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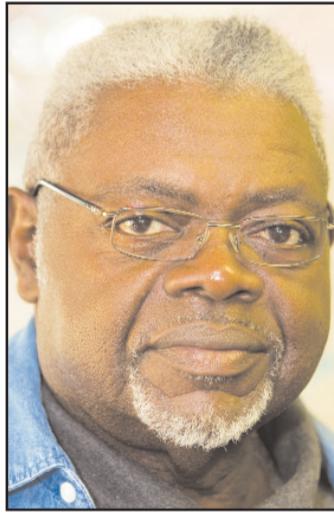
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The videos of the 4th of July events will be ready next week. Those being mailed out will be sent the following week.

**BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**Voter ID Bill**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It makes me very sad to hear people say that they don't know about the Voter ID Bill! Do they care about the Voter ID Bill, especially Blacks? This bill was passed to reduce the voter strength especially of Black people. Are we so unconcerned that we don't care about how we live or how our people are going to survive in the future? We came out of slavery, fought in a Civil War, and fought Jim Crow. Now we find ourselves being treated like second class citizens again, and we can't even get up and vote. We need to pay more attention to our elected officials and make sure we understand what's being done to us.

The Racial Justice Act has been all but taken away from us, but we stay home and watch TV. When the Racial Justice act said that, if one could prove race had something to do with his or her sentence, he or she would be given another trial. We must begin to

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## AG Roy Cooper refuses to retry wrongful death case: NAACP responds

**SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**  
BY THE NC NAACP

Randall Kerrick, a white officer in Mecklenburg County, Charlotte NC, shot and killed Jonathan Ferrell, an unarmed black male college student. Kerrick Shot Ferrell ten times. While he claims he was under duress, he never used any other form of reasonable force such as pepper spray, his baton or taser, to diffuse the allegedly tense situation, nor did any of the other officers on the scene. Instead he unloaded his weapon on Ferrell, hitting him with ten of the shots that he fired from his gun. The city of Charlotte settled with the family for wrongful death. Leading police officials testified that Kerrick violated police department policies and the authorities charged the officer with involuntary manslaughter.

The case went to trial and the jury was hung with a vote of 8 to 4. They were unable to pronounce a verdict. The charges against Kerrick

were dismissed and Attorney General Roy Cooper has refused to retry the case stating that, "his prosecutors believe unanimously that a retrial will not yield a different result." Cooper further stated that, "the jury could not reach a unanimous decision and he says we must listen to what the jury said." In essence, the jury has spoken.

We believe the decision not to retry the case is unconscionable. The loss of human life and the heartbreak of a family require a more just and wise response from our elected leaders. To say that a hung jury has spoken is simply wrong and Attorney General ought to know and do better.

In the state of North Carolina where African Americans have a long history of being wrongfully convicted of murder and other crimes, we now see a case of the same legal system refusing to properly try an officer of the law for killing a black college student. This is a far cry from justice.

In light of this history, certain questions must be raised-but the most important one is, what if



**Jonathan Ferrell (left), an unarmed college student was shot ten times by Officer Randall Kerrick (right) in Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, NC.**

Jonathan Ferrell had been your own unarmed college son, Mr. Cooper? Would you be satisfied with a hung jury for the life of your unarmed son shot ten times at the hands of a sworn officer of the

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## "WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED"



NC NAACP PRESIDENT WILLIAM BARBER ENCOURAGES ALL TO JOIN IN AMERICA'S JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE.

## NC NAACP welcomes "journey" marchers amid threats

**BY CASH MICHAELS**  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The NC NAACP has welcomed the "Journey for Justice" marchers to North Carolina amid vile racist threats that have thrown caution toward their activities.

The *Wilmington Journal* has learned that during the state registration process by which the civil rights organizations invited locals to join the national march through the North Carolina leg of its 860-mile trek from Selma, Alabama to Washington, D.C., at least one racist named "Jim Crow" with the supposed email of "HangAnigger@coons.com" posted the following on the NC NAACP registration site online:

Black lives only matter when white person kills them. What about all the niggers that kills niggers. Y'all will always love in the projects and slums. You never will live or be looked at like the white man. We are white and we own this country. Go back to the jungles you bunch of porch monkees. That nappy and greasy hair you got is so nasty. And your crusty, crinkled up toes. Nigger, nigger, nigger.

Under "organization" the registrant wrote, "Ku Klux Klan."

The registration was received at 9:30 p.m. last Friday.

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## UNCW diversity officer draws from medical background

BY OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS  
UNC WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON -- When it comes to diversity and inclusion, Dr. Kent Guion draws from his medical background. As a student at UNC School of Medicine, he was fascinated by health disparities among different populations and how these gaps could be reduced. He learned that cultural competency - the ability to communicate effectively across different cultures - made a meaningful, positive difference in health outcomes. As UNCW's first chief diversity officer, Guion views cultural competency as an important part of the overall "health" of institutions of higher education.

"All of it ties back to how you can improve the human condition, and that's at the core of what diversity and inclusion is about," he said.

Guion, who took over at the helm of the UNCW's Office of Institutional

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## Blacks 'left behind' in New Orleans recovery

**BY FREDDIE ALLEN**  
NNPA SENIOR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - As Gulf Coast residents and policymakers celebrated the recovery of the Crescent City on the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, advocacy groups challenged the narrative of a resilient and better New Orleans by launching KatrinaTruth.org, a website that shows that post-Katrina

progress in New Orleans still hasn't reached poor Black communities.

Judith Browne Dianis, the co-director of the Advancement Project, a multiracial civil rights group, said that, 10 years ago, the Advancement Project was on the ground in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, working with communities to protect the rights of survivors.

"Ten years later, the city of New Orleans wants to sell us a bag of bad

goods, telling us that the city has gotten better, but unfortunately the recovery and the reconstruction has been uneven and African American families have been left behind," said Dianis.

On a telephone call with reporters to discuss the launch of KatrinaTruth.org, Dianis described a landscape dominated by charter schools, dispossession, destruction and gentrification and new businesses that catered to a "new class of

wealthier, White residents," as Black New Orleanians face severe disparities in education, employment, housing and the criminal justice system.

A recent poll by CNN/ORC found that more than half (51 percent) believe that the United States is still vulnerable to a "Katrina-like emergency" 10 years after the storm claimed more than 1,300 lives.

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educate, listen, and act if we are going to be free. I'm not going to let anybody turn me around even if I have to go by myself. This battle is not my own, but God has led and directed us in the right direction, and we will overcome this battle.

The Wilmington Journal has lost a friend in the person of Mr. Kenneth Bellamy. We would call him, talk, and share different ideas and facts. He was a Korean War veteran, a school teacher, and a family man. He supported the NAACP with a Gold Life Membership. Mr. Kenneth Bellamy was a good friend and will be truly missed. Berne L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.



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## OOPS!! WRONG PHOTO



NCDP African American Caucus Chair Willie Fleming with U. S. Congresswoman Alma Adams



DR. WILLIE FLEMING

*The Wilmington Journal* inadvertently published the wrong photo of Willie Fleming, Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party African American Caucus, in its August 20 edition in an article titled "Tensions grown in NCDP African American Caucus". We apologize to both Willie Flemings.

The correct photo of Willie Fleming shows him with U.S. Congresswoman Alma Adams.

The other Willie Fleming (right) has been responsible for a "lot of firsts at Appalachian State University."

He was a minority student advisor and director of African-American Students, founder of the Appalachian Gospel Choir and the Black Student Association, and a founding member of the Black Faculty and Staff Association. Fleming also was instrumental in bringing Black Greek Life to Appalachian and was a charter member of the Pi Nu

Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

In recognition of his service to the Appalachian Family's black student population, alumni and members of Alpha Phi Alpha have begun a fundraising campaign to establish the Willie C. Fleming Endowment Fund. When fully funded, it will provide scholarship support to underrepresented students at Appalachian. The fundraising goal is \$500,000..

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Rev. William Barber, president of the NC NAACP, told The Wilmington Journal that normally, "We don't always talk publicly about" these kinds of threats that he and his group receive, but because the marchers from Alabama were scheduled to be in the state for seven days, "...we have alerted the authorities [including]...the highway patrol."

Of primary concern to Rev. Barber was that the racist registrant checked yes to the

question of whether they would be attending today's Thursday, Sept 3rd march and rally in Raleigh at 5 p.m.

With the Charleston church shooting massacre by a young white supremacist last June still fresh in the church and civil rights communities' minds and heart, Barber and others are now taking such possible threats much more seriously than before, especially with the ever-growing presence of guns in the nation.

Rev. Barber said the NC NAACP "has no way of tracking where the registrations came from."

