

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

DIVISIVENESS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we are still living in a racially divided and oppressed society, wherein racist attitudes are coming out with more and more boldness and racists are becoming more and more aggressive with racial divisiveness. Last week, a young man at West Brunswick High School brought a Confederate flag to school and decided to hang it on a pole to make a statement to the people (teachers and students) at West Brunswick and let them know that they believe that Whites are the superior race. This is a show of a lack of knowledge and training. In this day and time there is no place for this type of conduct, but it happens when our leaders

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Darryl Hunt remembered for his humility and courage

BY TEVIN STINSON OF THE CHRONICLE (WINSTON SALEM)

Less than 12 hours after reports surfaced that Darryl Hunt was found dead inside a vehicle in the 2800 block of University Parkway, nearly 200 residents came together Sunday evening, March 13, to celebrate his life.

According to public records, Dr. Larry Little contacted the Winston-Salem Police Department for assistance in locating Hunt, who was last seen nine days earlier in the Garfield Court area. Just after 12 a.m. on

Sunday, officers found Hunt unresponsive inside a 1999 white Ford truck in a parking lot near the Lawrence Joel Veterans Coliseum.

As of Monday, the cause of death was unknown. The Criminal Investigations Division has assumed the investigation and will be releasing more information as the investigation progresses.

During Monday night's City Council meeting, City Council Member Dan Besse spoke about Hunt's passing, saying the city has lost a community leader.

"We all know that Mr. Hunt was a

forgiving man," he said. "His life became a symbol of determination and endurance for justice."

Hunt's funeral service has been set for 1 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Dr.

In 1984, Hunt was wrongfully convicted of the rape and murder of Deborah Sykes, a white copy editor at the Sentinel, a newspaper in the city.

Less than a month after his arrest, The Chronicle raised questions about



DARRYL HUNT

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AND THE WINNER IS...



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At a celebration event to honor winners of the second annual Black History Month Art Competition featured from left to right Steven Westbrook, agent sales manager for U.S. Cellular; Jade Rivera, winner of the second annual U.S. Cellular Black History Month Art Competition; and Earl Sheridan, Wilmington City Councilman.

Brigade Boys and Girls Club holds competition

Wilmington City Councilman Earl Sheridan joined U.S. Cellular (NYSE: USM) and Brigade Boys & Girls Club announced the winners of the Black History Month Art contest at a special ceremony at the

club's location at 2759 Vance St. today. The contest, now in its second year, is designed to honor influ-

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Cooper vs. McCrory: stage set for November

Editor's Note: Emma Saunders, Kevin Spears, and Sandra Lee are the three Democratic Party candidates for New Hanover County Board of Education on the November ballot.

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL FROM THE CAROLINIAN

Both Roy Cooper and Gov. Pat McCrory ran away from their competition in this week's North Carolina primaries, as Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump claimed victories at the top for ticket for their respective Democratic and Republican Parties.

However, the race for North Carolina's governor in November may well get the attention of political experts well beyond our borders.

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CIAA legend to be inducted into Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM FROM THE RICHMOND FREE PRESS

(TriceEdneyWire.com)-Abraham "Ham" Mitchell has wowed audiences at the CIAA Basketball Tournament for more than four decades with his dazzling attire, engaging personality and stylish strut.

Known as "Mr. CIAA," he has entertained thousands of appreciative fans with the dapper, tailor-made suits he wears during games that often reflect the official colors of the teams playing at the time on the basketball court.

Appreciative of his efforts to brighten the annual tournament's atmosphere, the CIAA is honoring the Suffolk native at the tournament in Charlotte, N.C., by inducting him into the John B. McLendon Jr. Hall of Fame.

Mitchell was one of 10 inducted into the CIAA Hall of Fame. He will join a prestigious group of 264 most-ly athletes and coaches who have been inducted since the first class in 1967.

"I'm surprised, shocked and honored," Mitchell told the Richmond Free Press.



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ABRAHAM "HAM" MITCHELL, MR, CIAA

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allow this to grow in a school system where we are supposed to be able to teach them right from wrong. Instead, we promote these actions by our own practices. We still have schools with practically all White teachers, and Whites are still disproportionately promoted over more qualified Blacks who have more longevity with the System. There is still far too much unfair discipline for Blacks compared to Whites for the same offenses. This act, with these boys, in this day, during school hours, show that there is a problem, and it needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

We cannot sweep this under the rug or cover it up. It has risen without fear of punishment. This is troubling to me. Thank God we didn't have a mass shooting or bombing. Look around! It is happening all around us! Don't think it can't at our schools. They are easy targets. *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

ELECTION

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The "political fur" has already begun to fly as Cooper with his newly calmed victory over Democratic challenger Ken Spaulding has sought to tie McCrory to Donald Trump, saying, "For too long, we have seen Gov. McCrory had out tax giveaways to the large corporations at the expense of public education and the middle class."

