesbresque stepped down Monday amid severe criticism of how Spellings selection was recently conducted. Spellings previously served as US education secretary under Pres. George W. Bush. UNC Board Vice Chair attorney W. Louis Bisette, Jr. will serve as acting chairman until the state Senate chooses a successor to finish out Fennesbresque's unexpired term.

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town of Rocky Mount that it was a time for a change from the Republican policies of Gov. McCrory.

Cooper is generally seen as the state Democratic "establishment" candidate, with broad support from most of the party powerbrokers and contributors.

Atty. Spaulding, on the other hand, announced his 2016 intentions to run for governor in 2013, and has spent much of that time traveling the state, introducing himself to the people, and promising to fight for the needs of working people if elected governor. Spaulding portrays himself as the anti-establishment Democratic candidate, touts his independence, and believes that what he lacks in a huge campaign war chest, he more than makes up for with his outreach to voters statewide.

"The establishment of the Democratic Party has hand-picked Roy Cooper, and they control Roy Cooper, so I call upon the establishment to instruct Roy Cooper to participate in a series of debates," Spaulding said.

To buttress his challenge, Spaulding indicated that newspapers across the state, including The Weekly Independent in Durham and The Fayetteville Observer have called for debates between the two gubernatorial candidates. He also said that Time Warner Cable News and the League of Women Voters have offered to sponsor a debate to be carried statewide. Time Warner Cable has reportedly confirmed that it has sent letters to all of the candidates for governor offering debate time on its air.

"Our party needs strong and new leadership because "business as usual" and "more of the same" have led the Democrats to constant defeats," Spaulding declared.

Having once served as a state representative from Durham, Spaulding says he feels Cooper's record as state attorney general should be explored, charging that Cooper's office failed to fight in court for teacher tenure; fought in court for private school vouchers against the interests of public schools; and is representing the state in defending the controversial voter ID law.

Cooper's defenders say it is the job of the state attorney

general's office to represent the state, and particularly the NC General Assembly, when controversial issues are litigated. Spaulding, "disagreeing strongly" counters that the attorney general has discretion as to which cases his office will take up.

Cooper has also been criticized for not retrying a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer that fatally shot Jonathan Ferrell, an unarmed African-American man injured during a car accident in Sept. 2013, after the judge declared a mistrial. The prosecutor from Cooper's office has said after the jury deadlocked, they re-evaluated their chances of winning a retrial, and determined they couldn't win. The officer has since reached a monetary settlement with the city for back pay.

"What [Cooper] is doing is trying to hide his record, and I will not let that be done," Spaulding vows.

Cooper's campaign, when asked earlier in October by the press whether the candidate would indeed debate Ken Spaulding, replied that "...there would be plenty of opportunities for Democratic voters to meet and hear the candidates."



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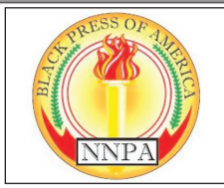
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## Our Voice

### TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 2015 ELECTION

Next Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, the citizens of Wilmington will once again go to the polls to select a mayor and three candidates for the City Council to lead our city through the next two challenging years.

We say challenging because with all of the political, social and economic uncertainties surrounding us now, if citizens don't make the right and reasoned selections for leadership, we may all be faced with issue after issue overwhelming us, and severely impacting our quality of life.

Here in the black community, beyond the standard issues that affect all Wilmingtonians, we have vital concerns about policing, economic development, affordable housing and more jobs for our families who should be working. And that's why municipal elections are infinitely more important than any other, because the results determine whether those street lights in front of your house get fixed and when; the quality of the water you drink; and who is holding the police accountable for their behavior in your neighborhood.

So, if you haven't already done so through early voting, make the time and take the time Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, to go to the polls, and vote to elect our next City Council. You and your single vote can, and will change the course of history for Wilmington, but you must cast it. It's one of the only real ways to still be heard.

Polls open in Wilmington/New Hanover County at 6:30 a.m., and close at 7:30 p.m. You are not required to have photo identification for this election, but have it with you just in case an unexpected issue arises.

Per the candidates running for City Council, Mayor Bill Saffo is unopposed for re-election. As indicated earlier, there are three open council seats, with eight candidates all in contention for them. The top three votegetters will be elected.

**Out of the eight, *The Wilmington Journal*, after careful consideration, endorses Hollis Briggs, Jr. for Council.**  
HOLLIS BRIGGS, JR.

*The Journal* isn't endorsing Hollis Briggs, Jr. solely because he's black. It has been well established, that "skin folk aren't necessarily kin folk" when it comes to the issues that still plague our community. So a candidate for office these days has to show us more than just his or her pigmentation to capture our support.

They have to know our community, has a deep connection to our issues, and be able to lead, on the council in this case, in the direction of solid solutions.

That's why we endorse Hollis Briggs, Jr. He is of our community, and has demonstrated a commitment to finding solutions to our issues. We want that kind of leadership at the table representing us.

It was no accident that *The Journal* sent out a very specific three-question survey sheet to all of the City Council candidates except one (who we had trouble getting reliable contact information for in a timely fashion). We wanted to see who among the seven would take the short time allowed, and respected our community that much, to respond to our inquiry.

We were pleased that Hollis Briggs, Jr., John Presswood and Paul Lawler indeed took that time, and we thank them for it. And out of those three, Mr. Briggs shown through.

On the question of choosing between our city's current at-large voting system, or switching to a district-based voting system, Mr. Briggs said "let the people decide," not the partisan lawmakers in Raleigh who have a habit of sticking their noses into local business they have nothing to do with.

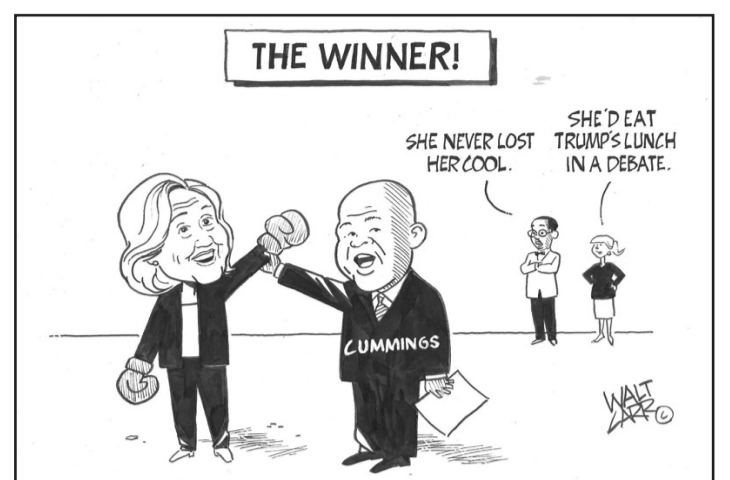
We like that response. On should the city of Wilmington have a citizen complaint review board to hold the police department accountable for its actions, Mr. Briggs said he believes a review system is needed. That's a step in the right direction, and hopefully, if elected, Briggs can lead the way towards working with citizens on devising a solid proposal with teeth that the community can get behind.

And what more can the city do to promote economic development in our poorer communities? Beyond the common sense answer of attracting more investment to those communities to spur the growth of more jobs and small business opportunities, getting small businesses onboard in giving those who have paid their debt to society a chance to earn their way back into the social fabric of our community with jobs makes all of the sense in the world. Too many are not allowed to rebuild their lives after making stupid mistakes in their teen years. Briggs says providing more opportunity for ex-offenders uplifts the entire community, and rightfully so.

Hollis Briggs, Jr. is a "man of the people" who has a long, productive history in our community, which means he's one of us. He'll give a strong voice for our concerns, and hear us when we need to be heard. He has the support and the respect of other committed leaders in the community.

***The Journal* recommends that when you go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, make sure you cast your ballot for Hollis Briggs, Jr. for Wilmington City Council.**

## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion

### BLACKONOMICS

### Will your family get bills or benefits?

(George Curry Media)

**W**hen you die, what will you leave behind, bills or benefits? That's the main question posed by the upcoming documentary film by Ric Mathis, Atlanta videographer and filmmaker. The question is applicable on a personal and collective level; one each of us should



James Clingman

honestly answer: Mathis has captured the essence of that question, as well as the practical solutions to the frivolous Black spending phenomenon, in his upcoming film, "Black Friday: What Legacy Will You Leave?" He transposed all the Black Friday rhetoric into appropriate action, not only for that day but throughout the entire year and for the rest of life.

Topics of discussion in the film include negative spending habits, introduction of financial literacy to our youth, and the absence of support for African American-owned businesses by Black consumers. Mathis says, "Black Friday is the Noah's Ark of economics, if you are not up on this, you risk drowning in a sea of debt."

After discovering the alarming imbalance of Black spending and economic growth within the Black community, Mathis used his videography

expertise to educate and stimulate appropriate behavioral change with his film, "Black Friday." He lays out the deficit-based economic model by which most of our people are living, and then presents an asset-based model for which we must strive.

As I stated on Montoya Smith's radio show, "Mental Dialogue" (Atlanta, GA.), considering the fact that Black Friday has saturated our mental tablets to the point of becoming just another cute phrase with no substance, writing and even doing a film on the subject of Black Friday is tantamount to trying to find a new angle to sell a bag of ice.

Having written about Black Friday for a decade or so, and even though I heeded the calls for blackouts and staying home on that day, my response has always been that blackouts would not really make a difference unless we implemented a long-term strategy that directed the dollars we withdraw back into ourselves and our own businesses. It's not just about what "not" to do; it's more about what "to" do.

Mathis deals with my contention in a positive manner by covering the short-term and the long-term repercussions of our withdrawal and recycling Black dollars in his film. It's not just about Black Friday itself or the few days preceding and following Black Friday. Rather, it captures the various aspects of a successful economic empowering strategy, beginning with an introspective question each

of us can answer, and then building a foundation of information regarding frivolous spending, economic literacy, saving, investing, business development and support, cooperative and collective economics; then Mathis caps it all off with practical solutions to stop the bleeding and reverse our trade deficit with other groups in this country.

The term Black Friday did not emanate from Black people. After several iterations of the term as far back as 1961, it has been promoted as a positive reality of businesses reaping huge profits not only from Black consumers but from all consumers. Although quite apropos when it comes to the Black consumer, vis-à-vis our penchant for spending our money on everything anyone else makes, the term "Black Friday" does not have to be our reality, which is the basic message from the film. We deserve what we accept, and we must stop accepting the self-deprecating images and self-defeating characterizations attributed to Black people as it pertains to our economic interests. Our economic imperative must be rooted in the reality of our relative economic position in this country.

Many of the stories we read in dominant and social media are centered on Black athletes and entertainers who spend tremendous sums of money on material things and/or waste it in clubs on liquor and strippers. We read about robberies and murders by young people who

want a certain pair of shoes or a jacket - and the latest craze: young girls are stealing hair.

Except for Black Enterprise and a few other Black-owned print media, not counting Black newspapers, the stories about Black entrepreneurs and others who are doing great things in the economic arena are buried, if they are in print at all. So who bears the responsibility of changing that reality? A long time ago, I wrote, "The answer to media bias is 'media by us.'" Ric Mathis has answered that call of responsibility, and I dare say obligation, to produce a video that will not only enlighten us but also move us to action-move us to take responsibility for the financial resources with which we have been blessed.