The march from Shaw University this afternoon at 4 p.m. through downtown Raleigh, followed by a rally and program featuring the "Journey to Justice" marchers led by NAACP Pres./CEO Cornell Brooks at 5 p.m. in the Bicentennial Mall at 5 p.m., is the culmination of several celebratory activities since the marches crossed the North Carolina - South Carolina last weekend.

On Monday they held a "Voting Rights Teach-in" at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh. Tuesday saw the delivery of a letter from the NC NAACP

statewide to the congressional offices in 17 cities statewide demanding that the stalled 2015 Voting Rights Advancement Act, "... be brought to a hearing, voted upon and passed to restore and strengthen the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

"While we will continue to fight in the streets, in the courts, and at the ballot box at the State level, we are part of the mighty National NAACP," Rev. Barber wrote in a statement. "We demand that Congress get to work and fix the shambles the five justices made of our sacred Voting Rights."

"The NC NAACP, the Forward Together Moral Movement, our local NAACP branches, are the blood stream of the National America Journey for Justice," Rev. Barber continued. "We demand Congress act to restore, strengthen, and advance the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015 that was introduced in the Senate by Senator Patrick Leahy and in the House by Representative Terri Sewell. Bring the bill to hearing. Vote for it. Release a statement pledging your support. Join the Journey for Justice now."

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Diversity and Inclusion in April 2015, will lead the university in the development and implementation of a consolidated, strategic plan to expand inclusion on campus.

"The campus has had a lot of positive beginnings, so what I am hoping to do is evaluate and coordinate the good work that has started," Guion said. "I want us to become a model of how a campus can be at its best. I think a fundamental part of being a healthy campus is practicing and

improving cultural competency built on a solid base that is inviting and respectful."

Cultural competency learning opportunities will be incorporated and highlighted in curriculum as well as faculty and staff training to improve the campus community's ability to interact in

cross-cultural situations and enhance global readiness.

"My role is to guide, facilitate and create what diversity and inclusion means for our campus into a message that we all know and understand," Guion said. "Every institution is different, and I think it is important to understand the

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"This is why the myth of resilient New Orleans that the city wants to sell everyone is so dangerous," explained Dianis. "It is a narrative that paves over the history of Black New Orleans and ignores the true cost of exclusionary, disaster capitalism policies."

KatrinaTruth.org is a direct response to the wrong narrative espoused by the city's Katrina10 media campaign and the media that echoes those sentiments, said Dianis.

"In New Orleans, especially post-Katrina, what we're seeing is nonprofit groups parachuting in, to 'fix' New Orleans and to fix our families and to do what they think is best for New Orleans, but this has led not only to the duplication of work but also opportunity for new organizations to ignore the historical struggles that have plagued the Black communi-

ty," said Gina Womack, the executive director of Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC), a nonprofit focused on juvenile justice reform.

Womack continued: "There's been a racial divide that has always been prevalent in New Orleans, Katrina just highlighted and exacerbated what was going on. We feel like there was desire for Black people to leave the city and not return."

Womack added that advocates working for New Orleans' communities most at-risk want people to understand that Black people are being left out of the recovery. The numbers tell the story, Womack insisted.

More than 50 percent of Black children in New Orleans live in poverty and more than half of all Black men are unemployed, according to statistics quoted on the KatrinaTruth.org website. Black women make less than 50 cents for every dollar a White man makes in

Louisiana. The median income for Black families in the Crescent City (\$25,102) is less than half of the median income for Whites (\$60,553).

Mayor Mitch Landrieu, who toured the U.S. inviting displaced residents to return home leading up to the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, said that billions of dollars have been invested in parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and roads.

KatrinaTruth.org noted that only 11 percent of the families who lived in the B.W.

Cooper, C.J. Peete, Lafitte and St. Bernard public housing developments collectively known as the "Big Four," before Hurricane Katrina flooded parts of city have returned to the rebuilt complexes.

More than 4,000 families are on the waiting list for public housing, 99 percent of whom are Black. Less than 20 percent of the public housing units that were available before Hurricane Katrina are available today.

"The Black residents that

did make it back have faced neglect and exclusion during the city's recovery efforts," said Thomas Mariadason, a staff attorney with the Advancement Project.

Ten years after the levees broke flooding much of the city, and nine years after the city council voted to demolish the "Big Four," the Black population of New Orleans is still 30 percent lower than it was

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**BLACK PARENTS  
DEMAND END TO  
SUSPENSIONS**

[RALEIGH] Several black children advocacy groups are pressuring the Wake County Public School System to do more to stem the high rate of black student suspensions. "The Education Justice Alliance, Dignity In Schools and the Coalition Of Concerned Citizens for African American Children are demanding that the Wake County Public School System develop an immediate action plan that will eliminate the high rate of suspensions and the disparities of Black Students," the groups said in a statement last week.

"According to the University Of Pennsylvania, Black students make up 24.7% of the enrollment and 53.3% of the suspensions in Wake County Public School System. We believe that Black students are gravely harmed by the districts practices of high suspensions, expulsions, retentions, student arrests; ISS placement rates have had a negative impact on the education and life of our children."

**TWO INNOCENT  
FORMER INMATES WIN  
STATE COMPENSATION**

[RALEIGH] At press time Wednesday, the NC Industrial Commission awarded compensation to Henry McCollum, 51,

and Leon Brown, 47, two half-brothers falsely convicted for a 1983 rape/murder of an 11-year-old girl they did not commit, and spent over 30 years in prison for. Both men were released from prison a year ago, but only received pardons of innocence from Gov. Pat McCrory last June. McCollum and Brown were awarded \$750,000 each from the state for their false convictions. McCollum attended the hearing, but Brown was hospitalized due to mental health issues.

**STATE SUPREME HEARS  
REDISTRICTING  
ARGUMENTS AGAIN**

[RALEIGH] By order of the

US Supreme Court, the NC High Court this week once again listened to arguments concerning the 2011 redistricting maps passed by the Republican-led NC General Assembly. Critics say those maps "stacked and packed" black voters into a few districts in order to give white Republican candidates an election advantage by removing black Democratic voters. The NC Supreme Court ruled eight months ago that the GOP maps were constitutional, but the US High Court ordered it to look again after US justices ruled that the Alabama restricting maps were flawed because of the way race was factored in.

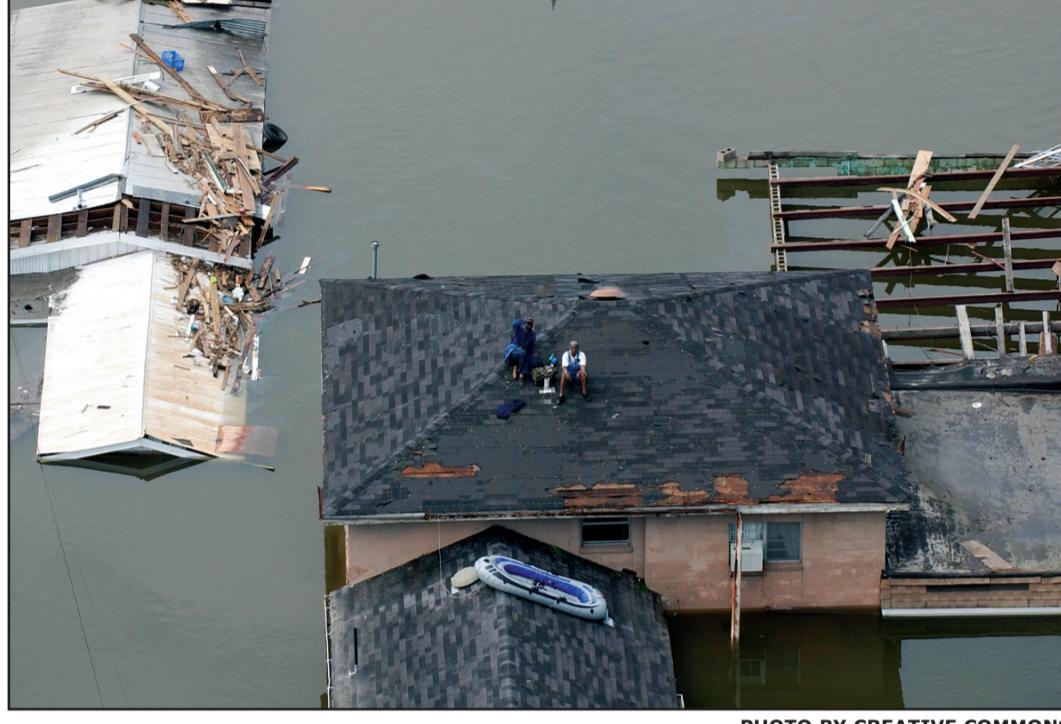
Lawyers arguing against North Carolina's maps pointed to warped district lines that cut through neighborhoods and confused voters as to why the maps should be deemed unconstitutional. Lawyers for GOP lawmakers say they only followed the dictates of the 1965 Voting Rights Act in assuring that majority-black voting districts were drawn. No word when the state High Court will decide, or if it will be in time for the 2016 elections.