The governor on the other had continues to stick with his campaign slogan "Carolina Comeback," sighting an economy that reportedly has added more than 20,000 manufacturing jobs, and an administration that cut taxes and paid off a \$2.5 billion unemployment insurance debt to the federal government ahead of schedule.

Cooper's challenger, Ken Spaulding, was critical of Cooper's office be responsible for defending laws passed by

the Republican-controlled General Assembly, including law requiring voter IDs and allowing magistrates to recuse themselves from officiating at gay marriage. Although Cooper publicly disagreed with many of those laws, he said his office has a constitutional duty to defend them.

Both Cooper and Gov. McCrory are likely to be queried even more extensively from North Carolina voters about the direction of the state economically. With the economy's health depending so heavily on consumer spending the cry of "more jobs" will continue to be a challenge to both candidates.

Opponents of Gov. McCrory's highly touted economic program have found it to be short of the mark when it came to bring new industry to the state. The question continues to loom in some corridors as to will any movement be made on behalf of either one of the candidates to include in their economic thrusts the badly needed

development of Wilmington's NC's harbor.

However, with campaign war chests well into the millions, the governor's race promises to be on front in center across the state going into the November general elections.

In other races around the state Linda Coleman bested her Democratic challengers in the Lt. Governor's race to earn the right to square off again against Lt. Gov. Dan Forest. Ms. Coleman lost by a scant 7,000 votes to Forest in 2012, and promises to make this a hotly contested contest in November.

Former Raleigh mayor Charles Meeker emerged victorious in the Democratic Primary race for Commissioner of Labor. Meeker will face longtime state labor commissioner Cherie Berry in November.

Meeker promises if elected he will replace the elevator photos of the commissioner with pictures of working North Carolinians. He fines the

elevator photos to be "self-promotion by a career politician."

In the State Superintendent of Public Schools race incumbent June Atkinson is poised to face Republican Mark Johnson. Atkinson will be seeking her fourth term in that position.

Raleigh attorney Dan Blue III is the pick for State Treasurer in the Democratic Primary. Blue's position has been throughout the race that the state's obligation to retirees is to find the best managers available for the state's pension fund inside or outside the treasurer's office.

Republican incumbent Richard Burr may well face stiff competition to retain his Senate seat in November, as former state Rep. Deborah Ross has emerged from the Democratic Primary to face off against Burr in November. Ross wasted no time in blaming Burr for being responsible for cutting Social Security and Medicare funding.

And lastly, the \$2 Billion

Connect NC Bond referendum was supported by a whopping two thirds of voters across the state supporting it. A key component in the bond is the backing of state borrowing that would go to the state's public universities and community colleges with the rest going to spending on water and sewer projects, state parks, and facilities for agriculture, public safety and the National Guard.

Concerns still remain as to the firm commitment of bond funds to state universities such as Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, NC Central University, NC A&T University, UNC-Pembroke, and Winston Salem State University.

The funding of these universities in those areas where needed is paramount at this time. Bond observers view a failure to follow through on the wishes of NC voters as a breach in the public trust in our investment gher education.

WINNER

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ential African-Americans and inspire students' creativity and knowledge of these heroes.

"I enjoyed seeing how talented and creative our Wilmington children are," said Wilmington City Councilman Earl Sheridan, "I was really impressed by the artwork and how it represents our diverse history and community."

Members of Brigade Boys & Girls Club were invited to select an influential African-

American and develop his or her likeness into an original 8.5 x 11 portrait using any art medium. This year the club received more than 65 entries from which the top 10 finalists were chosen. The top 10 finalists' entries were on display at area U.S. Cellular stores in Wilmington where the public voted for their favorites during the month of February:

The winners are:

- First Place - Jade Rivera
- Second Place - Latesha Walker
- Third Place - Gabriela Gomez

"Our store associates in

Wilmington loved sharing the artwork with our customers and other community members that came in to vote," said Jeremy Taylor, director of sales for U.S. Cellular in eastern North Carolina. "This contest is a wonderful way to praise the rich history of culture and diversity here in eastern North Carolina and across our country."

"Programs and partnerships like this one from U.S. Cellular promotes great opportunities for Our Kids to learn and appreciate our community," said Brigade Boys & Girls Club Chief Executive

Officer David Carriker. "We appreciate U.S. Cellular's partnership with our Club and their support of Our Kids and community. Partnerships like this provide a great example to the business community of how they can ensure our future by investing in Our Kids today."

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MR. CIAA

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He and the 2016 inductees were recognized during half-time of the CIAA men's championship game Feb. 27 at the Time Warner Cable Arena.

"They told me they're presenting me with a plaque," Mitchell said.

Asked what he planned to wear during the halftime ceremony, he said, "I've got something they've never seen. I've been working on it for a while. It's going to be an eye catcher. I have gold shoes, a gold hat, a white suit and a white and gold necktie with sequins."

He said he chose the colors because they are neutral to all the participating CIAA schools.