As we reflect on our answers to Black Friday's questions, let us also ponder our economic condition and then commit to making appropriate change toward true economic empowerment for Black people. See more information at [www.TheFilmBlackFriday.com](http://www.TheFilmBlackFriday.com)

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### CHILDWATCH

### When Congressional bipartisanship worked

(George Curry Media)

**A**midst the shameful dysfunctional legislative gridlock of the U.S. House of Representatives, it was a great joy last week to celebrate a time and a leader - former Minnesota Senator and Vice President Walter Mondale - when bipartisanship, common sense and a national moral commitment to



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children and families almost became the law of the land for young children.

What a different country we would be today had millions of children received the carefully conceived high-quality early childhood and family support services in the bipartisan Comprehensive Child Development Act of 1971 which President Nixon vetoed on the eve of his trip to China, capitulating to right wing ideologues such as Phyllis Schlafly and Patrick Buchanan.

In addition to mischaracterizations of the legislation's provisions, President Nixon attempted to portray day care and other child care services outside the home as a radical new departure, ignoring the millions of mothers already in the workforce.

The Act was a model of what bipartisan support can look like. It passed December 2, 1971 by a vote of 63 yeas to 17 nays in

the United States Senate with 39 Democrats and 24 Republicans. Republican Senators Richard Schweiker (Penn.) and Jacob Javits (N.Y.) were lead cosponsors. Five days later, thanks to the leadership of Rep. John Brademas (Ind.), the United States House of Representatives voted its approval, 211 to 187, with 180 Democrats and 31 Republicans.

This Act passed because of strong bipartisan leadership and hard work of the most broad-based coalition assembled since enactment of the social legislation of the early 1960s. It included poverty, civil rights, children's and women's groups across the income spectrum, labor unions, faith leaders, educators, community and citizen organizations. During committee hearings, the need for child development legislation was detailed by leading child advocates, developmental psychologists and pediatricians. Outside groups worked hand-in-hand with Senator Mondale's staff in the drafting process. The Washington Post called the bill "as important a breakthrough for the young as Medicare was for the old," and described it as "a vehicle for a new national effort to make childhood livable."

The Act was designed to begin to meet the developmental needs of all children, regardless of family income, by investing major new federal funds to establish high quality comprehensive programs with federal standards under a coordinated

delivery system. Its funding authorization the first year of \$2 billion - equivalent to \$11.3 billion today - is nearly \$3 billion more than the 2014 Head Start funding level of \$8.6 billion.

Although Senator Mondale introduced weaker versions of the 1971 bill soon thereafter, it took the Children's Defense Fund Action Council working tirelessly with a broad coalition of early childhood, faith, civil rights and education groups 19 years to help gain enough momentum for enactment of the less comprehensive Child Care and Development Block Grant in 1990, which President George H.W. Bush signed after feared veto threats.

In 1971, 40 percent of mothers were in the workforce; today 70 percent are, including 64 percent with children under 6. In 2014, although 15.5 million children were poor, Head Start served fewer than half of eligible 3- and 4-year-olds and Early Head Start reached only 4 percent of eligible infants and toddlers. Only 1 in 6 federally-eligible children receives a subsidy through the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and enrollment numbers continue to decline as the cost of care increases.

In 2012, the total combined federal and state child care funding under the Child Care Block Grant and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program fell to its lowest level since 2002. Center-based child care for an infant is more expensive than tuition at a pub-

lic, 4-year college in 31 states and the District of Columbia. Fewer than half of 3- and 4-year olds are enrolled in any preschool program and even fewer are in high quality programs.

A baby is born with a brain 25 percent of adult size. By age 5 a child's brain has grown dramatically to 90 percent of adult size. Research and experience show that quality early childhood programs are one of the best investments the nation can make towards assuring better education and societal outcomes. Nobel prize-winning economist James Heckman estimates the return on investment of such programs at 7-10 percent per year.

Deep thanks to Senator Mondale and his co-sponsors in both parties and then House Education and Labor Chair John Brademas and his Republican co-sponsors who sought to put our nation's children and families above partisan political gain. I hope we may see their likes again and an end to the ugly political grandstanding that denies children the basic supports they need to be ready for and achieve in school in our competitive global world.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Separate and impoverished

(George Curry Media)

Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Democratic candidate for president, shocked people when he noted that 51 percent of African-Americans aged 17 through 20 who have graduated high school or dropped out of high school are unemployed.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

PolitiFact.com confirmed the statement as "mostly true," suggesting that the numbers might even be worse than Sanders suggested.

This level of unemployment is a death sentence for a generation - representing for too many, the dying of hope, potential and even, in an age of mass incarceration, freedom.

The figure is shocking, but the reality cannot be denied. For all the progress we have

made on race in this country, there is still a stark difference between Black and White poverty. As Emily Badger reports in the Washington Post, "The poverty that poor African-Americans experience is often different from the poverty of poor whites."

A poor Black family is much more likely to live in an impoverished neighborhood. The concentrated poverty, as Badger writes, "extends out the door of a family's home and occupies the entire neighborhood around it, touching the streets, the schools, the grocery stores."

A new report on the "Architecture of Segregation" by Paul Jargowsky for the New Century Foundation details the stark differences that exist in cities across the country. In metropolitan Chicago, for example, more than one in three poor African-Americans live in what are called high-poverty census tracts (neighborhoods where the poverty rate is

above 40 percent). That is 10 times the rate for poor Whites. And it has gotten worse in cities across the country over the course of this century.

We know the effects of separate and impoverished. Infants suffer bad nutrition, grow up surrounded by lead paint. Children navigate mean streets to go to impoverished schools. They lack after-school and summer programs. Families break apart. Guns and drugs come in; jobs go out. There's no affordable transportation to get to where the jobs are. Houses are abandoned. Hospitals close. Decent grocery stores are nowhere to be found.

As Jargowsky says, this isn't really an accident. It is the product of systemic discrimination, of zoning laws that shield wealthy areas from the poor, of public housing that is concentrated in a few neighborhoods. Isolation in poor neighborhoods is an imposition, not a choice. This could be different. In

London, for example, every region must have some social housing for poor and working-class people. Imagine if every suburb were required to provide a proportionate amount of housing for the poor and the lower-wage workers. Suddenly the poor would have access to better schools, better health care, safer streets, more role models and healthier (and less expensive) food stores.

This takes a plan, a plan that will meet great resistance. Dozens of Chicago's wealthy suburbs, Badger notes, have ignored state deadlines to produce affordable housing plans.

Poor African Americans are penned up, in poor neighborhoods and too often literally in jails and prisons. This is an imposition, not a fate, a policy choice that is morally indefensible and socially explosive.

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

An 11-hour infomercial for Hillary Clinton

(George Curry Media)

House Republicans' Benghazi Hearing last week was designed to further lower Hillary Clinton's poll numbers in her quest to become president. But the Republican strategy backfired as the televised hearing became an 11-hour infomercial for Hillary Clinton.

Instead of a weakened opponent, Clinton emerged stronger than ever in the wake of Vice President Joe Biden announcing he will not make a third run for the White House. Time after time, she demonstrated her mastery of foreign policy, proved that she could remain calm under constant badgering and inane questioning by Republicans on the panel. Clinton couldn't have created a more effective TV campaign commercial.

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I watched all of the charade except for a 30-minute break I took to watch national news. By the time the hearing wrapped up, the only thing new we had learned was that there are no limits on how low Republicans will sink to score political points - at a cost of nearly \$5 million and counting.

Instead of seeking answers to questions, more often than not, the GOP panel members would tell us what they thought the former Secretary of State was thinking at the time or shared their far-fetched "theory" about what was transpiring at the time.

Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), the ranking member of the panel, said the special committee had one goal - to damage the presidential candidacy of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

"As we all know, Representative Kevin McCarthy, Speaker Boehner's second in command and the chairman's close friend, admitted that they established the select committee to drive down Secretary Clinton's poll numbers. Democrats didn't say that. The second in command in the House said that, a Republican," Cummings stated.

Republican Congressman Richard Hanna said the Select Committee was, quote, 'designed - designed to go after Secretary Clinton.' And one of the chairman's own, hand-picked investigators, a self-proclaimed conservative Republican, charged that he was fired in part for not going along with these plans to, quote, 'hyper-focus on Hillary Clinton.'

GOP panel members focused on trying to discredit Clinton. Rep. Jim Jordan, a Republican from Ohio, offered: "Here's what I think's going on..."

Peter Roskam, a Republican from Illinois, said: "...And let me tell you a little bit of a theory that I've developed from my reading and research and listening today..."

Perhaps they relied so heavily on theory and their personal opinion because there were no new facts to add.

In fact, they went over many of the same questions Clinton had answered when she testified before the committee earlier. "Of the 316 total questions, according to our count Republican members of the committee asked 249," Media Matters, the media watchdog group, found. "About 75 of their questions - 30 percent - involved information that was already specifically discussed during Clinton's first day of hearings in front of Congress in January 2013.

"Those hearings (she appeared twice on the same day before both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee) only lasted a total of about five hours and 35 minutes, but Clinton and her questioners managed to provide a plethora of information that yesterday's Select Committee was apparently unaware existed."

It continued, "For instance, Clinton had already answered questions about who handled requests for increased security at Benghazi prior to the 2012 attacks. She had already answered questions about why, in the days following the attacks, she had - like the intelligence community and eyewitnesses on the ground - discussed the anti-Muslim video that sparked worldwide protests and which the alleged terrorists themselves cited as a motivation. And she had already explained that the compound in Benghazi was a 'temporary' facility, and thus not under the normal regulations for more typical consulates and embassies."

When Republicans callously tried to portray Clinton as uncaring after the loss of four Americans, she responded with passion and sensitivity.

She said at one point, "I would imagine I've thought more about what happened than all of you put together. I've lost more sleep than all of you put together."

The hearing was roundly denounced by the media as fruitless.

The New York Times observed, "The pointless grilling of Mrs. Clinton, who fielded a barrage of questions that have long been answered and settled, served only to embarrass the Republican lawmakers who have spent millions of dollars on a political crusade."

A Washington Post editorial said, "The House Select Committee on Benghazi further discredited itself on Thursday as its Republican members attempted to fuel largely insubstantial suspicions about Hillary Clinton's role in the 2012 Benghazi attacks. Grilling Ms. Clinton all day, they elicited little new information and offered little hope that their inquiry would find anything significant that seven previous investigations didn't."

Cummings said, "When we first joined the Select Committee, I asked my staff to put together a complete report and database setting forth the questions that have been asked about the attacks and all of the answers that were provided in the eight previous investigations...The problem is that rather than accepting these facts, Republicans continue to spin new conspiracy theories that are just as outlandish and inaccurate."

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Historically, African Americans heavily support Democrats, and from what I see in the Republican field, we should continue to do so. However, Democratic candidates should not take the African American community for granted and those Democrats in the race should be willing to answer these questions. Hilary Clinton enjoys sig-

nificant support among African Americans. Our support should not excuse her from asking questions about her support of African Americans. If we don't ask her these questions, we have no right to ask them of others.

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Twenty questions every presidential candidate must answer

Bye, bye Biden. The Vice-President who might have given the Honorable Hillary Clinton a run for her money has concluded that the timing is not right for him. Clinton needs someone to rattle her cage, to push her to be more focused in the general election. Now, Senator Bernie Sanders will push her to the left. Biden may have pushed her back to center, enhancing her electability.