**STUDENT PROGRESS ON  
STATE TEST RESULTS  
STALL**

[RALEIGH] Students statewide have not markedly

improved their standardized test scores, according to results released Wednesday for the 2014-15 school year. Fewer schools met their goals for academic improvement, reversing progress made just a year ago. 56.6 percent of students statewide passed their reading, math and science exams, just .3 percent more than last year. Schools now get letter grades to show progress, with scores of 85 and above earning an A. However, an analysis shows that over 70 percent of schools statewide earned a C.

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Aerial views of damage caused from Hurricane Katrina the day after the hurricane hit August 30, 2005.

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before the hurricane.

Thena Robinson Mock, project Director of Advancement Project's Ending the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track Campaign, said that the city council had the voting power to go in a different direction, but they didn't.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, thousands of veteran teachers lost their jobs and a deluge of charter schools washed over the city.

The website for the Katrina 10 campaign boasts that 92 percent of New Orleans' students are enrolled in charter schools and that the Black male high school graduation is 65 percent, higher than the 59 percent national average.

Researchers with KatrinaTruth.org allege that the success that charter schools tout is misleading because charter schools "have failed to accommodate students with disabilities or limited English proficiency, violating federal law and prompting civil rights complaints to federal agencies," the website said.

There were more out-of-school suspensions in 2013 than the total number of students in New Orleans public schools that year, according to KatrinaTruth.org and more than a dozen charter schools have higher suspension rates than the statewide average.

Womack argued that bussing children across the city to attend charter schools keeps families from being able to actively participate in their children's school life and it also makes it harder for children to join in extracurricular activities. Womack favored

stronger community schools over the ubiquitous charter school system.

Mock said that the new privatized charter school system in New Orleans has also effectively eliminated democracy in education planning.

"Private charter school boards are not elected by the people, so the voices of parents and [students] are often lost in the decision making process around education," said Mock.

Womack said that the

Black community has made significant contributions to New Orleans and Black residents, especially poor Black residents, should have been a priority.

"There are still a lot of people living the way they were living right after Katrina," said Womack. "You still see many people living on the streets. Poverty is rampant and it won't go away by ignoring it."

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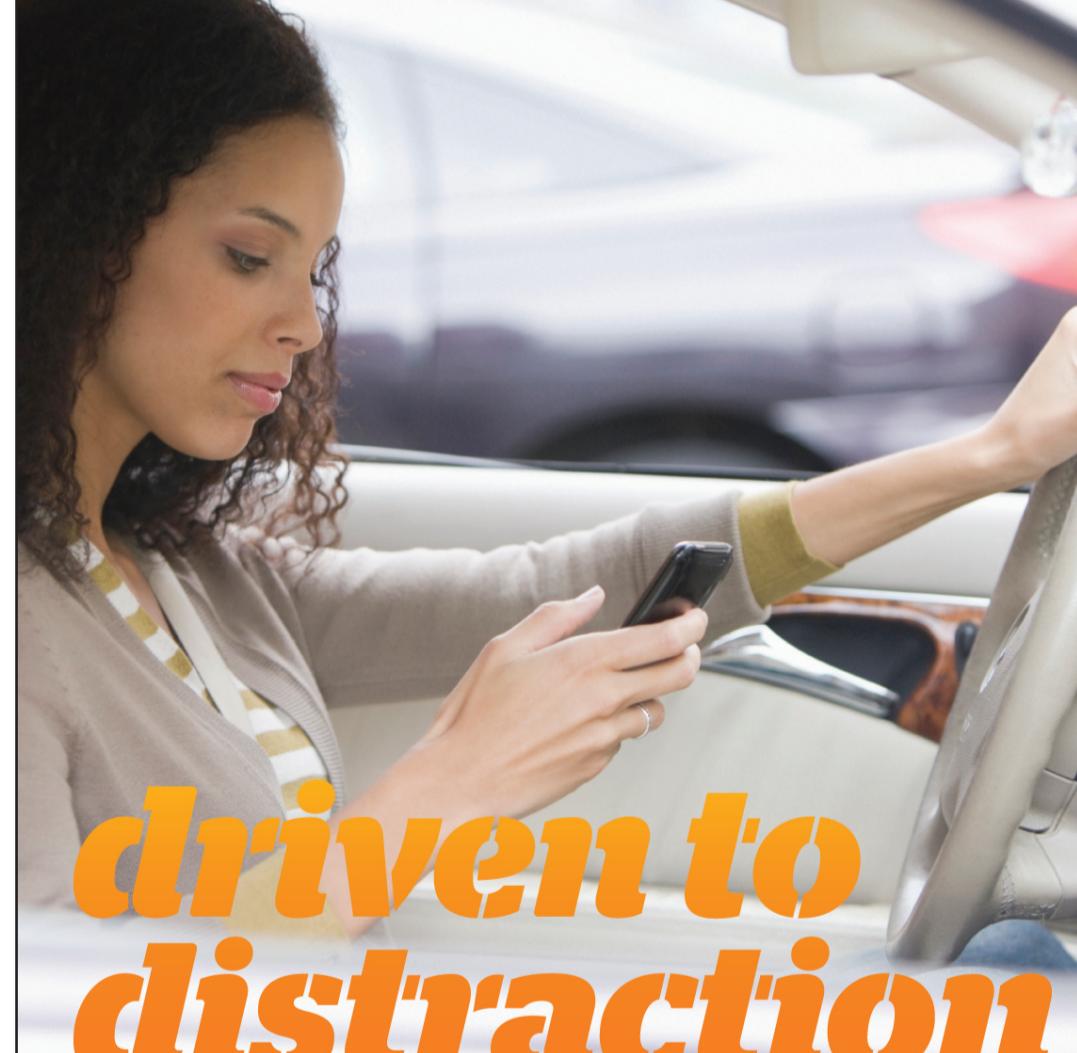


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### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### CURRY'S COMMENTS

#### Double standard when covering violent tragedies

It's sad enough when a violent crime mesmerizes the nation - such as the murder of nine African Americans in a Charleston, S.C. church, a fleeing Walter L. Scott being fatally shot in the back by a North Charleston Patrolman Michael T. Slager, or two young, White journalists, Alison Parker and Adam Ward, gunned down on live television - but those tragedies are compounded by the media's double standard.

Let's begin with how the initial crime is reported.

How many times have we seen the graphic video of a uniformed Michael Slager in South Carolina remove his gun from his holster on April 4 and shoot 50-year-old Walter Scott as he was running away? With two huge trees in the foreground, we heard eight shots, four of them striking Scott in the back and one lodging in an ear.

Contrast that with the coverage of two promising White journalists in Roanoke, Va. Because it was what is called a live shot, we have even more graphic footage of their actual murders. The shooter also filmed his dastardly crime, later posting it on social media before committing suicide.

Did we see repeated clips of the two White journalists being murdered? No, we saw some freeze-frames just before the act. And when the *New York Daily News* published freeze-frame photographs of Alison Parker as she was shot, there was widespread condemnation.

*USA Today* reported, "The *New York Daily News* ... published three still images from a video uploaded by suspected shooter Vester L. Flanagan II. The graphic images show reporter Alison Parker of WDBJ-TV seconds before she was shot up until the moment when it appears the first bullet hits her body."

The newspaper reported, "Mike Drago, a commentary editor at the *Dallas Morning News*, called the *New York Daily News* decision to post the stills 'death porn,' in an email to the *Washington Post*."

An article by Leon Neyfakh on *Slate.com* observed, "By isolating the seconds before, during, and after Flanagan pulls the trigger, the *Daily News* is indulging in - and prompting others to indulge in - a morbid fascination with what it's like to kill someone."

Social media was also ablaze with criticism of the *Daily News* and how the decision would bring further grief to the families.

Where was the concern for the family of Walter Scott in S.C.? Why was it okay to show him over and over in his dying seconds?

You could make arguments for and against the *Daily News'* decision. But whatever the standard, it should be applied fairly.

*The Los Angeles Times* came closest in pointing out this obvious double standard when it asked in a headline: "Are we afraid to watch white people dying?"

It noted, "Online, some are questioning the conversations that happen in newsrooms before we post, share or edit videos. Are news outlets simply less troubled by the deaths of black people, and thus making the rest of America so?"

The newspaper recounted, "We saw Walter Scott collapse when he was shot in April in South Carolina - from a distance, but the video is steady and clear. We saw and heard Eric Garner gasp, 'I can't breathe' as a New York Police Department officer put him in an apparent chokehold. And we saw a first-person view of Sam DuBose's head exploding when he was shot by the University of Cincinnati police officer."

This double standard is evident in how the crimes are described in the media.

A Media Matters headline declared: "Whether Fox News Acknowledges A Hate Crime Depends On The Race Of The Shooter."

After the Charleston shootings, Fox & Friends' co-host Steve Doocy said: "It was released earlier - And extraordinarily they called it a hate crime - And some look at it as, well, it's because it was a white guy apparently in a black church. But you made a great point just a moment ago about the hostility against Christians, and it was a church, so maybe that's what they're talking about..."

More than a half-dozen Fox hosts and guests suggested the killings in Roanoke was a hate crime.

When one guest suggested it would be more accurate to characterize the shootings as workplace violence, Gretchen Carlson countered, "But it says in the manifesto that - he wrote 23 pages and faxed to ABC News and now in the hands of Fox - he talks about race a lot. He put the initials of the Charleston church shooting victims on the bullets that he used today. He praised the Virginia Tech mass killer, the Columbine high school killers, says he was being attacked for being a gay black man. He shot three white people today. Why is that not a hate crime?"

Fox commentators deny racism is a serious problem in the U.S.

Fox's Steve Doocy said, "If we were a racist nation, Barack Obama would not have been elected president of the United States twice..."

He failed to mention that most Whites voted against Obama.

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## Matters of Opinion

### Can Hillary survive email controversy?

If you had asked me just a year ago if former Secretary of State and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton would be the

Democratic nominee for president of the United States I'd have replied "no question." I expected a near-coronation on the Democratic side, and a little rough-and-tumble on the Republican side.

Jeb Bush, I thought, would have a few competitors nipping at his heels, but the Chris Christies, Bobby Jindals, and Scott Walkers of the world had ambition and followers, but nothing to top Jeb. I thought this would be a legacy race and while I didn't much like the déjà vu feeling about 2016, it seemed to be inevitable.

Now, the Republican nomination has turned into a reality television show, with feuds being played out on Twitter, and good sense is as likely to show up in these Republican gatherings as calculus is to be found in kindergarten. Now what promised to be a sleepy Democratic glide to the nomination has evolved into, if not a contest, at least a challenge for Hillary Clinton.

As Clinton has muddled her

way through the State Department email drama, potential competitors have circled her like sharks circling blood in the water. It has taken her months to grudgingly admit her mistakes. If she was going to give the emails from her private server up with an apology for her bad judgment, why didn't she do so in the beginning? As it is, she has raised all kinds of questions about her honesty, and allowed rabid Republicans to go after her with a vengeance.

A progressive Democrat was likely to jump into the race regardless of what Clinton said or did. Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren have pushed Clinton to the left with their rhetoric, and few could have predicted that Sanders would not only enter the race but also attract millions of both people and dollars to support him. While the super PACs funding Jeb Bush and Hillary Clinton are collecting six and seven figure checks, the average Sanders donor has given about \$30 to his war chest.

There is blood in the water and Vice President Joe Biden is now considering vying for the presidency, and some see him as "insurance" in case Hillary implodes. The email drama should not sideline her from this race by itself, but weak showings in the early primaries, especially as she has already campaigned hard in Iowa and New Hampshire, will

bruise her badly. Clinton supporters seem to think she has locked up much of the Democratic money, but with his long history in politics, and a group of loyal supporters, there may be more than a few pennies out there for Joe Biden. And, if Clinton even appears to stumble, there may be millions out there for Biden.

Hillary Clinton has become a much better campaigner than she was in 2007 and 2008. She seems more approachable and friendly than she was then, although there are some members of the press who would say otherwise. We've seen much less of former President Bill Clinton on the trail so far than we did last time around, which is a good thing. Lots of people love Bill Clinton, but his presence often raises the question about who will be running the White House. In some ways, Hillary Clinton has all her ducks in a row, just like she and her supporters thought she did before President Barack Obama said he was running for president.

Clinton stumbled in early 2008, and she may stumble again. Her handlers need to make sure she speaks to the press more often and more transparently. She needs to tone down the sarcasm to build her likeability up. Her focus on working families and middle class families is great, but she might try to say a word or two about the poor. Poor folks won't write checks, but if they feel

included they can surely vote.

If Biden jumps into this race, the African American community is likely to be conflicted. If President Obama endorses or supports his vice president, those loyal to him in the African American community will give Biden more consideration that they might have otherwise. At the same time, African Americans, generally, like former President Bill Clinton and much of that affection spills over to Hillary Clinton. And there are tens of millions of Democratic women who feel that it is overdue for a woman to lead our nation.

Hillary Clinton needs to loosen up and lighten up, and that is not her nature. She can prevail if she tweaks her campaign strategy and opens up to the press. The email drama is likely to go away, but it won't if she remains defensive. And while an uptight Clinton might win a spirited fight for the nomination, an uptight Clinton won't win the presidency.

Our nation will be worse off if a Republican wins the presidency in 2016, and virtually doomed if the blustering Trump wins the White House. Hillary Clinton is worth fighting for, but she'll have to tweak her style to rally the troops.

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## BLACKONOMICS

### Black business figures don't lie

Taken every five years and published in phases over two or three years, the Economic Census of Black-owned businesses has finally been released. It contains information captured in 2012 on Black businesses and those owned by others; it also contains information on revenues and employees within those businesses.

At first take, the numbers are astounding, but a closer analytical review may cause the reader to question our economic status in this country and the progress we must make in order to reach parity and claim a proportionate share of business in America. This article celebrates the progress we have made by starting new businesses, but it will also dissect some of those data and offer a few solutions to the problems they present.

A comparison of the 2007 vs. the 2012 Black business stats shows an increase in firms from slightly more than 1.9 million to 2.6 million; annual revenues for Black firms went from \$135.7 billion to \$187.6 billion; Black firms with paid employees went from 106,566 to 110,786; the

number of employees within Black firms increased from 909,552 to 1,045,120; and the number of Black firms without employees (sole proprietorships) went from 1,815,298 to 2,482,382.

If you get nothing else from this article, please let the previous paragraph sink into your brain. Analyze the numbers and draw your own conclusions about our economic status in this nation. The simple comparison between 2007 and 2012, if looked at critically, should lead the reader to ask, for instance: "How is it that with a \$1.2 trillion aggregate income among Blacks, our businesses have only \$187.6 in annual receipts?"

Another reasonable question to ask: "Why such a dearth of Black businesses that have employees and such and a preponderance of one-person businesses?"

While I don't want your eyes to glaze over from all the stats, let me point out just one more set. There are 1.9 million Asian firms in the U.S. with annual receipts of \$793.5 billion. Indian-Asian firms, specifically, number 382,521 yet command annual receipts of \$251 billion. Hispanics have 3,320,563 firms that earn more than \$517 billion annually. Crunch the population numbers and see what you find.

That's it, no more stats. You can look at the entire census report for yourself and see the numbers for all groups across all categories.

The larger message in this latest information is not only the celebratory aspect of entrepreneurship and business start-ups among Black people, but also the fact that we do not support our businesses to the degree we should - and can, with \$1.2 trillion in our pockets - and we are not growing our businesses to the point of being able to hire others.

Please let this economic information marinate in your mind for a while. It is vital to our economic growth and our collective economic empowerment. We can use these latest data to boost ourselves beyond mere discussions that always include terms like "Black buying power." Until we harness that so-called "power" and leverage it to our own benefit, it will continue to be power only for those with whom we spend it. And right now, we are not spending very much of it with Black-owned businesses.

Caveat: Don't get so hung-up on comparing Black stats to those of other groups except as a measurement of proportionality. Those groups arrived at where they are via other routes and means. They did not suffer the mistreatment that Black endured under slavery, Jim Crow, Black Codes, general market and ownership restrictions, lack of access to credit markets and business subsidies, and the list goes on. My only reason for

including those few in this article is to point out the fact that they are taking care of their own by not only starting businesses but by growing them and hiring their own people.

Our charge must be to do much better than we are doing right now. We must stop relying on politics and politicians to pull us out of the ditch that many of them dug for us and threw us into.

Our charge is to be much better stewards of our \$1.2 trillion by cutting way back on what we buy and from whom we buy it. Our charge is to build more businesses to scale and begin hiring hundreds of thousands of Black people, as economist Thomas Boston has called for; as well as many others. A great website to keep up with these data is Brother Akiim DeShay's Black Demographics.com

The numbers are out, y'all. Don't sleep on them; act upon them. They ain't lying.

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## New Hanover County

**GE Retirees Association** will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 17th at noon. The meeting will be held at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Road. Open to GE retirees and spouses. WECT Anchor Frances Weller will speak about "The Changing Face of Television News." For more information call 910-819-2776.



**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.

## Community Briefs

**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.

**Precinct W29** will hold its 3rd Town Hall meeting at Williston Middle School in the media room at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015. Attorney George Rountree and Dr. Daniel Coot will be guests. For more information please call E.B. Davis at 910-762-8599 or Ms. Lynn H. McIntyre at 910-200-2530.