It doesn't matter now. The late Congressman William Clay (D-Mo.) often said that black folks should have "no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, only permanent issues." How hard will African Americans push candidates for President in 2016, whether they are African American or white, Democratic or Republican, legacy candidates (Bush, Clinton), or outsiders? We should directly challenge these candidates on race matters, and push it as aggressively as we can. Hats off to the #BlackLivesMatter move-

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

ment for doing exactly that - pushing until our issues garnered recognition among Democrats. Republicans were not asked, nor did they volunteer; their perspective on race matters.

If I were questioning these candidates on race matters, here's what I'd ask about their views: What do you think about race relations in our nation? If you think they are broken, how would you fix them? If you think everything is fine, how do you account for the differentials we can measure in terms of income, employment and educational attainment?

Do you think that race matters? How? Do you think that the Presidential bully pulpit is an appropriate platform from which to raise these issues? Assuming that you are inaugurated in January 2016, what would be your first speech on race, and whom would you offer it to? Do you believe in targeted programs? In other words since African Americans were disproportionately hit by the Great Recession, should this community get disproportionate assistance in recovery funding. How would you manage this? How do you define affirmative action? Do you agree

with its premise and support its implementation? The African American unemployment rate has been twice that of Whites for five decades. Do you feel any obligation to close the gap? How would you approach that? Too many have accepted this employment gap as historic. Should the African American community accept this as a permanent gap?

How would you deal with some of the educational challenges in the African American community, from differences in high school graduation rates, to differences in college attendance? Would you increase the Pell Grant, and where would the money come from? How strongly will you support HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), and can these institutions expect more support from your administration? The criminal justice system seems biased against African Americans, and the recent spate of the killings of black men at the hands of white officers magnify this. What are your plans to reform a system that is so clearly biased that half of prison populations are African American (yet only 13 percent of the population)?

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African Americans disproportionately depend on Social Security, mainly because as few as a third have company provided pensions. Calls for Social Security reform have included proposals to cut benefits, raise the retirement age, or both. What is your position on Social Security changes? How do you think African Americans are affected by these changes? What will you do to mitigate the disproportionate impact of social security changes on African Americans?

Who are the African Americans on your campaign team? What are their roles? Will you contract with African American entrepreneurs to do your printing, or media buys and to provide other services? Do you have a goal for what percentage of your campaign budget will be awarded to African American businesses?

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The GOP's 'Get Clinton' Committee

(George Curry Media)

Added another line to Hillary Clinton's qualifications for the presidency: "Faced down the latest Republican Party attempt to wreck the Democratic Party and the two-party system in America."

Lee A. Daniels

The woman who would be president - whose public career includes being First Lady to a governor and a president, winning election to the U.S. Senate, running a tough campaign for her party's presidential nomination, and service as Secretary of State - last week met the greatest challenge to her candidacy with a resolve and clarity of explanation that couldn't be shaken by the Republican members of the House Select Committee on Benghazi.

"We should debate on the basis of fact, not fear," she told the committee in her opening statement. "We should resist denigrating the patriotism or loyalty of those with whom we disagree ... And my challenge to you, members of this Committee, is the same challenge I put to myself. Let us be worthy of the trust the American people have bestowed upon us. They expect us to lead. To learn the right lessons. To rise above partisanship and to reach for statesmanship."

chair of the committee Republicans had set up in the wake of the deadly September 2012 terrorist attack on a State Department compound in Benghazi, Libya, in which four Americans including the U.S. Ambassador to Libya were slain, declared at the hearing's opening that its goal was solely to pursue "the truth" of why the attack succeeded.

It was not, he said to Clinton, "about you. Let me assure you it is not."

But the committee's true purpose had been perfectly captured by Washington Post cartoonist Tom Toles' October 21 cartoon.

Toles' drawing shows Clinton and three Republican committee members seated at separate tables facing each other across an open space at the edges of the cartoon. Between them at the top of the space is a simple clothes rack with a long black dress hanging on it, a broom leaning against it on one side and a conical black witches' hat perched on it on the other side.

Toles' bubble comment has Gowdy asking Clinton, "... if you could put on the testifying outfit and take your seat ..."

It quickly became clear, however, that Clinton wasn't about to let herself be labeled a sorceress or made a victim. "I'm sorry [the facts don't] fit your narrative, congressman," Clinton said sternly at one point during a terse exchange with Republican Jim Jordan, of Ohio. "I can only tell you what the facts were."

But, as the Tom Toles' cartoon indicated, Clinton was not

the only one under scrutiny at the hearing. Indeed, the legitimacy of the committee itself had been all but erased in stunning fashion by the comments of two prominent GOP officials.

First, in early October Kevin McCarthy, who as House Majority Whip is the number two official in the House's leadership hierarchy, boasted on the GOP-friendly forum of Fox News commentator Sean Hannity's program that "Everybody thought Hillary Clinton was unbeatable. But we put together a Benghazi special committee, a select committee. What are her numbers today? Her numbers are dropping."

McCarthy's boast, which quickly destroyed his own candidacy for Speaker of the House of Representatives, was later, in effect, seconded by Rep. Richard Hanna (R-N.Y.) who said on a radio talk program, "there is a big part of this [Benghazi committee investigation] that was designed to go after people - an individual, Hillary Clinton."

And still later, a former Benghazi committee staffer now suing it for wrongful termination said he had been fired in part because he resisted an order that the entire staff focus not on Benghazi but on trying to find something damaging in Clinton's partially using her private e-mail account for State Department business.

These comments punctured the Benghazi Committee's masquerade: It really should be called the GOP's 'Get Clinton' Committee, for it starkly repre-

sents what the Republican Party, deranged by the success of President Obama and addicted to pursuing a cloaked White-supremacist electoral strategy, has given itself over to.

As I wrote recently, it's become a wrecking-ball party, willing to destroy institutions, traditions, and people in order to get its way. Indeed, we have as evidence a seven-year-long trail of the GOP targeting this cause or that program for destruction: the Get Obamacare effort; the Get Abortion Clinics campaign; the ongoing Get Democratic-Leaning Voters Away from the Ballot Box effort; the Get (Block) Same-Sex Marriage effort; the Get Gays and Lesbians Out of the Military campaign; the Get Planned Parenthood sham; the Get Black Lives Matter campaign.

And that's just a partial list. In that regard, the GOP's tricked-up Benghazi committee should propel those who want a democratic (with a small "d") United States to form a "Get Clinton" committee of their own-one that will get Hillary Clinton into the president's chair in the White House.

Lee A. Daniels is a longtime journalist based in New York City. His essay, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Great Provocateur," appears in *Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Peace Laureates of African Descent (2014)*, published by Zed Books. His new collection of columns, *Race Forward: Facing America's Racial Divide in 2014*, is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

# The crushing weight of student loan debt hurts us all

BY CHARLENE CROWELL  
NNPA COLUMNIST

As the cost of higher education has risen, students and their families have increasingly turned to student loans to cover costs. Today, according to the Consumer



Charlene Crowell

Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), 41 million consumers collectively owe more than \$1.2 trillion in debt. What is less commonly known, however, is that millions of student loan borrowers are delinquent or in default on \$175 billion in student loan balances. To frame it another way: more than one in four student-loan borrowers are either

delinquent or in default.

With that kind of red ink, the CFPB began a public inquiry that has now led to over 30,000 comments sharing the difficult struggles of student loan repayments, as well as remedies to cure this growing trend. Many of these struggles can be traced back to student loan servicers – the companies hired by the Department of Education to collect loan payments and, in theory, assist borrowers if they get into trouble.

Consumers reported a litany of servicing woes to the CFPB, reminiscent of those that affected mortgages and foreclosures just a few years ago. Lost paperwork, misapplied payments and difficulty correcting errors are just a few of the unfortunate circumstances student borrowers and co-signers face.

But one of the biggest problems facing student loan borrowers is servicers' failure to

help them avoid default and distress by enrolling into any of several repayment plans that might help them out of a financial pinch.

Federal loans offer options to alter loan repayments. Deferring payments due to unemployment or income-based repayments that adjust to each borrower's capacity to repay have helped many borrowers to financially cope. Depending upon the type of federal loan and employment secured, some loans may be forgiven after years of prompt payment and public service.

Even with these options, 70 percent of federal direct loan borrowers in default actually met income requirements for lower monthly payments attached to income-driven repayment plans, according to a report released by the General Accounting Office earlier this year. Additional evidence suggests that borrowers enrolled in income-driven

repayment plans can avoid default more easily compared to borrowers who do not enroll.

For CFPB, this disturbing data point prompts questions as to how well or even if borrowers knew all their available options. Comments filed with CFPB suggest that some servicers provided either conflicting or inaccurate information that denied the best loan remedy. In some cases, the remedy offered increased loan costs. In other instances, late payment processing often created higher interest charges and late fees.

"There are no consistent, market-wide federal standards for student loan servicing and servicers generally have discretion to determine policies related to many aspects of servicing operations," states CFPB's report.

"A growing body of evidence suggests that rising levels of student loan indebtedness may also have had spillover effects on other seg-

ments of the economy—potentially limiting borrowers' access to credit, diminishing savings, reducing homeownership, threatening retirement security, and inhibiting borrowers from pursuing careers as health-care providers and educators in underserved communities, or as entrepreneurs," the report continued.

To effectively alleviate student debt burdens, the CFPB along with the U.S. Treasury and Department of Education have together endorsed a set of principles to guide student loan servicing reforms. These principles would apply to both private and federal loans. In part these principles call for:

- Publishing information about the practices of lenders and servicers, along with information on the performance of private and federal student loans;
- Holding loan servicers

accountable for violations of contractual agreements, federal regulations and consumer laws at both the state and federal levels; and

• Directing servicers to provide accurate information to borrowers and provide effective student loan servicing.

"Good student loan servicing is the key to successful loan repayment," said Leslie Parrish, Deputy Director of Research at the Center for Responsible Lending. "No borrower should default because the servicer failed to give them the attention they deserved. The CFPB and Department of Education must work together to comprehensively reform student loan servicing."

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## Black women leaders outraged by police violence against S.C. student

**Editor's Note:** Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott announced Wednesday that the officer involved in the incident with the Spring Valley High School student in Columbia has been terminated. However, charges have not been dismissed against the two students.

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Leading Black women across the nation are expressing outrage this week over the videotaped violent incident showing a White police officer in Columbia, S.C. grabbing a Black 16-year-old female high school student around her neck, flipping her desk; then dragging her across the floor and tossing her across the classroom.

"I was shocked and immobilized to watch the brutal officer physically abuse a young

girl because she 'disobeyed' his orders. She may have been disobedient, but she did not deserve to be dehumanized and, indeed, defeminized," said Dr. Julianne Malveaux, a Black press columnist and former president of the Bennett College for Women. "Imagine the national outcry if a young White girl, blonde hair streaming, was so brutally tossed about in a classroom."

Melanie Campbell, convenor of the Black Women's Roundtable, described this kind of treatment of students as "unconscionable and unjust."

She said the Black Women's Roundtable is "extremely troubled" by the video "showing the attack displayed by an off-duty police officer manhandling a young Black female student in his attempt to arrest her for not leaving

the classroom fast enough...Our children are our most precious commodity and their education and safety are paramount."

The outrage grew this week as it was learned that the officer, identified by students as Deputy Ben Fields of the Richland County Sheriff's Department, has a record and a reputation for violent conduct; including previous public charges of excessive force and battery.