**The Democratic Women of New Hanover County** will meet on Thursday, September 10th at McAlister's Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Sour social period, "eat and meet" will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by the program, "Meet your Candidates" for the upcoming Municipal elections. All Democrats are welcome and to participate. If any questions, call 910-395-4502.

**The Fall Citizens' Fire Academy**, sponsored by the Wilmington Fire Department, begins on Thursday, September 10th from 6:00-9:00 PM and will run for seven consecutive weeks (followed by a graduation). As of today, there are a few openings for the fall session. If interested, please call or email Courtney Cromer (contact information below) with any questions regarding the academy or to register. The attached schedule outlines the events and hands-on opportunities for each of the seven sessions. Please note that there is NO cost to join the Academy. Applicants may send completed applications and notarized background release forms via email or regular mail (contact information below). Once both forms are received, the applicant will be placed on the list to participate or on the waiting list should the academy be full.

**The Willis Richardson Players** will hold an audition for an upcoming show on Monday, September 14th at the Hannah Block Community Arts Center, 2nd and Orange Street from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. The show will take place on Saturday, November 7th at Thalian Hall. Musicians, dancers, singers and poetry readers are needed. For more information call 910-399-3337 or 910-763-1889.

**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 885** will hold a free session on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. "Maximize Your Veteran's Benefits" at the Elks Lodge, #532, 5102 Oleander Drive. Bring your DD 214. No appointment necessary. For more information call 910-762-4288.

## Brunswick County

**Brunswick County Department of Social Services** will be providing Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety/Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting training to be a foster/adoptive parent starting Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at the Brunswick County Complex in the Social Service Building B, Bolivia, NC. To register for training or for more information call Tamela Jones at 910-253-2112.

**City of Northwest** will hold their Fun Day on Saturday, September 12th from 10:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. For more information call 910-655-3110.

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## A call for fair and equal access to financial services

BY CHARLENE CROWELL  
NNPA COLUMNIST

(NNPA)- On August 1, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization began a journey that will cover 860 miles and last 40 days and 40 nights. Once completed, the NAACP-sponsored America's Journey for Justice will have trekked across Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia before reaching its culminating stop in mid-September in our nation's capital.

The Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) is joining in this multi-state march, adding its voice and influence to oppose financial injustices that people of color so often experience. CRL has already shared specific concerns with mortgage lending and student loans - two of the issues its champions in state houses and on Capitol Hill.

For Brandon Coleman, a CRL policy counsel, an August 8 presentation in LaGrange, Ga. was as encouraging as it was exciting. Most consumers want to become better informed on the credit issues that affect their daily lives. The workshop series provides the opportunity to pose

questions and receive answers in their own communities.

"CRL is frequently engaged with organizational advocates and elected and appointed officials working on these important policy issues," noted Coleman. "The workshop was a great opportunity to share our research and insights with people who are directly impacted by the abusive practices we fight against and the protections we seek to secure."

For example, CRL research on the nation's foreclosure crisis found that from 2009 to 2012, people living near a foreclosed property in Black and Latino communities saw their home values drop by more than \$350 billion - possibly suffering the same level of loss that occurred to Gulf States affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Further, from September 2008 when the foreclosure crisis began to May 2013, 4.4 million foreclosures were completed according to Core Logic, a leading property information and analysis provider.

"Events like America's Journey for Justice are so important because the information presented across the country is exposing many of the unfair practices that drain millions of dollars from vulnerable communi-

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Sunset

**I**t's late in the afternoon and the sun is almost covered with gray clouds. A few drops of rain are falling slowly. The drops of rain may stop anytime. It makes the lawns more beautiful. The lawns have a new green peaceful look. It is wonderful to live where the climate is conducive to such peace and beauty.

There are so many important things we think about while working on our jobs and

when it's almost time to go home. One could be an important meeting to attend tonight at eight o'clock. This one is about schools and the fact that more teachers are needed in our schools in Brunswick County. Overcrowded classrooms can do more harm than good. Today, teachers need aids to help them accomplish the proficiency which the children need. All children have the right to be educated, handicapped children as well. The budget for our public schools should allot more funds to help schools and the poor homeless people that live in our communities. The teachers are in need of more classroom materials

that will help students develop intellectually, emotionally, and socially.

It's sunset today, and the first day of school was August 24, 2015. When children get home with parents or guardians, there is a great deal to talk about. We know there should be no budget questions. It should have been settled long before the first day of school. We are spending the money on private schools and taking money away from public schools, where there is the largest enrollment of African American children. We need the right people in office, not officials who take wait and see attitudes.

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.

## "Communities In Schools of Brunswick County" announces free parenting classes

**SOUTHPORT, N.C.** - Parents and families continue to benefit from enrolling in the evidence-based Incredible Years parenting program offered by Communities In Schools of Brunswick County (CIS). The Incredible Years parenting class strengthens families by promoting effective positive strategies for parents to use to manage their children's behavior. CIS has provided this service for the county for the past seven years.

Incredible Years Parenting Classes will be held in Southport beginning on September 14 and Shallotte on September 15 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at both locations. The

classes are for anyone in a parenting role with children ages 5-12 years old. The program is FREE of charge and includes dinner. The interactive sessions make learning fun and are easy to incorporate into real world parenting situations. Facilitators leading the CIS program have received extensive training from The Incredible Years Network and continued support from Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina. While parents are meeting, children are in another room learning similar age appropriate material. Topics are designed to help increase family communication, cooperation, and respect.

"Since coming to these classes things are calmer in our house," said an Incredible Years parenting program participant.

Classes are offered in Shallotte on September 8 and Southport on September 14. Class space is limited. For more information or to reserve your space, please call Margaret Roseman, Parenting Education Director, at 910.253.5327 ext. 1435 or visit [www.cis-brunswick.org](http://www.cis-brunswick.org).

About Communities In Schools of Brunswick County:

Communities In Schools of Brunswick County is part of the national Communities In Schools network.

## Seven youth receive Cooking Merit Badge



YOUTH FROM NEW HANOVER AND PENDER COUNTIES PARTICIPATING IN WORKSHOP

(Brunswick County)- Seven youth from Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender Counties received their cooking merit badge in a day-long workshop held Saturday at the North Campus of CFCC. The workshop was taught by Morgan McKnight, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent with the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension, Elin Amundson, Brunswick County FoodCorps Service Member, and Andrew Blair, Eagle Scout.

Topics for the day included food safety, kitchen and knife safety, introduction to kitchen equipment, various cooking methods, how to read a nutri-

tion label, MyPlate, meal planning for caloric need, and cooking at home vs. cooking at camp. Along with interactive lessons practicing knife skills and learning the importance of limiting sugar, students spent the last portion of class putting their education and new skills to practice in a hands-on demonstration preparing three recipes: chicken and vegetable stir-fry, steamed fish with rice and vegetables, and spaghetti with homemade pasta sauce. Students had the chance to peel, slice, and chop veggies, measure and mix ingredients, and practice techniques such as stir-frying, steaming, simmering, and boiling.

The Cooking Merit Badge requirements include many items such as first aid in the kitchen, food-related illnesses and prevention, food allergies, meal planning, and other topics covered in the eight-hour class. Boy scouts are now required to receive their Cooking Merit Badge in order to move up to Eagle Scout. The class was taught to prepare the boy scouts for camp cooking safely, efficiently, and properly, but scouts were also encouraged by the teachers to practice their cooking skills at home and hopefully instill enjoyment in a necessary life skill. The students were very interested in all of the topics and were eager to cook with

the teachers. They enjoyed practicing their new skills and taste-testing each of their recipes.

For more information on these topics or other classes being offered contact Morgan McKnight at the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension, 910-253-2610.

North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation.

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ties each year," concluded Coleman.

The workshop series will occur along the journey to our nation's capital and also provides an opportunity to share in-depth analysis on how abusive lending issues undermine the ability of families of color to build long-term wealth. In addition to advocating for greater mortgage credit access, a new four-part CRL series, titled Financial Fairness for All, addresses student loan abuse at for-profit colleges and universities; how payday loans place families in a financial debt trap; and how dealer interest

markups in auto finance cost borrowers of color millions of dollars more for the loan than their credit profiles warrant.

"Economic inequality has long been a major concern in the civil rights community," observed Nikitra Bailey, CRL executive vice president. "It is essential that lending practices are fair, transparent, and do not rob American families of their opportunity to exist securely in the middle class. There is no place for financial apartheid in our financial services sector."

"Charging excessive and sometimes discriminatory fees knock families off the upward mobility ladder, so we need strong enforcement

action to stop these abuses. Enforcement of laws is just as important as getting the laws enacted."

On April 18 in Athens, Ga., Bailey carried that message to a group of activists, including a few who started the journey in Selma. Part of Bailey's remarks focused on student loans. According to CRL research, more than half of all Black families borrow to cover college expenses and more than 40 million people collectively owe \$1.2 trillion on student loans.

Plans are now being finalized for additional CRL presentations at upcoming workshops in North Carolina and Virginia.

"As the group of marchers

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Charlene Crowell

and I held a moment of silence for the late NAACP Chairman Julian Bond, we remained committed to the ideals his life's work embodied," said Bailey. "Chairman Bond was steadfast in championing against financial abuses starting out very early in his career in the Georgia State Legislature. Those of us at CRL who worked with him during his longtime service on our board of directors will continue to fight alongside our partners for greater economic justice for all Americans."

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## Galloway rescues his mother from slavery

His contacts behind enemy lines remained extensive, even after he turned his attention to Black recruitment and political organizing. The far flung nature of his connections can be measured by his success in November 1863 to get his mother out of Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington lay seventy-five miles beyond Union lines and was one of the most heavily fortified and guarded cities in the Confederacy. The seaport's importance to the maintenance of Robert E. Lee's supply lines had ensured the reaction of formidable defenses, and a hornet's nest of rebel spies and detectives swarmed Wilmington, N. C. to guard against breaches of intelligence. Despite all the traps and precautions, Galloway somehow managed to pluck his mother, Hester Hankins, from the seaport of Wilmington to New Bern.

Galloway found shelter for his mother with Edward

## Senior Citizens graduate from SNAP-Education Program

BRUNSWICK COUNTY Over thirty senior citizens from the Southport/Sunset Harbor and Oak Island Senior Nutrition Sites graduated from a four-week program educating older adults about healthy eating and physical activity as they age. The class was taught by Morgan McKnight, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent with the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension, through a federally-funded grant program. The class is called Eat Smart, Live Strong and is conducted through SNAP-Ed.

During this free, four-week program, participants were taught how to simplify healthy eating by sticking to classics they already prepare and enjoy but adding more fruits and veggies or cutting some of the fat and sodium in their dairy and protein choices. Each week they learned more about MyPlate - the federal government's food icon created to help consumers build a healthier plate - and were educated on different aspects of each food group to help prepare them for making healthier decisions on their own. Topics included healthy dairy and protein choices, how to read a nutrition label, how to avoid salt, how to compare unit pricing, and much more. Activities and physical activity were included in each session along with a sample recipe that coincided with that week's lesson. Many of the program participants showed improvement on eating habits and increased physical activity over the

course of the program. These two sites followed Supply and Boiling Spring Lakes Senior Nutrition Sites where another forty participants also graduated from the program between July and August. Three more senior sites are scheduled to receive the program throughout the rest of the year.

Eat Smart, Live Strong is a SNAP-Education program administered through A&T State University. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) serves limited resource families across the county and throughout North Carolina. It is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and works in collaboration with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services. The goal of SNAP-Ed is to assist those eligible for food assistance to make healthy food choices within a limited budget.

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**Esta Pearl Thomas**

Esta Pearl Saunders-Thomas was born on April 17, 1923, the fourth child of the late Cordelia and Napoleon Saunders, in Burgaw, North Carolina. She met and married the love of her life, her devoted husband of fifty five years, Alfred Thomas. They were baptized into the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1944 by Elder F.J. Kitts in Wilmington, N.C. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 28, 2015, at Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Burial was in Burgaw Cemetery.

Esta was educated in the schools of Pender County North Carolina and graduated from C. F. Pope High School in Burgaw. She continued her education receiving several certifications in numerous industries. She was an assistant teacher at Rocky Point Elementary School for many years. She was one of the first female entrepreneurs in Wilmington where she owned and operated "Pearl's Beauty Salon" on Castle Street for more than thirty years. She was a committed "Woman of God" throughout her life as she served the needs of her church and hundreds of the people in her community. Her accomplishments included; organized the first SDA Youth Federation in North Carolina under the South Atlantic Conference; many years of dedicated service to the Community Service Department of her church and conference; Adult Sabbath School Division Leader; Children's Sabbath School, VBS and Choir; Church and School Boards, leader of the Prison Ministry for many years; Red Cross and Disaster Relief Volunteer for more than twenty years; Red

Cross Volunteer of the Year Award; Community Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Committee Leader; Assistant at Johnson-Drain Funeral Service for more than fifteen years.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Alfred Thomas, Jr.; daughters Sandra (Calvin) Rice, Edna Taylor, Diann (Clarence) Winston, and DeLa Holland, sister-in-law, Mary Johnson and brother-in-law, Walter (Daisy) Thomas. A special friend of more than 67 years, Mrs. Beulah Roberts. A special niece, Carolyn Lee and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, special children, cousins other family and friends. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N.C. 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

**Owen Melvin**

Owen Dwight Melvin entered into his eternal rest on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, after a brief illness. He was born June 24, 1954, in Stuttgart, Bad Cannstatt, Germany to Hezzie and Remell Council Melvin. Owen is preceded in death by his father, Hezzie and his brother, George Melvin. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

As a child Owen was christened at St. Stephen AME Church. He also participated in the Youth Department activities of the Church and attended Sunday school. He graduated from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1972. He furthered his education in Personnel Records via the U.S. Army and the Cape

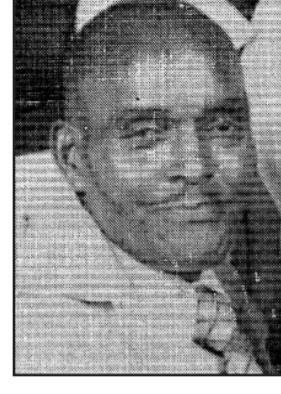
Fear Community College. He served in the U.S. Army from 1974-1976 and upon returning home to Wilmington, he gained employment with the Singer/Siemens Corporation, where he remained until the business closed. In 1990, Owen embarked upon a career as a chef, which led him onto an entrepreneurial course from Wilmington to Jacksonville, N.C., which he pursued until 2014. He was owner/operator of Melvin's Restaurant & Catering of Wilmington, corner of 8th and Dawson Streets; and Chela R. Bruno's Italian Foods, Jacksonville; Kettle Pancake House, Jacksonville; IHOP, Jacksonville; and Reel Cafe', Wilmington. He was a loving and happy-go-lucky fellow; always smiling no matter the course of his day; always friendly and surrounded by friends. Owen enjoyed spending time with friends and family and preparing great meals for them. He never missed an opportunity to use his gifts of service and hospitality to bless others.

Owen leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Remell C. Melvin; wife, Lydia Bryant Melvin of Hendersonville, N.C.; daughter Charmaine Melvin Lambert (Jeff) of Raleigh, N.C.; grandchildren Seraiah and Jeff Lambert, III of Raleigh, N.C.; step children Takeisha Bryant and Philatoine Bryant of Hendersonville, N.C.; sisters-in-law Jennifer Benjamin of Wilmington, N.C. and Kathy Bryant of Washington, D.C.; special cousin Debbie Birch of Wilmington, N.C.; special friend Timothy Robbins; and a host of other relatives and friends. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N.C. 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

**Card of Thanks****Mrs. Jacqueline Janie Mae Robinson**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or set quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much. Whatever the part. We thank you for all of your kindness and your thoughts.

Arlene McNeil and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Johnson and family

**King Frank Dixon**

Sunrise: September 1, 1918  
Sunset: February 13, 1996

**Though New at Fatherhood**

Though new at fatherhood, you're surely not a novice at the art of giving love. With quiet tact you find the perfect spot among the needs of those whose hearts you move.

I never feel you slight me, even though at times your time for me of need is slight. Though working long and hard you seem to know just how to make our son feel loved each night.

These gifts you give I know cannot come easy, although they seem to flow so easily. You have a lovely air that's light and breezy, that says: I get from you more than you see.

And so I am in awe of what you do; you love so well that I love you well, too.

Love you Daddy

Torrence Dixon  
And  
Tanya Dixon-Mason

**In Memory of My Two Sons**

Arthur Shannon, Jr.  
Sunrise: May 1, 1946  
Sunset: September 10, 1997



Charles Edward Shannon, Sr.  
Sunrise: July 8, 1948  
Sunset: August 22, 2013

**Sunset**

My two sons have gone home to be with the Lord. God had their reservations to come home and leave their earthly home and me, but they are looking down on me and my family protecting us. They left a void in my heart but, I have memories of them. I do not have to worry about them in this cruel world. They are in the arms of the Heavenly Father looking down with a smile saying do not worry or cry, we are fine and happy.

All that live must die, passing through nature to eternity. Left to cherish, Mother, Rosa Shannon and family

**The Sun Rises.. The Sun Sets**

The sun rises, the sun sets, and the hours between are all God-bless...

The dawn afresh with sparkling dew, a time to start our lives anew...

And the sun rises, the sun sets.