The Department of Justice and the FBI have said they are investigating Monday's incident, videotaped by students in the classroom. Posted on multiple social media platforms, the viral videos were quickly picked up by national news outlets.

It has become a familiar scene. In recent years, such videos have led to escalating protests of police misconduct



In this screenshot of one of the videos, Officer Ben Fields wrestles 16-year-old to the floor before dragging and tossing her across the classroom.

in Black communities.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott has told the media that the deputy, assigned to the Spring Valley High School as a resource officer, went to the classroom after being summoned by school officials who said the teen was disruptive and refusing to leave. The incident reportedly sparked from her refusal to put away her cell phone.

Fields, reportedly the recipient of a commendation from another school, has been suspended from the Sheriff's department without pay, pending completion of an investigation. Lott, who said the teen swung at the officer as he grabbed her, said he would announce this week whether Fields would return to the force or be fired. He said he will focus solely on his conduct, not the teen's behavior.

Barbara Arnwine, president/founder of the newly formed Transformative Justice Coalition called for the "immediate firing" of Fields, saying she saw no need to wait after seeing the video.

"There is nothing she could have said to justify the body slamming of her and the physical assault by Deputy Fields. Even a refusal to leave the class could not justify these abusive actions," Arnwine said. "The Transformative Justice Coalition opposes zero tolerance policies and the routine presence of police in schools as it contributes to the school to prison pipeline. We call upon all Americans to decry this incident and demand justice."

Said to be known to students as "Officer Slam", Fields can be seen on video warning the student that if she does not leave he would remove her. Then he suddenly grabs her, toppling the desk. He dumps her on the floor, drags her from the desk and tosses her across the classroom floor. He then leaps into the air with his hands spread by his side

like a wrestler before crouching over her, placing her hands behind her back and making the arrest.

Another student, Niya Kenny, 18, who told her classmates to tape the incident and openly voiced her disdain for the violence, was also arrested.

"Seeing her being thrown across the classroom like that was really traumatizing. I mean, I've never seen anything like that in my life and it just really broke my heart to watch it," said Kenny, interviewed with her mother and attorney on CNN. She was also arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. "We've heard about his reputation and we've heard about he's a really...dangerous man to get involved with."

Kenny was arrested after the 16-year-old was escorted out of the classroom. He returned asking, "Do you want some of this too?" she recounted. Fearing his violence, she said she peacefully placed her hands behind her back.

Other students in the classroom appeared stunned and immobile as they watched the scene unfold. Malveaux said the demeanor of the male students reminded her of how Black men have historically - including during slavery - "been forced to watch the denigration of Black women, who have been raped and beaten to ensure that the men of our race will stand frightened and mute in the face of oppression. Watching a classmate brutally torn and tossed from a desk, anyone with the inclination to speak up must have feared brutal retaliation."

As people across the nation awaited the fate of Fields this week, Black women, known nationally for their leadership, continued to condemn the treatment of the teen, some calling for policy changes.

"I read an article earlier this year that referred to Black girls as 'Pushed out,

over policed and under protected.' This came to my mind when I saw the video," said Dr. Elsie Scott, founding director of the Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center at Howard University. "The young lady was pushed out of school by a police officer who clearly seemed to be using more than necessary enforcement. Then when I saw the Black male teacher just standing by, I felt bad that she had no one to protect her. We are seeing increasingly more cases where Black girls and women are being subjected to abuse and over enforcement. We must start placing more attention on the plight of females in the criminal justice system."

The incident also recalled another videotaped police incident in McKinney, Texas earlier this year when a Black teenaged girl wearing a bikini at a pool party was dragged across a yard by a White police officer. In the face of national criticism, that officer resigned from his job.

The Rev. Omarosa Manigault, a reality television star who pastors in Los Angeles and is active in civil rights, called for White female counterparts in civil rights to rise up.

"Where are the women's rights organizations like the National Organization for Women when little Black girls are being treated in this inhumane way? Where is the outrage?," Manigault said. "This young lady was treated like a thug or a thief - instead of a pupil sitting in a classroom behaving like a regular teen."

Many fear the growth of such incidents unless corrective action is taken. Says Arnwine, "Black women and girls are the victims of police killings, sexual assault and abusive treatment. We cannot [stand by] as Americans allow more Sandra Blands, Natasha McKennas and our girls to be assaulted at swimming pools and while sitting in class. We all must #SayHerName!"

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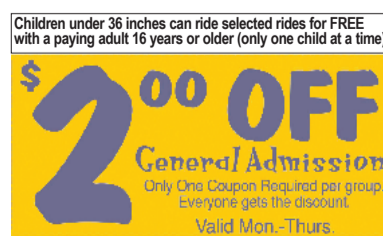
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Community Briefs

Haso Ministries will sponsor Feed The Needy every 1st Saturday of each month at 5-Star Café, 604 Redcross Street at 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Ramona at 910-264-4530.

Love and Charity will present "For The Record" (set the record straight for 1898) on Wednesday, November 11th from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. at ILA Union Hall Local 1426, 1201 South 5th Ave. Host will be Larry Reni Thomas with speakers Daawud Naseer El-Amin, The Wilmington Journal and Christopher Everett with his film presentation of Wilmington on Fire. Live poetry readings and musical performances. Vendors welcome must be there by 6:00 p.m. For any questions call 910-231-8818

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.

NHCDP Precinct W29 will hold their 52 years celebration on Saturday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m. at Coastline Conference and Event Center, 503 Nut St. Keynote Speaker will be Linda Coleman (candidate for Lt. Governor of NC) Special guests include, Charles Meeker Candidate for NC Commissioner, Dr. Dony Rosboro, Assistant Professor of Watson School of Education-UNCW, Rev. Judge James H. Faison, III (First African male appointed to District Court Judge-New Hanover and Pender County) and Rev. Dr. Daniel Cook, Sr., pastor of The Sanctuary Church. For more information call Lynn McIntire at 910-200-2530 or E.B. Davis at 910-762-8599 or 910-859-3015.

The Democratic Women of New Hanover County will meet on the 2nd Thursday, November 12th at McAllister's Deli, 740 S. College Rd. A social period, "eat and meet" will be from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. The main mission will to honor our veterans for their service to our country. The program will briefly address the kinds of counseling provided at the local VA Clinic that includes Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Military Sexual Trauma (MST) and substance abuse. We will also have an update on the water supply contract for our VA Clinic as well as the difficulties in getting effective legislation passed in D.C. All Democratic men and women are welcome. If any questions, please call 910- 305-4502. There will not be a DW meeting in December. Happy holidays to all.

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.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Making your communities a better place to live

Not long ago, I saw pictures of young men selling drugs. They were Black and White and very young. They were trying to make easy money, but they were doing more harm than good to the young generation. When they are caught selling drugs, the next place is jail, and they may be in jail for a long time.



Verniece Stanley

We must stop and think about these young people. Some of these young boys and girls are high school dropouts, and community service for some helpful organizations could be of service. As citizens, we have a responsibility to help young people.

We think about the meaning of a community in this changing society across the world. We need to make a commitment to our neighbors and recognize the need to make sure our religious foundation is a guiding light of hope.

In Brunswick County, we want to support the growing number of older residents in the future. A livable community is a place where people of all colors can enjoy security, healthy lives, and regular engagement in religious, civic, and social life and educational growth in every way possible. Livable communities offer housing choices, transportation, shopping and other services that meet the needs of every person, both Blacks and Whites. A livable community can reflect the rich tapestry of life, in which all generations contribute and interact and the strength, and the wisdom of both

Blacks and Whites, is not only respected, but embraced.

Supporting efforts to make our community more livable is an exercise in good citizenship and a smart investment of our tax dollars. In a crowded shopping center, we are face to face with simple human kindness. We shop for our families with a happy feeling that shows on our faces, but the color of our skin will always be Black.

We will not let the color of our skin keep us as second class citizens. It's the great working together relationship that can make great changes. The twentieth anniversary of the 1Million Man March in Washington, D. C. was one of the most symbolic days in modern history.

What did you take back to your community that is powerful in every way possible today? What we need is a newfound sense of collective pride, ownership, and person-

al responsibility concerning our capacity for self-empowerment. Furthermore, we need to realize more power of blackness in communities of the United States. Be a contributing member of your community!

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.

Bikes for the World 2015

Cape Fear Academy is sponsoring a Bike Drive on Saturday, November 7 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM as part of the outreach project, Bikes for the World. The goal is to rescue unwanted bicycles and donate them to community programs in countries where they will be put to good use.

As of 2009, Bikes for the World is the largest international bicycle reuse program in the country, collecting and donating in excess of 10,000 bicycles annually.

Bicycles provide essential transportation to work, school, and social services. In many Third World countries, new bicycles are difficult to come by because of their high price tag relative to incomes. All-too-often, a large segment of the population has no alternative to walking long distances. And because our used bikes often require some reconditioning, and bikes are a relatively simple technology, additional jobs are created in repair and maintenance in receiving communi-

ties. Overseas charities recondition the donated bicycles and then distribute them to low-income people in need of affordable transportation. In general, bikes are sold at a reduced price, often on credit, or provided in exchange for labor. Others are donated to students in recognition of academic achievement and as an incentive to stay in school. Typical institutional partners include affiliates and partners of internationally recognized

networks and institutions, including the Peace Corps, Goodwill International, Rotary International, and Friends of the Earth.

Cape Fear Academy is located at 3900 South College Road.

For more information, please contact: Ms. Tobi Ragon, Upper School Counselor at tragon@capefearacademy.org (910) 791-0287 EXT 3081 or Ms. Susan Harrell, Director of Communications sharrell@capefearacademy.org

Friends School of Wilmington "Acts of Kindness Affecting the World"

Friends School of Wilmington Teacher Julia Tarquinio established a goal to help her students become the best versions of themselves. The lesson: small acts of kindness can affect the world. Already this year, her students are on their way to changing the life of a little boy in Kenya named Daniel.

Teacher Julia, as her students call her, begins each year teaching her fifth graders at Friends School how to contribute positively to their community. During the first quarter, students focus on developing rules for their classroom, and they learn how to advocate for themselves, disagree with someone else, and apologize to others. They read books about kindness like "Wonder" by R. J. Palacio. And students participate in a kindness project in which they choose to perform a good deed to see how they can affect the world in a positive way.

Every year her students display their creativity performing good deeds for members of their communities. This year one student washed his parent's car, another walked a friend's dog, and a third delivered flowers to an elderly neighbor. Another Friends School student, Jack Ellison, decided to send money he had been saving to help an orphan across the world. He was inspired by a photograph of his mother holding an orphan in her lap while on a trip to Kenya.

The Amani Children's Foundation, in Winston-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Friends School teacher Julia Tarquinio with her fifth grade class.

Salem, North Carolina, raises money for abandoned infants orphaned by HIV and poverty in Kenya. Jack sent his money to Amani, who channeled it to their partner in Kenya, New Life Homes. The orphanage decided to use it to help a little boy named Daniel.

Daniel was found near a trash heap, wrapped in rags, two days after a terrorist shooting in a mall in Nairobi. Not long after he arrived, Daniel was thriving, but the staff soon discovered he was deaf. One after one his classmates were adopted but Daniel has not been chosen. Because of Jack's money, Daniel will be given the

chance to travel to the United States for cochlear implants, which will enable him to hear.