The sun rises, the sun sets,

And the hours between are all God's best...

High noon, when in the heavens we see Peak brightness of infinity...

And the sun rises, the sun sets.

The sun rises, the sun sets,

And the hours between have gone to rest.

The morning dew's now evening's haze,

A quiet time to give God praise...

And the sun rises, the sun sets.

-Loise Pinkerton Fritz

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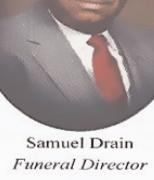
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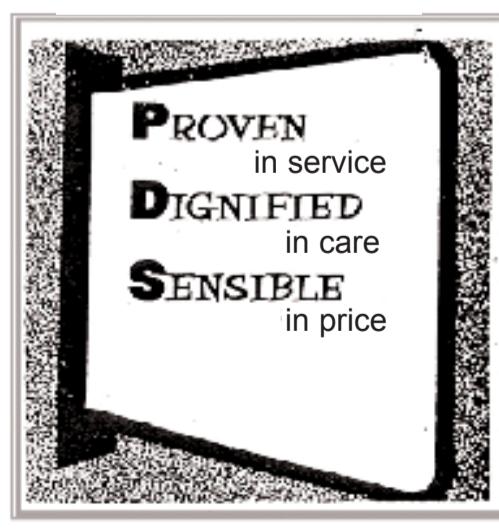


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## New Hanover County

**First Baptist Church Scotts Hill**, 8800 Market St., will celebrate Pastor Robert Purvis's anniversary beginning with a Pre-Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 5th at 5:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 6th at 11:00 a.m. Elder Cedric Tindall of Union Baptist Church will be the guest speaker and at 3:00 p.m. the Anniversary Service, "Preach The Word." The three guest speakers will be Brother Stevie McIntyre of Old Scotts Hill AME Church, Deacon Ronald Montgomery of Shiloh Missionary Church and Elder Demetria Sheppard Bassett of From Death to Destiny Outreach Ministries. On Saturday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Gospel Choir of Scotts Hill will celebrate their anniversary. Various choirs and groups will be on the musical program.

**Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center**, 4875 New Centre Dr., Men of Honor will celebrate their Annual Men's Day Service, "A Workman Approved By God" on Thursday, September 10th with guest speaker Superintendent A.L. Peterson of Greater Love Chapel Church, COGIC, Friday, September 11th with guest speaker Pastor Stephen Bradley of Ekklesia United Holy Church and Sunday, September 13th with guest speaker Pastor Bruce Miller of The Lord's Church.

**The Episcopal Church Women of St. Mark's Church** will celebrate and observe Women's Day on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Ms. Elsie E. Kirton will be the keynote speaker.

**The New Spirit of Truth** will celebrate Chief Apostle Vivian Whitehead's 32nd Pastoral Anniversary from September 11th-13th. On Friday, September 11th - 7:00 p.m. the speaker will be Apostle Cynthia Powell of Valour Ministries of Grace, Inc., Wilmington, NC. On Saturday, September 12th - 5:00 p.m. the speaker will be Apostle Erskine Hawkins of True Life International Fellowship Ministries, Jacksonville, NC. On Sunday, September 13th - 4:00 p.m. the speaker will be Apostle Robert Covington of Harvest Time Christian Center International Ministries Wilmington, NC. All services will be held at The Spirit of Truth, 216 Marstellar Street, Wilmington, NC. For more information, call Kathy Grear at 910-617-4542.

## Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their Annual Usher's Anniversary on Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 p.m. The special guests will be Reverend Latonia Thomas, choir, ushers and congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC. Fellowship repast will be served following the service.

**Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church**, 1490 Village Rd., Leland Park (Senior Bldg.), will hold Fall Revival, "Revive Us Again" from Wednesday, September 9th- September 11th at Speaks Temple AME Zion Church, 1120 Dawson Street, Wilmington, NC. Reverend Maria Lacewell, pastor of Price Cathedral AME Zion Church will be the Evangelist. Also on Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 p.m. Prophetess Rosalyn Robbins Shaw will be the guest speaker for "Empowering the People."

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*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

### St. Stephen A.M.E. Church celebrates its Sesquicentennial Anniversary



ST. STEPHEN A.M.E. CHURCH

(Wilmington, NC) St. Stephen A.M.E. Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary throughout the month of September. Established in 1865, the original members splintered from Front Street Methodist Church, South (now Grace United Methodist Church) as they sought religious freedom and an opportunity to worship under a black minister. The church is publishing a first edition history book that chronicles its earliest roots back to 1798 through its formal establishment in 1865 to the current activities of the church.

Events at St. Stephen this month will include a Heritage Weekend with a "Kids' Camp" on September 12th and Grandparents' Day Worship Service and Brunch on the 13th; Afternoon Heritage Tea on September 19th; and the

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## "Closing the Achievement Gap"

## My Fellow Seniors:

There was an article in *The Wilmington Journal* last week about the achievement gap in the public schools. This issue

can never be resolved by individuals. It takes a community. Many times I have suggested widening the doors of church so that we can do something other than Bible Study.

The church is the center of the community. It is the only place where we can come together and talk about the achieve-

ment gap and many other issues with which we need to deal, it seems that no professional writer has the nerve to approach the church about a broader outreach into the community.

I hate to sound like a broken record, but I have already written two columns on this subject. I was describing a Sunday School class that had about ten young children in it. Only one of them was white, and she answered every question. None of the Black kids had anything to say.

I offered two possible reasons for their silence. Either they were not interested in Bible Study, or they were intimidated by the outspoken White child. I said that we need

to get to the bottom of this, and we need to hit the ground running.

I have visited several churches in the community, and not one of them has mentioned anything about the problems we have in our neighborhoods or in our schools. Certainly, we must do more to close the achievement gap, but no one can do it alone.

We always read the newspaper alone, and that's the end of it, but we need to bring the community together to work out a plan. We need to support one another. We need to support our people from the nursery to the nursing home. The only ones able to reach that far is the church, but no one is asking the Christian community

to step up.

Yet, who else can close the gap if not the church? We have access to all ages from the cradle to the grave. We have life-long connections, financial support, and lots of free space. We would also have free workers, free transportation, and free snacks.

The church can start all types of programs for all ages, but we only have Sunday School, preaching, and Bible Study. There is an old saying about the Black Press. "Use it or lose it!" When do we start saying the same thing about the Black church? Have a good day.

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



Ruth  
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## Kirton to speak at St. Mark's Women's Day

BY BARBARA C. KANE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Mark's Church will celebrate and observe Women's Day on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at the 11:00 am service. Ms. Elsie E. Kirton, the daughter of the late Father Edwin E. Kirton and Mrs. Eunice B. Kirton, will be the keynote speaker.

Ms. Kirton is a retired educator from the Fairfax County Public Schools in Fairfax, Virginia.

Elsie attended the New Hanover County Schools. She earned a BS Degree in Early

Childhood Education from Appalachian State University, a Master's Degree in Education from George Mason University and completed post graduate work in School Counseling at Virginia Tech University.

Ms. Kirton has served in many positions during her career in the Fairfax Public County Schools. She was a kindergarten teacher, a 4-6 grade teacher, an elementary school counselor, an assistant principal for Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences, a Coordinator for the Elementary Counseling

Program, a Coordinator of the district's College Partnership Program and a Director of School Counseling and Student Registration.

She is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Beltsville, in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, DC.

Ms. Kirton is a member of Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Elsie is also a charter member of the Theta Iota Chapter at UNCW.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Women's Day Program. A reception will be held in Jackson Hall immediately following this event.



MS. ELSIE KIRTON

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Your labor is not in vain"

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58

Labor - Work for wages

Steadfast - Unchanging, loyal, constant

Unmovable - Incapable of being moved

Abounding

To be plentiful in amount

Vain - To no avail

As the Labor Day holiday is approaching, the celebration of the value and dignity of work should never end. To many Americans young and old, Labor Day signals the official end of summer vacations, and the beginning of a new school year. Many families have gathered for the last picnic of the summer or the season's final trip to the beach.

Realizing that our national unemployment rate is still

high, it is easy to appreciate the blessing, and the dignity of having a job and going to work!

In God's economy, there is no unemployment crisis. The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few. Willing workers are needed in this holy way! There is available work for the skilled and the unskilled; for the licensed and the unlicensed; for the novice and for the seasoned veteran. Every Believer has a job to do, and a God to glorify. There is enough work to do for all of us, whether you are a preacher in the pulpit, an evangelist in the field, or a person passing out tracts. We must remember that our labor is not in vain!

Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: for the night cometh, when no man can work."

There is a promised reward for those who labor in His vineyard. His reward for the soul winner is mentioned in Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

His reward for being a faithful servant is promised in Matthew 10:42,

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." His reward for those who do good is promised in Ephesians 6:8. "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." Your labor is not in vain!

In Acts 20:24, we see Apostle Paul, who refused to be intimidated by the sufferings and threats of personal harm to himself. He refused to give up, to quit, or to turn around. His heart was fixed and his mind was made up. He was fully persuaded that God was going to bless him for his obedience to his call to minister. He said, "But none of these things move me, neither counts I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." He was steadfast, he was unmovable, and he contin-

ued to abound in the work of the Lord, because he knew this one thing...."His labor was not in vain! Be encouraged likewise.

Prayer: Help me to be about my Father's business, and recommit to work while it is day, knowing that my labor is not in vain in the Lord.

In Jesus's Name. Amen

"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!"

## THE RELIGION CORNER

## It's up to you to believe

Have you looked back on memorable days in your life? You'll cherish those thoughts for a lifetime. Such a day happened for me recently.

As I sat writing my newspaper column and preparing for my radio show, I heard my cellphone beep for a new email message.

This message had come on July 2 from Value Partnerships, Joshua DuBois, CEO, and the Oprah Winfrey Network. The subject line said "July 7th Conference Call with Oprah Winfrey." I couldn't believe my eyes! I thought, "This is remarkable a chance to hear from Oprah Winfrey herself. I'm in!" My life will never be the same since joining that conference call.

Oprah spoke with an international community, sharing her desire for the Belief Series to change the world in a positive way.

What a joy it has been to work with Value Partnerships leaders, Etoy Rignal and the Rev. Carolyn Wilkins, both of

whom have been in contact weekly with me and other leaders in the Washington metropolitan Area. I've become one of the lead coordinators of the D.C. Belief Host Committee, meeting many new and exciting people. It has been a marvelous experience.

What's this all about? Oprah Winfrey is presenting a new seven-day series on OWN Oct. 18-24 titled "Belief," a groundbreaking international television event exploring humankind's ongoing search to connect with something greater than ourselves.

This original series invites viewers to witness fascinating spiritual journeys through the eyes of believers. Oprah Winfrey said: "For several years, my team and I have traveled to 33 countries to film the Beliefs of all races, colors, creeds, religions in an effort to show somehow, we are all very much alike."

What is my belief, you ask? Throughout my life our family of nine lived on a farm in North Carolina, near Kinston. My father had been a Pentecostal preacher and pastor since 1959. I was 9 years old. He had a cute little church with a steeple located near the railroad tracks. It only accommodated

dated 150-200 people.

For the family, it was church all the time. Only preaching and spirituals played on our radio. Playing cards was out.

His small but dedicated congregation worshiped monthly. Other Sundays we visited neighboring churches, never missing one. A poor family, but we looked good. The boys were wearing suits and ties and the girls dresses with standouts and ribbons in our hair, riding in a Cadillac.

A talented musician, our father played the piano, organ, harmonica and guitar, his favorite. After supper he and mother would sing, clap, both patting their feet. We children would join in.

At age 11, I married a tall, handsome Catholic Marine. My old-school upbringing taught me my husband's religion would be the family's choice. We followed Catholic protocol, from premarital counseling and the big wedding to baptizing our children as Catholics. They even attended Catholic schools.

What I believed had changed, from a small Pentecostal church in the South to the National Shrine in Washington. For Catholics, it was acceptable to play cards

inside the church fellowship halls. It was totally different from how I grew up.

Now 40 years later, I'm divorced, and I'm enjoying the Baptist religion. Though the Baptist faith is different from Catholicism and Pentecostalism, it falls somewhere in the middle. Throughout my life, all churches I've attended believe in Jesus Christ and God the Father.

Over the years, I've had Mormon friends, Hari Krishnas, Buddhists, Jews, etc. Recently, with this project, I met Sister Jenna, a lovely spirit, Brahma Kumaris, and CEO of Meditation Museum. She travels to 160 countries!

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carolyn Faye Thompson** 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 **13th day of November, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 13th of August, 2015

Rebekah Carolyn Williams, Administrator  
4162 Breezewood Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 13, 20, 27, Sept. 3, 2015

**Notice of Service of Process of Publication**  
**State of North Carolina**  
**New Hanover County**
**Finding of Fact and Order Minimum Housing Code**

In the matter of the property located at: **518 Bladen Street**  
Know as: Map No. **3118** Blk. No. **92** Lot No. **3130.000**

To: All Known and Unknown Heirs of Johnnie Morris, Jr. Lorenzo Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. Gerald Waldorf Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. Kenneth Darrell Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. All Known and Unknown Heirs of Johnnie Morris, III, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. All Known and Unknown Heirs of Dennis Elliott Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. All Known and Unknown Heirs of Ronald Chester Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. All Known and Unknown Heirs of Mamie Yolandria Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. Peggy Farmer Morris, Heir of Ronald Chester Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. Taleasher Lashauna Morris Sutton, Heir of Mamie Yolandria Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr. Larry Wendell Morris, Heir of Mamie Yolandria Morris, Heir of Johnnie Morris, Jr.

Take notice that the Hearing Officer does hereby find the above referenced address violates the City Minimum Housing Code (Chapter 16, Article V of the City Code) and the standards set forth therein, is unfit for human habitation and dilapidated.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the owner(s) of the dwelling named and designated be and are hereby ordered and required to bring such dwelling into compliance with the Minimum Housing Code of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, by repairing and improving the dwelling to remove the described violations or demolishing and removing said dwelling from the property not later than the **25th day of February, 2016**.

If the owner(s) of the dwelling fail to bring such dwelling into compliance with the Minimum Housing Code as ordered by the date designated above, the offender shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$100.00 per day for each day that the violation continues and the Hearing Officer shall file a report with the City Council of the City of Wilmington which may, after hearing, cause the repair or demolition and removal of such dwelling to be done and the costs for same shall be a lien upon the property in accordance with Section 16-232 of the Minimum Housing Code.

Any appeal to the Housing Appeals Board must be taken within ten (10) days from rendering of the decision or service of the order and shall be taken by filing with the Minimum Housing Code Hearing Officer a Notice of Appeal that specifies the grounds upon which appeal is made.

This the 25th day August, 2015.

**Dolores M. Williams**  
**Hearing Officer**  
**CITY OF WILMINGTON, NC**

August 27, September 3, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Dallie Durwood Baggett** 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 **20th day of November, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 20th of August, 2015

David Dunwood Baggett, Executor  
2133 Oakton Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27606

August 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Diana Kelly Mack** 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 **13th day of November, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 13th of August, 2015

Daniel A. Mack, Administrator  
1417 Castle Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 13, 20, 27, Sept. 3, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Maria L. Lamberton**, 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 **3rd day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 3rd day of September, 2015  
Rolland II. Lamberton, Executor  
Of the Estate of Maria L. Lamberton  
616 N. Colony Circle  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Reginald Wayne Hawes**, 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 **3rd day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 3rd day of September, 2015  
Zina Hawes, Administrator  
905 Glenhurst Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

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

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
15 E 1062

The undersigned having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JACQUELINE DIANE RANNENBERG**, late of Wilmington, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **7th day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of September, 2015.

Kent A. Jenks, Executor  
Estate of Jacqueline Diane Rannenberg  
Susan K. Hill  
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.  
P.O. Box 4  
Wilmington, NC 28402

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
**In the Matter of the Estate of Jaye Lineberger Bux, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jaye Lineberger Bux**, 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 November 16, 2015, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of August, 2015.

John Juhan Lineberger  
Executor of the Estate  
of Jaye Lineberger Bux  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 13, 20, 27, Sept. 3, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jonathan Charles Nelson a/k/a Johnathan Charles Nelson** (15-E-939), late of 1006 Fitzgerald Drive, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before November 10, 2015 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of August, 2015

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Jonathan Charles Nelson Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

August 13, 20, 27, Sept. 3, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Grace B. Andrews AKA Grace B. Garton** 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 **20th day of November, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th of August, 2015

Raymond J. Schmitt, Jr., Executor  
20 N 15th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2015

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINWOOD ALLEN HILL, JR.

The undersigned having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Linwood Allen Hill, Jr.** 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 **24th day of November, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 19th of August, 2015.

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

August 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Roy Floyd**, 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 **3rd day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of September, 2015.

Kent A. Jenks, Executor  
Estate of Jacqueline Diane Rannenberg  
Susan K. Hill  
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.  
P.O. Box 4  
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September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**
**Notice of Sale**

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September 3, 10, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 14 JT 84, 85**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
I.S.D. (dob: 5/4/2010)  
A.N.A. (dob: 1/22/2009)

**TO: RESPONDENTS:**  
**WILLIE BERNARD DAVIS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO JASMIN RHODES**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following September 3, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You 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 Garron Michael, has been appointed to represent Willie B. Davis, and may be contacted at Garron@speakslaw.com, 910-341-7570, 2802 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403.

YOU ARE HEREBY

NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR October 12, 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, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of September, 2015.

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