Jack and his classmates were excited to learn that a fifth grader could have such a large impact on someone's life. "I learned that with a little, small thing, you can do a really big thing," says Jack. He has been inspired to raise more money to help pay for Daniel's post-surgery therapy. Jack collects donations from his fellow Friends School classmates in an envelope each week. Teacher Julia's class will continue to follow Daniel's story throughout the year by writing letters to the New Life Home in

Kenya. And they will carry with them the life lesson that a small act of kindness, even one performed by a fifth grader, can affect the world.

To help Daniel and other orphaned infants at New Life Homes in Kenya, you can donate to the Amani Children's Foundation online at [www.amanichildren.org](http://www.amanichildren.org). Additionally, "The Daniel Fund" has been set up at [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com): <https://www.gofundme.com/9267qqhc>.

To learn more about Friends School of Wilmington and their integrated curriculum rooted in Quaker values visit [www.fsow.org](http://www.fsow.org).

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**Alphonza Southerland**

Alphonza Southerland died Sunday, October 18th at NHRMC. Memorial services were held Saturday, October 24th at Mt. Holly Missionary Baptist Church, Wrightsboro Community.

Alphonza L. Southerland, Sr. was born on July 23, 1952 to the late George and Lula Southerland. On November 8, 1971, he was united in holy matrimony to the late Diane Verner Southerland. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. Affectionately known as "Bounce", "Shorty" or "Short Dog", retired from Queensboro Steel after 36 years of service. "Bounce" was always willing to lend a helping hand. You could always find him outside in his garden, offering you some of the many vegetables he had grown. He kept all of his grandchildren teaching them how to drive before they could walk.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: two daughters, Stacey Verner and Demetrice Southerland; three sons, Alphonza Southerland, Jr. (Treola), Edric Southland and Terriel Hansley (Angela) all of Wilmington; step-mother Hazel Ray Southerland; brothers, George Southerland, Jr., Anthony Ray Southerland, Joseph Southerland (Valencia); step-brother, Roger Southerland; sister, Ruby Southerland; step-sister, Rayna Southerland; nine grandchildren, Sequitta Bress, Keanda Vernon, Alicia Morris, Kiyah Dietz, Jasmine Morris, Anyla Hansley, Tavion Southerland, Milia Hansley, Grant Southerland; brothers-in-law, George Lettley (Eloise), Willie Verner (Edith), Robert Hankins, Sr.; sisters -in-law, Ernestine Lettley, Deloris Davis, Marie Campbell; adopted parents, John and Mildred Jacobs, Yvonne Mosley, Ella Ray Jacobs, Harvie Jacobs

(Juanita), Richard Jacobs (Gloria); god-daughter, Tahilan Lee; special friends, Esther Brown, Charles "Champ" Bealon, Bernard Johnson; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**Deborah Cromartie Addison**

Deborah Cromartie Addison died Wednesday, October 21st at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 28th at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Debra Cromartie Addison, age 61, of Wilmington, North Carolina went to be with her Heavenly Father peacefully on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Debra, daughter of Mrs. Frances Sidberry Cromartie and the late Mr. Maceo Cromartie, Sr. was born on November 17, 1953. Debra was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1972. She furthered her education at Cape Fear Technical Institute. Debra married Tyrone Addison and they traveled extensively during his military tenure. She was employed with New Hanover Regional Medical Center as a Health Unit Clerk and remained a dedicated employee until her demise. Debra was a loving, caring and peaceful person, always going out of her way to please and make others happy. In addition to her father, Debra was preceded in death by four siblings: Al Kenneth, Lillian, Evelyn and Maceo Jr. and one nephew, Amani Cromartie.

Debra leaves to cherish her memory: her spouse, Tyrone Addison; the apples of her eye, her loving, caring and devoted son, Nakia Cromartie (Shika); her three grandchildren,

Keana, Derion and Tai-mon; one great-grandchild, Chase; step-daughter, Janine Addison; her mother, Frances Cromartie; three siblings, James Cromartie (Jeri) of New York City, William Horace Cromartie of the city and Samuel Cromartie (Joyce) of Maryland; three sisters-in-law, Sonya Cromartie of New York, Dentrall Howard (Lonnie) of Wilmington, NC and Beverly Diane Addison of Florence, SC; one brother-in-law, Toney Addison (Cynthia) of Leland, NC; two aunts, Willie Mae Green of the Harrison Creek Community and Lenora Dixon of Jamaica, NY; one uncle, Russell Cromartie of Baltimore, MD; her mother-in-law, Johnnie Mae Addison; special nieces and nephews; Jannette, James Jr., Judy, Tanya, Tenee, Lolita, Donita, William Jr., Chris, Nephathari, LeKecia, Samuel Jr., and Maya; a special cousin, like a brother, Noah; adopted daughter, Miza Dailey of the city; god-daughter, Lenora Dailey; special friends, Marva Sneed, Bonita Harris, Deanna Hudson, her New Hanover Regional Medical Center Co-Workers, a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**Mable Everette**

Mable Everette died Thursday, October 22nd at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, October 26th at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn.

Mrs. Mable Jones Everett, daughter of the late Wheeler Jones and Ida Mae Sneed, was born on February 22, 1929 in Leland, North Carolina. At an early age Mable joined the St. Phillip AME Church Family and was a faithful member. She served on the Senior Choir and was president of the Usher Board. Mable started the "We Care Group". This group visit-

ed the nursing homes and sick individuals. Mable was married to William T. Everett. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sons, Roy and Lawrence Everett; her daughter, Wilma Everett-Newkirk and Dr. Harold Fillyaw, whom she raised as a son.

She leaves to mourn: her daughter, Pamela S. Everett and grandson, Jamil K. Newkirk of the home; granddaughter, Luciana Morgan; three great-granddaughters, Adoncia, Naomi, and Hanna of Clarkston, GA; a sister, Ms. Margaret Johnson of Norfolk, VA; a special niece, Ms. Margaret Winston of Virginia Beach, VA; a special cousin, Ms. Jean Walden of Chesapeake, VA; two nieces and two nephews of Norfolk, VA. She also leaves to mourn, many other relatives; cousin, Mayfair Haynes of Leland, NC and cousin Willa Mae Byrd of Leland, North Carolina who stuck by her through her long illness. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**Debra Johnson**

Debra Johnson died Sunday, October 25th at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**Sarah Virdell Simpson**

Sarah Virdell Simpson, 85, died Friday. Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm Thursday, October 29th at Davis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Young Family Cemetery, Leland. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Michelle Antonette Graham**

Michelle Antonette Graham, 46, of Wilmington died October 25th at her residence. Visitation will be held 6-8 pm Friday, October 30th at Praise and Deliverance AME Church, Wilmington. Funeral services will be held 11 am Saturday, Oct. 31st at St. Stephen AME Church, Wilmington. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Frank Robert Laster**

Frank Robert Laster, Jr., 54, of Wilmington died October 25th at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Visitation will be held 6-8 pm Friday, October 30th at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held 12:30 pm Saturday, October 31st at Ebenezer MBC, Wilmington. Burial will follow in Greenlawn memorial Park. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**John Norwood Bellamy**  
John Norwood Bellamy, Sr.

88, of Wilmington died October 25th at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 2 pm Sunday, November 1st at Enoch Chapel MBC, Wilmington. Burial will follow in Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held 6-8 pm Saturday at Davis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Roosevelt Jeron Monroe**

Roosevelt Jeron Monroe, Sr., 65, of Bolivia, died October 24th at his residence. Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm Thursday, October 29th at Rutland Chapel AME Church, Bolivia. Burial will follow in Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Evelyn McMillian Johnson**

Evelyn McMillian Johnson, 92, of Leland, died October 25th. Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm Friday, October 30th at Holy Covenant UHC, Leland. Burial will follow in Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Tributes to Aaron McCrae**  
April 22, 1950 to  
September 28, 2015

Aaron McCrae was a blessing to his parents, siblings, family, children and friends. His light was so bright that God used him to bring light to so many dark places. That light impacted New Hanover County, the school system, the business community, the churches, his peers and children yet unborn. Dr. Hubert Eaton, a friend of his family, saw that light and encouraged Aaron to be strong and to prepare himself become all that he could be. Dr. Eaton, Rev. Aaron McCrae and Mrs. McCrae knew that Aaron had the ability, understanding and the guts. He made no excuses, nor did he complain about life's challenges. He was a man of prayer, love, peace and confidence. His light still shines through his children and all of those he loved. - James R. Fullwood

Mr. Aaron McCrae Jr. was a light house ship, he didn't just stand and let his light shine but went out to sea to shine his light on everyone he loved, everyone he knew, and everyone he met! His light will forever be a beacon over this city and state in the hearts of his children, his siblings, his family, and his friends. Aaron left an awesome legacy for all to see and remember! I'll miss You My Cousin and My Brother. - Rev. Kojo Nantambu

We truly loved our brother and many times that love got us into trouble with our parents. During the riots, there was an 8pm curfew. Our brother's bedroom was on the rear of our house. He had already shared with us that some of his friends were going to be out past the curfew and we were told to watch out for Dad in case he came to his room. During that night my Dad constantly walked past his bedroom. We both gave excuses for our brother not making any noises from his room. Finally my Dad suspected that we were covering up for him so he went into his room and soon discovered that he was not in his room. Our dad decided to wait for

him in his room. All we could see is a long leg coming through the window. My dad waited patiently for him to come through the window. When our brother was finally inside, he received the shock of his life when he saw Daddy sitting on the bed. Needless to say, Aaron was grounded for the rest of the year. - Denise McCrae, Sister

My greatest memory of my father is of him being a great leader. He told me that any man can leave with fear and it doesn't take much for someone to be scared of losing something to follow you. He also told me if you treat a man fairly and genuinely care about his well being then he will follow you out of loyalty and will follow you to the end. - Trey McCrae, Son



Happy Birthday to the late **SSgt Kenneth Carmichael** Friday, October 30th is another birthday that we will not be able to celebrate with you being present. Yet, we will have seafood in your memory. We miss you but will continue to love you. Thanks for being there for us.

The Family

**In Loving Memory Of**

**Carl Jammarr Clark**  
Sunrise: July 17, 1984  
Sunset: October 28, 2006

Carl Jammarr Clark was born on July 17, 1984 to the parents of Willie and Denise Clark on October 28, 2006

Carl went to be with His Heavenly Father, Sportie you have been in Heaven for nine years now.

We miss you son, your father, mother, brother Jarrell and family and friends.

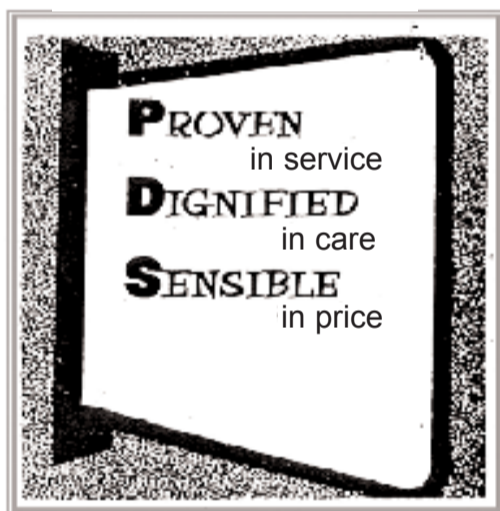
For those I have left behind stop the tear's, pops stop the tears, Jarrell stop the tears' my family stop the tears. My friends, I am good I am with my Heavenly Father. I see you all you may not see me but I see you, when they took my old life I got a new one in Heaven and a better one. I will always love you. All I know you all miss me. Hey live for God and do His work you will see me again one day in Heaven.

I miss you Mark.

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Dad

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Connie Drain Greene  
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Thursday, October 29, 2015

## New Hanover County

**Barry Smith and Company** will hold their Fall Concert on Sunday, November 8th at 4:00 p.m. at Mt. Holly Baptist Church, 2425 Old Wrightsboro Rd. Featuring Green Chapel Male Choir, Havelock, NC; Mt. Roney Gospel Choir; M and R Gospel Singers, Shoulder's Branch Male Choir, Barry Smith and Company and Barry Smith will be doing a live recording on that Sunday evening. For more information please call 910-550-7475 or 910-367-3601.



## Religious Briefs

**Central Missionary Baptist Church**, 702 Red Cross St., will hold a 3 day revival at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Wednesday, November 4th-the guest pastor will be Rev. Richard Smith along with the choir, ushers and congregation of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Thursday, November 5th-the guest pastor will be Rev. Timothy Davis with the choir, ushers and congregation of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. Friday, November 6th-the guest pastor will be Elder Kevin Hooper with the choir, ushers and congregation of Agape Love Church. On Sunday, November 8th the church will celebrate Family & Friends Day at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Richard Robinson, pastor delivering the morning message and at 3:00 p.m. the guest pastor will be Rev. Carl McIntyre with the choir, ushers and congregation of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

**Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center**, 4875 New Centre Dr., will hold "Let The Prophet Speak." Apostle Byron McKoy, Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, Wilmington, Evangelist/Prophetess Tamatha Washington, Faith Tabernacle Christian Center, St. Pauls, NC, Prophetess Debrah Smith, Southport, NC. will speak nightly Wednesday-Friday, October 28th-30th at 7:00 pm. For more information please call 910-274-5816 or 910-392-3206.

**Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church** will celebrate Family and Friends Day on Sunday, November 8th. There will be an afternoon program at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Robert Purvise of First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church of Scotts Hill with the congregation will deliver the message.

**St. Matthew AME Church**, 6809 Wrightsville Ave., will hold their annual Missionary program on Sunday, November 15th at 3:00 p.m. Doctor Jacki London of pillar of Fire Church in Warsaw, NC will deliver the message. There will be spiritual praise by Shaubauch Praise Team and musical selections by Barry Smith and Company. For further information and or directions please call Rev. R.E. Davis at 910-352-4794.

## Brunswick County

Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 237 Snowfield Rd., will celebrate their annual homecoming on Sunday, November 8th at 3:30 p.m. The guest will be Elder Russell Rogers, choir and congregation of Pentecostal United Holy Church, Lumberton, NC. For further information contact Reverend Sandra Bullard at 910-338-7264.

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries is accepting clothing donations at 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC. For more information contact Elder Utrillia Bryant at 910-508-6861.

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## SENIOR MOMENTS

## I am not giving up just yet

My Fellow Seniors:

Last week, I said I would give up this column unless I had something new to say. Well, I don't have anything new but maybe I should go a little deeper into my favorite subject before giving up. What is a group home for senior citizens. Maybe you are wondering how we would finance such a project.

To build a well appointed group home, I would be will-

ing to borrow fifty thousand dollars on my present home. We would need at least ten other persons willing to do the same. With five hundred thousand, we would be ready to roll, but, before we get to that, we would need a spiritual leader and a lawyer to walk us through the process. However, the first question is "Why do we need a group home?" There are several retirement homes for seniors in the area, but they are very expensive, and, even if we could afford to go there, these places could not meet our most urgent needs.

Integration is very important for young people who are trying to make their way in the present world, but

older people need to be surrounded by familiar things. We need to hold on to our heritage, our culture, and our spiritual roots. When we find bumps in the road, we need to hold on to familiar hands, not just for ourselves, but to help others to navigate the swelling tides.

If we had our own group home, we would make the rules. We could bring our own furniture. You might want to have a studio couch, in case a family member wanted to spend the night. We could bring one, our TV, a table lamp, a rocking chair, and a few good books. We could have a knitting club, checkers or whatever.

We could have a common

room, large enough for service on Sunday afternoons, followed by a pot luck dinner, and a social hour with a few good friends. If you could see what a group home would mean for at-risk seniors, you might be willing to sell your present home and move in right away.

Since you would own stock in the building, you would be living in luxury for the rest of your life, free of charge. Those who come in later would have to give up their SSI. If you like the idea, feel free to discuss this article at your next group meeting.

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Prayer and healing

BY FANNIE ALLEN  
AND SHELLA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a cool dreary day out, but the Lord blessed us to be here one more time. We were greeted by our president, Mrs. Eloise Purdie. She said she was glad to be here. She asked Mr. George Hill and the choir to come. Mr. Hill said that it was a great day. Our opening song was "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow." Our much needed prayer was done by Deacon John Green. Our next song was "Where Could I Go?" Minister Doris McQuillan said that is the best place to go. If we need it, God's got it. She asked for our speaker to come.

Our speaker was Mrs. Shirley Drye. She opened with a prayer. Her topic was "Prayer and Healing." Healing and prayer have a long history together. She said, if we pray for healing and not heal well, it should not diminish our faith. She said if we go to the doctor, why not go to God? James 5:13-16 teaches us that Satan is always busy. If you have a prayer line, make sure you know who it is that is praying. Read Hosea 4:6. The Bible says that prayer offered in faith will heal us. Faith healing comes from the belief that, through prayer, God will intervene to cure our sickness. We can read John 5:14-15. Prayer is good medicine. No prescription is required. Take once or twice a

day or a thousand times as needed. God will answer prayers. To God be the glory! She was given a round of applause. Minister McQuillan said that we have not because we ask not. We can pray anytime. Whatever the problem, we can go to God. Mrs. Purdie thanked everyone for participating so far.

We will be at St. Stephens next week for our meeting. There were expressions of thankfulness to God for what we have done. The meeting was turned over to our vice president, Mrs. Gladys Taylor. She said that we should thank Mrs. Sheila Ross for the gifts she gives us on each holiday. Mrs. Ross is a very thoughtful and giving person, and we thank

her very much. She was given a round of applause. There were no visitors today. Mrs. Taylor asked for the minutes to be read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Then we had the roll call, and trip money and anniversary money were collected.

Mrs. Gladys Taylor was the winner today, with eleven. Everyone was given a hand. The Sick Report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. She reminded us to keep praying for the sick and for her to continue doing the work of the Lord. Smiles were given by Mrs. Martin.

Our circle was formed. We sang, "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan.

Forty-four were present.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Fear Not!"

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Fear: A feeling of alarm or d i s q u i e t caused by an Awareness of or expectation of danger: A state Of dread or concern

Since God has not given us the spirit of fear, we don't have to receive it.

Through Christ that strengthens us, we have the ability to overcome fear, and not be overcome by fear. Our minds should not be filled with all kinds of fears and phobias, because it is not the will of God that his children live in fear. He often tells us in his word, "Fear Not". Yes, we are living in perilous times, but as an act of our

will and faith in God, we can decree, "I will not live in fear!"

There are all kinds of fear. Some fears are natural and logical. When your life or general well being is threatened, or the life and safety of family or loved ones is concerned, fear is a natural instinct. We should be careful as well as prayerful, yet not allow fear to grip our hearts and minds to the point we become prisoners of fear. We should use wisdom, caution, and common sense in carrying out our daily affairs, but still not be subject (and overcome) by the spirit of fear.

Psalms 11:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We are not to fear man, though he may be able to kill the body, because he cannot touch the soul. Matthew 10:28 says, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Luke 1:50, "His mercy is on them that fear him from gener-

ation to generation." We should teach our children the fear of the Lord as well. They are going to need his mercy to be upon them, and they should know to ask for it when they need it. Psalm 56:9-11 says, "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." When we walk by faith and not by sight, we trust God to do what he has promised, therefore, we are not afraid of what man can do. Psalm 118:6 Says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

Deuteronomy 10:12 says, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." If you fear the Lord, why not accept his personal invitation he is extending to you in

John 3:16?

Prayer: father, deliver your people from the spirit of fear; that we may serve you freely. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Tell Somebody...Fear Not!!!  
"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!"



Sylvia Hooper

## Marvin Sapp featured guest speaker and Psalmist for 104th Session of the Cape Fear Annual Conference hosted by the New Saint Luke AME Zion Church

BY ANGELA HANKINS  
METTS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What a whirlwind of a week from October 20-25, 2015 for the 104th Session of the Cape Fear Annual Conference hosted by the New Saint Luke AME Zion Church of 709 Church Street in historic downtown Wilmington, North Carolina. This was the final Cape Fear Annual Conference for Bishop Louis Hunter, Sr., as the Presiding Prelate of the Mid-Atlantic I Episcopal District (Mrs. Ingrid F. Hunter as the Associate Supervisor and Mrs. Shirley M. McCoy as the Missionary Supervisor). Because his term has expired Bishop Hunter will be re-assigned to another Episcopal district. Reverend Jermaine Armour, D.D., Senior Pastor hosted the 104th Session of the Cape Fear Annual Conference.

Bishop Louis Hunter, Sr. said of the 104th Session of the Cape Fear Conference: "Everyone should have the Cape Fear experience at least once." Bishop Hunter was referencing the meticulously planned details of the 104th Session. Bishop Hunter also indicated that "no stone had been left unturned" in reference to the execution of the 104th Session.

On Tuesday, October 20th the Lay Council Convocation was held from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. This Convocation included a Communion service. This was followed by the Opening Service beginning at 7:00 PM at the New Saint Luke with musical selections rendered by the Annual Conference Choir. Members of the Annual Conference Choir are: Lydia L. Davis (Director and President), Claude A. Blair, Sr., James Blunt, Donna Boney, Marva Hooks-Brown, Suzette Corbett, Alice Boykins Fennell, Jessica Franks, Ronald Franks, Carolyn Jacobs, Rakeim Jeterwebb, Angela H. Metts, Velvet P. Miles, Katrena Mills, Deborah Price, Brenda Shepherd, Monnie and Roy Swepson, Wanda Williams, and Juliet Yeoman. This choir was accompanied by the Saint Luke Sound Machine. Members of the Saint Luke Sound Machine are: Reverend Javon Hankins (Leader and plays the Hammond B3 organ), Malcombd Brown, Jr. (bass), Howard Dickie (trumpet), Byron Lampkins (tenor saxophone, alto saxophone, soprano saxophone, flute and clarinet), Glen McRae (tenor saxophone) Rick Middleton (guitar, rhythm guitar and lead guitar), Charles Murray, Jr. (pianos, organ and

drums), and Harry L. Williams, III (drummer).

This Opening Service also included a Communion Service. Deaconesses from around the Cape Fear Conference served for this Communion Service including the following Donna Boney, Anna Briggs-Moore, Marva Hooks-Brown, Sadie Franks, Louise Jones, Angela H. Metts, Pat Pridgen and Flora Robinson (from the New Saint Luke AME Zion); Marva Pridgen (Johnson Chapel of Leland); Carolyn Abrams, Shirley Black, Vernell Burns, Shirley Drye, Ethel Hamilton, Gladys Herring, Deloris Pringle, Tessie Robinson, and Mary Thomas (from Warner Temple AME Zion)

On Wednesday, October 21st the Welcoming Service was held beginning at 7:00 PM. The youth and Praise Dancers participated in this program. The Saint Luke Praise Team: Lydia Davis, Velvet Miles, Angela H. Metts, Marva Hooks Brown and Katrena Mills gave the opening selection as did other groups and individuals.

However on Thursday, October 22nd the highlight of the 104th Session was given by renowned preacher and gospel singer: the Bishop Marvin L. Sapp as the guest preacher and

Psalmist starting at the 7:00 PM service.

Sapp was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and began singing in church at age four. He spent his teenage years singing with a number of Gospel groups and ensembles. He was a student at Aeon Bible College in Indianapolis, Indiana.[1] He dropped out of Aeon after being invited by Gospel singer Fred Hammond to sing with Commissioned in 1991 after Keith Staten left. Sapp appears on the group's albums Number 7, Matters of the Heart, and Irreplaceable Love. Sapp left in 1996 and was replaced by Marcus R. Cole.

Bishop Marvin L. Sapp's sermon was given before a capacity crowd. During his message he mentioned his church, the Lighthouse Full Life Center Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bishop Marvin L. Sapp also mentioned his late wife Dr. MaLinda P. Sapp. MaLinda P. Sapp died September 9, 2010, from complications of colon cancer. They have three children, Marvin II, Mikaila, and Madisson. On March 21, 2009, Sapp was initiated into the Grand Rapids Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Sapp likes to appear in a church in Douglas, Georgia, called



PHOTO BYSTEPHANIE PARKER ROBINSON  
MARVIN SAPP FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER

Hightower Memorial Temple. Sapp has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from two institutions, a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Aeon Bible College and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Friends International Christian University.

During his sermon Bishop Sapp incorporated a melody of numerous types of songs including hymn "Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Savior," and other traditional songs. In addition Bishop Sapp incorporated numerous personal testimonies about the goodness of God in his life. Bishop Sapp also sang a medley of his songs including an extended version of Never Would Have Made It.

Bishop Marvin L. Sapp asked the capacity crowd to sing along with him. This Thursday night service was also broadcast live on the radio: WWIL 1490 Gospel Joy.

Numerous activities for the Missionaries, the Youth and Christian Education were completed during this 104th Session. Also Ministers' Spouses Luncheon and Fellowship was held. The final activity was the Sunday Service held at the Wilmington Convention Center. This event was streamed live.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Pamela Smith Walton, 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 8th day of January, 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 8th day of October, 2015  
Alice G. Walton, Administratrix  
220 Cabrini Blvd. Apt. 6H  
New York, NY 10033

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In the Matter of the Estate of Joan Lorraine Posey, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Joan Lorraine Posey, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before January 15, 2016, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of October, 2015.

Thomas L. Posey, Jr.  
Executor of the Estate  
of Joan Lorraine Posey  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Katharine S. Medlock, 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 22nd day of January, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of October, 2015

William N. Medlock, Executor of the Estate of Katharine S. Medlock  
201 Oval Park Place  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Celese James 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 22nd day of January, 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 22nd of October, 2015

Charlene Sidberry, Executrix  
4420 Jay Bird Circle 104  
Wilmington, NC 28412

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ETHEL R. FARMER

The undersigned having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ethel R. Farmer, 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 27th day of January, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th of October, 2015.

Lucille Waddell, Personal Representative  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

### LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Beatrice Fullwood Roberts 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 22nd day of January, 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 22nd of October, 2015

Alford C. Messick, Jr., Executor  
4505 Myers Park Dr.  
Durham, NC 27705

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Robert A. Thomas, deceased, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before January 20, 2016 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 22nd day of October, 2015.

Andrew Olsen, Attorney  
Elder Law Firm of Andrew Olsen  
6781 Parker Farm Drive, Suite 210  
Wilmington, NC 28405

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk of Superior Court IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT E. JOHNSON, SR. FILE NO.: 15E 1311

The undersigned having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert E. Johnson, Sr., deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of January, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either addresses set out below.

This 22nd of October, 2015.

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.  
2803 Market Street  
Po Box 696  
Wilmington, NC 28402

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DIVISION File No. 15CVD3156

Rachel Elizabeth Kirschmann,  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
Robert Lee Spatz, Defendant

To: Robert Lee Spatz, Defendant, in the above captioned action.

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: Complaint for Temporary and Permanent Custody of the minor child Beatrice Ruth Hull.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than 40 days from the first publication notice and upon your failure to do so the parties seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought., 2015, 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 20th day of October, 2015

THE BOYETTE LAW FIRM  
BY: Geannine M. Boyette, Esq.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
105 N. 6th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Phone: 910-251-9213  
State Bar No. 25287

October 29, November 5, 12, 2015

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested HUB certified minority business firms for "Currituck County Park Phase II" bid in Corolla, Currituck County NC. Bid date is 11/19/15 1:00 pm. There will be a pre-bid conference at 1:00 pm on 11/3/15 at NC Cooperative Extension, Currituck Center, 120 Community Way, Barco, NC 27971. Plans and specifications are available for review at RPC's office, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, NC 27949. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Dave. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

October 29, 2015

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

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

This 21st of October, 2015.

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

October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

IN THE MATTER OF:  
A.M.G. (DOB: 1/11/12)  
D.M.M. (DOB: 8/7/08)

TO: RESPONDENTS: ERIK MARTINEZ GONZALEZ, FATHER OF A.M.G. AND D.M.M. AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHERS OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE AND FEMALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO BRANDI MONCZKA

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following October 29, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

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

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

This the 29th day of October, 2015.

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

October 29, Nov. 5, 12, 2015

### LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of Alda Beaman Stokes, late of 5725 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, 28412, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the 20th day of January, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of October, 2015.

Susan Latour  
Administratrix of the Estate of Alda Beaman Stokes  
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS PA  
509 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the District Court Case No. 13CV003859

Eloy Gonzalez Hernandez vs.  
Alejandra Ruiz Bautista  
Absolute Divorce:  
To: Alejandra Ruiz Bautista:

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: Custody

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than , 2015, 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 15th day of October, 2015

Margaret Jennings  
Attorney for Eloy Gonzalez Hernandez  
1501 South Third Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 15, 22, 29, 2015

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT COURT Case No. 15 CVD 437

Feliciana Villeda Lira vs.  
Jacinto Romero Rojo  
Complaint for Custody:  
To: Jacinto Romero Rojo:

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: Custody

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than , 2015, 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 15th day of October, 2015

Margaret Jennings  
Attorney for Feliciana Villeda Lira  
1501 South Third Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 15, 22, 29, 2015

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**NOTICE OF RESALE**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
New Hanover County  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
11SP 1822

IN THE MATTER OF:  
The Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust executed by Miguel Orellana and Rosa Ramos, dated August 7, 2009 and recorded in Book 5430, page 882, New Hanover County Registry.  
By: Alan M. Solana, Trustee

**UNDER AND BY VIRTUE** of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Miguel Orellana and Rosa Ramos, recorded on August 7, 2009 in Book 5430, page 882, New Hanover County Registry (as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Deed of Trust"); and under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned as Trustee by that certain instrument recorded in Book 5430, page 882, New Hanover County Registry; and under and by virtue of that certain Authorization, Findings and Order Allowing Foreclosure entered by the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and the said Deed of Trust being by its terms subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded the foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and due notice having been given to those entitled to same, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the appropriate place for foreclosure sales at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street Street, in the City of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on November 3, 2015, the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust, which property includes all that certain lot or parcel of real estate, including all improvements and fixtures located thereon, situated, lying and being in New Hanover County, North Carolina, the same being owned of record by Miguel Orellana and Rosa Ramos 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 of Sale, and being more particularly described as follows:  
**See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.**

Together with all the buildings, fixtures and improvements thereon, and all rights, easements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, including all heating, plumbing, ventilating, lighting goods, equipment and other tangible and intangible property, attached to or reasonably necessary to the use of such premises. The sale will be made subject to all encumbrances existing prior to the recording of the Deed of Trust, including all valid and enforceable liens and also will be subject to all taxes and special assessments outstanding against the property. This sale will be further subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the herein-described property for a period of 120 days following confirmation of the sale. The real property may be sold in separate parcels, all together or in any manner the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate.

The 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 both, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the notes 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 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.

Should the property be purchased by a party other than the holder of the Deed of Trust, that purchaser must pay, in addition to the amount bid, the following items: (a) the tax required by 7A-308(a)(1) of the North Carolina General Statutes of forty-five cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the bid amount up to a maximum tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and (b) the excise tax on conveyance required by §105-228.28 et. seq. of the North Carolina General Statutes of one dollar (\$1.00) per five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or fractional part thereof of the bid amount.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.10(b), the successful bidder at sale may be required to make an immediate cash deposit or certified check not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or seven hundred fifty and no/100 dollars (\$750.00). In the event that the holder is exempt from paying the same, the successful bidder may also be required to pay revenue stamps on the Trustee's Deed, any land transfer tax, and the tax required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase

price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in N.C.G.S. §45-21.30(d) and (e). The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

The upset bids procedure of §45-21.27 of the North Carolina General Statutes is applicable to this sale.

If the real property to be sold pursuant to this Notice of Sale is residential property with less than fifteen (15) rental units, then (a) an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to §45-21.29 of the North Carolina General Statutes in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court in which the property is sold, and (b) any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving this Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement upon ten (10) days written notice to the landlord, and upon termination of the rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to expiration of the upset bid period and/or the sale, and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. This the 8th day of October, 2015.  
POSTED: October 8, 2015

Alan M. Solana, Trustee

**Exhibit A**  
Legal Description

**TRACT ONE:**

BEGINNING at a stake in the southern edge of Oakley Avenue, said beginning stake being located approximately 900 feet West of the Western edge of the Castle Hayne Road; said beginning stake also marking the northeastern corner of a 1.2 acre tract of land conveyed by Coble to A.H. Price and wife, running from said beginning stake South 5 degrees 00 minutes East 160 1/2 feet to the run of Ness Creek; thence up the run of Ness Creek about 18 feet to the point from which a marked gum bears North 30 degrees East; thence North 30 degrees East 34 feet to the marked gum; thence with S.R. Bordeaux's North 0 degrees 45 minutes East 186 1/2 feet to the Southern edge of Oakley Avenue; thence Westwardly with the Southern edge of the Avenue, about 130 feet to the beginning, containing 48/100 acres more or less and being part of the M.V. Coble land as recorded in Book 205, Page 408, and the same land conveyed to Joseph Earl Sikes and wife, by deed recorded in Book 459, Page 370, all of the New Hanover County Registry. Furthermore, being the same property conveyed to Robert Carroll and wife, Mamie L. Carroll, by deed recorded in Book 593 at Page 159 of the New Hanover County Registry.

**TRACT TWO:**

BEGINNING at a point in the Southern edge of Oakley Avenue (21.5 feet from the center line thereof), said point being the Northwest corner of Tract One herein, running thence from said beginning point with the Western line of said Tract One, South 02 degrees 45 minutes East 160.54 feet to an iron pipe; running thence North 13 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds West 153.05 feet to an iron pipe on the Southern edge of Oakley Avenue; running thence with the Southern edge of Oakley Avenue 67 degrees 32 minutes 15 seconds East 30.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.05 acres more or less. (Description furnished by Jack G. Stocks, Registered Land Surveyor.)

**TRACT THREE:**

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the Southern edge of Oakley Avenue, said point being located North 88 degrees 57 minutes West 647.3 feet, South 88 degrees 18 minutes West 97.6 feet, North 01 degrees 30 minutes East 8.7 feet, South 75 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds West 130.0 feet 67 degrees 32 minutes 15 seconds West 30.0 feet from the point of intersection of the Southern right-of-way of Oakley Avenue (30 feet from the center line thereof) with the Western right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 117 (50 feet from the center line thereof); running thence from said beginning point South 13 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds East 153.05 feet to a point; running thence South 31 degrees 54 minutes East 24.55 feet to a point in the run of Ness Creek; thence down Ness Creek about 385 feet to where Rattlesnake Branch enters Ness Creek; thence up the run of Rattlesnake Branch about 250 feet to the Southern edge of Oakley Avenue at a culvert; thence Eastwardly and with the Southern edge of Oakley Avenue 290 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; containing 1.1 acres more or less, and being part of the M.V. Covil lands as recorded in Book 205 at Page 408 of the New Hanover County Registry.

October 22, 29, 2015

ADVICE

ASK  
ALMA  
with  
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Dear Alma,  
Three weeks ago, I landed the job of my dreams at 25 years old. It's what I've been working towards since leaving college. It's in a fabulous office building downtown for a major entertainment company that anyone would love to be a part of. Here's the problem: the CEO is cra-cra, crazy! She yells at you and is never, ever satisfied. She sometimes belittles your work in staff meetings and makes you start all over after you've done exactly what she asked you to do. Don't get me wrong, she's brilliant (and beautiful) and you can learn a lot just watching her creativity, but I just don't know how long I can take her attitude. I mean, I love this dream job because it allows you to meet celebrities and the Who's Who of our community, and truthfully I don't want to just walk away. Alma! What do I do, how can I put up with this diva? She is driving me cra-cra!  
**Signed: Save me from the Crazy CEO**

Hello Sweet Pea,

Since there's a little diva in us all, I'm sure you can handle this hurdle for a minute. Let me stop right here, cause I've just gotta say, your situation reminds me of the movie, "The Devil Wears Prada," LOL, and presents the dilemma - do you wanna save your sole or your soul? Ok, that was stale, I know, let's keep it moving.

Landing your dream job is the greatest. When you finally arrive, you're totally consumed by it, losing all track of time and space. When you love what you do, you'd literally do it for free, so let's be thankful for that part of your blessing up front. My advice is to stick it out for the next 6-12 months, then reconsider new options.

Don't get wrapped up in the feelings, it's a job, not a marriage. You're still young, focus on the task at hand and what it's adding to your career. Submerge your attention in the duties, not the diva. When she ruffles your feathers, remind yourself, she's leading you towards an oasis of opportunity. Every great position has some drawbacks. Smooth mountains aren't scalable; you need the rough sides to hold on too, gain your footing and propel yourself to the next level. You've got this girl, you've prepared for this moment. All of what you learn and the contacts you'll create along the way, make it well worth the sacrifice and journey. Respect, admire, and absorb all you can from this diva, you'll one day say you defeated. While looking back on this big adventure years from now, reminiscing with more smiles and hallelujahs than tears, I'm sure.

**Alma**

*Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and twitter @almaaskalma. George Curry Media Columnist*

ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality  
TV Talk  
By  
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Folks often wonder, why I'm so engaged in the lives of the Real Housewives? After all, I'm a professional woman who travels the world speaking and uplifting others.

Here are some of the reasons I am hooked:

1) I think of Nene Leakes (RHOA), one of the first ladies to make the Real Housewives franchise successful. She accomplished this by acting unreasonable, combative, angry and even crazy at times. As a Black woman, I was embarrassed in the early days as I watched her. But, I'm equally impressed by her growth and challenges. She got divorced and remarried in front of our eyes. She went from hood chick to elegant chick. She has her own fashion line, and seems to always have a presence on TV. This may not have happened without her being vulnerable on RHOA.

2) Another housewife who comes to mind is Kenya Moore, who was Ms. USA and an occasional actress. But Kenya wanted more. She wanted folks to know her, so she joined the RHOA. Boy did she make an entrance and become the villain in two minutes. We learned by watching her that she's not just a pretty face, she has issues. She has insecurities, she doesn't always play fair, she can be judgmental plus so much more. Kenya's short film debuted about a year ago via RHOA and highlighted her skills as a producer and actress and I must say it was rather impressive. Within the same year, she met a lovely man via a millionaire matchmaker show and seemed to finally meet her match in a partner. However months later, we learned he married someone else.

3) Vicki Gulvanson from RHOOC, can always say, she was the first of two housewives to join the Real Housewives franchise and still remains. She's always been a confrontational housewife, to put it lightly. I've always admired her independence and drive to earn her own money. What I don't admire is her habit of putting others down to feel better. She did this season after season. She seemed unbeatable. Then out of the blue this season, she was taken down by the new girl, nearly half her age. Her Vickism's including, but not limited to, name calling, over talking, yelling, dismissing others, and the list goes on, did not work! During Reunion Part 1 that recently aired, you could see her still trying to justify herself. She's a walking contradiction. In Part 2, she will hear what she's needed to hear for a while: you are wrong.

4) Tamara Judge, another original RHOOC housewife, has also evolved, she was just as bad as Vicki for most seasons. She recently became a born again Christian. I pray she really commits to the lifestyle. She's had a ton of personal challenges over the last two years. She's fighting diligently for custody and dealing with one of daughters not wanting to be in her life.

5) Skinny girl herself, Bethenny Frankel, had one of the biggest evolutions in the Real Housewives franchise. She went from single lady with ambition to a multimillionaire within a few years. Then, she became a wife and mother in one year. She then shot to fame and appeared in Fortune magazine and got her own talk show. She was the "it" girl. Then, within a year, her marriage and talk show was no more. Last season she returned to RHONY licking her wounds.

6) One of the first housewives who got my attention because of her unpredictable behavior was Teresa Giudice. On RHONJ, she was feisty and fashionable. She had a way about her that was captivating and confusing. We could also see a consistent habit of not owning her stuff. It seemed to always be someone else's fault. Well, we know how that story turned out, she was finally in a situation that required accountability. She's a few weeks from being released from prison and then her husband goes in.

7) Another housewife also had a journey that we could not have written. She was a newlywed attorney married to a handsome ex-con. Within the first season, we heard statements that did not make sense. She did not want us to know that she was far along in her pregnancy, pre-marriage. You know I'm talking about Phaedra Parks (RHOA), the sassy southerner. She worked hard to protect her image and show the world that she had a healthy marriage with an amazing career and happy kids. We could see the leaks in the surface before all was revealed. At the end of it, she lost her husband to prison and was humiliated. We saw the vulnerable Phaedra.

These are just a few examples of the lives of the Real Housewives. Some seem unreal, but if we look hard enough we can see the exact same situations in everyday life.

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

Cash in the Apple



By  
Cash  
Michaels

**THE JOKE HEARINGS** – On Sept. 11, 2012, a US compound in Benghazi was assaulted by terrorists, and four Americans, including a US ambassador, lost their lives. Clearly the facility lacked the necessary security to ward off the attack. The US government admittedly made mistakes in that regard, and those four Americans paid with their lives.

The US Secretary of State at the time, Hillary Clinton, ultimately took responsibility for the disaster.

Nine Congressional hearings and investigations later, the Republicans in the GOP-controlled US House of Representatives want Clinton, now a former secretary of State and current Democratic candidate for president of the United States, to take more than just responsibility. They want to hang the whole episode around her neck like burning neck brace so that her presidential candidacy goes down in flames, and they have a clear shot at winning the White House in 2016.

That's what that joke House committee on Benghazi hearing was last week. Eleven pure hours of House Republicans trying to pin something, anything on Clinton, hoping that it would stick.

It didn't work, and Mrs. Clinton – a former First Lady, former US senator and former secretary of State – never flinched or gave the rascals an opening. Indeed, if she could have cussed on TV, I'm sure she would have had some choice words for the salivating congressmen who aggressively jockeyed for position to be the "one" who ultimately brought "the great" Hillary Clinton to her knees.

But it never happened. And that may be one of the reasons why, while CNN and MSNBC carried the entire eleven-hour hearings from first gavel to last, old grumpy right-wing Fox News, not seeing any real political blood on the floor (especially Hillary Clinton's), decided to bug out early from the proceedings, in favor of their regularly biased programming.

Mind you, because the hearings were not confirming every lie, every blasphemy, every smear that Fox News has ever broadcast concerning Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama in connection with the Benghazi attack, the good folks at Fox decided "there's no news here," took their toys and went home.

The time for pretending that Fox News doesn't have an agenda is long over. They are an unofficial arm of the Republican Party, even if some of the leading GOP presidential candidates, like Donald Trump, refuse to bow down at the altar of Fox on occasion.

That's why it's always important for me as a reporter to tune into Fox from time to time so that I can keep up with the right-wing spin on the news of the day. Just when you thought you had heard it all, or that surely they aren't willing to go that far, Fox will sur-

prise with some of the crazy rhetoric they try to sell.

That makes Fox stupid, but also dangerous.

A NEW INDY PLEASE - May I tell the producers at Disney that they are plum crazy if they don't open their eyes and realize that folks don't want to pay good money to see a 70-year-old Indiana Jones. You gave us that already in the last film, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skulls," and it sucked. Now Chris Pratt (from "Jurassic World") would be the perfect choice, but no more Harrison Ford...please! He's too darn old now. Give the guy a rest, and the franchise some fresh blood!

**GREAT CONCERT** – Once again, singer Lynnette Barber brought down the house Sunday during her tribute concert to gospel great Mahalia Jackson. Thanks to everyone for coming out Sunday to Lincoln Park Holiness Church in Raleigh for the program. And we'll look to see you again in the coming years.

**DR. JOCKO** – Earlier this year I got the unique chance not only to meet, but to conduct the last interview with radio disc jockey legend Ray Henderson, better known as "Dr. Jocko" of the old 570 WLLE-AM. There's no question that Ray was a man of history, given that WLLE (also known as "WILLIE") was Raleigh's first black-formatted radio station, and he was one of the first personalities on their.

Well as you may know by now, Ray Henderson died in Detroit in March. He had a graveside burial in Oakwood Cemetery, but his gravesite, right next to the legendary J. D. Lewis of WRAL (Ray's mentor) has no headstone. So a fundraising effort, headed up by Thad Woodard, the former head of the NC Banking Association, and Jimmy "JJ" Johnson, former air personality at WLLE-AM, has begun to raise \$2,000.00 to get Uncle Jocko in proper headstone by Thanksgiving.

So for any amount you can spare, please make your donation out to "Oakwood Cemetery," and in the memo line at the bottom left of your check, please write "Ray Henderson Memorial." Kindly send your donation to Thad Woodard, 616 Lakestone Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Honoring Ray "Dr. Jocko" Henderson is honoring part of our proud heritage.

*Make sure you tune in every Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. for my talk radio show, "Make It Happen" on Power 750 WAUG-AM, or online at www.waug-network.com. And read more about my thoughts and opinions exclusively at my blog, "The Cash Roc" (http://thecashroc.blogspot.com/2011/01/cash-roc-begins.html).*

*Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011.*

*Until next week, keep a smile on your face, GOD in your heart, and The Wilmington Journal in your life. Bye, bye.*

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