Mitchell said he first learned of his Hall of Fame

selection in a Dec. 31 letter from the CIAA.

"I had no idea it was coming," he said. "It makes me really happy."

CIAA officials no doubt see it as a fitting reward for the man who has made so many others happy with his stunning array of suits and flamboyant style.

Mitchell, who politely declined to provide his age, said he first started dressing to the nines for games in 1971, when his nephew, Peter Mitchell, played at Norfolk State University.

He said he started by wearing a shirt and tie bearing Norfolk State's colors of green and gold. Later, he decided, to take it up another notch by changing clothes at halftime to bear the colors of the opposing team.

Now, Mitchell said, "I sometimes do eight" changes of clothes in a given day at

the CIAA Tournament. No longer does he have to run into bathrooms to dress and re-dress. He said CIAA officials now provide him with his own dressing room.

He credits his ability "to glide" up and down the steps at the arena for helping him make the quick changes. "I also watch the game clock so I'll know when my next change of clothes will be."

During games, he poses for photographs with fans, signs autographs and smiles and waves to just about anyone he sees.

Among his countless warm tournament recollections, Mitchell said one fan

who had traveled from Paris for the tournament said she made it a point to meet him because she had heard so much about him. He said he also "makes it a point" to go to a special section at the arena where senior citizens are seated.

"I also love it when the young children come looking for me," he said of his quest to entertain others. "I usually give them a treat of some type when they come up to see me."

The former drum major at Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk learned how to sew from his mother, a seamstress. He tailors most

of the clothes that he wears. Other clothes, he'll buy, he said, when he travels to places such as New York City or Boston.

Mitchell is now retired from Crocker Funeral Home in Suffolk, where he worked in a public relations capacity for many years.

He said fans occasionally will ask him when he plans to retire as "Mr. CIAA." But so many other fans, he said, make it clear they want to see him perform his fashion magic at the following year's tournament. And, so, he returns year after year.

He said, "This is something I've enjoyed doing."

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[RALEIGH] Filing began Wednesday at noon for candidates seeking nomination to the U.S. House of Representatives under new district lines still awaiting approval by a federal court in Winston Salem. Filing also opens for the Supreme Court of North Carolina.



STATE BRIEFS

Filing will close at noon on Friday, March 25. The General Assembly in February established a special filing period for U.S. House of Representatives pursuant to a

court order in Harris V. McCrory. State legislators also permitted candidates in other contests to run for the U.S. House of Representatives during the June Primary. A successful primary candidate will have to pick between contests by June 14.

The voter rolls are currently open across the state, allowing new voters to register and current voters to change party or other registration information. Unaffiliated voters who selected a partisan ballot in the March Primary are permitted to select a different party in June.

Results in all 2016 primaries are determined by a plurality where the winner takes all. There are no runoffs.

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For additional information visit North Carolina State Board of Elections website at www.ncsbe.gov.

BILL TO LIMIT INFORMATION NC REQUIRES ON FOOD LABEL

[PITTSBORO] An anti-food labeling bill headed to the full U.S. Senate is prompt-

ing food safety advocates to express concern about the impact on consumer rights. The Senate Agriculture Committee approved a measure last week that would prevent states from implementing genetically modified food labeling laws. Opponents contend it would keep consumers in the dark. Roland McReynolds, executive director of the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, said the legislation runs counter to the current trend of consumer education about what's in the food we eat and where it comes from.

NC LAND CONSERVATION OFFERS PROTECTION FROM ANOTHER "FLINT"

[ASHEVILLE] Flint, Mich-

igan is hundreds of miles away from North Carolina, but images of brown water coming from kitchen taps and tales of illness in children and adults are prompting talk about water quality in this state. Fortunately, high-quality water is in plentiful supply in North Carolina, particularly in areas west where land conservation groups have protected 31,000 acres in the last five years and the water that flows from the land and through it, according to Jessica Laggis, director with Blue Ridge Forever.

"CANARY IN COAL MINE?" VOTING LAW CHANGES PUT EYES ON NC

[RALEIGH] The full plate

of voting-law changes were in effect for Tuesday's March 15th primary in the state. Among the changes was a requirement that voters have government-issued photo identification to cast ballots. Another law bans same-day voter registration and the counting of ballots cast in the wrong precinct, but a legal challenge has suspended those provisions. Chris Brook, legal director for the ACLU of NC, and others are concerned that the changes have disenfranchised some voters and led to confusion at the polls.

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PHOTO COURTESY TEVIN STINSON/THE CHRONICLE
Pam Peoples-Joyner speaks during a vigil held for Darryl Hunt at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Sunday, March 13.



PHOTO COURTESY TEVIN STINSON/THE CHRONICLE
State Senator Rev. Dr. Paul Lowe Jr. discusses how Darryl Hunt impacted his life during the prayer vigil on Sunday, March 13.

HUNT

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the initial investigation, which stated officers were looking for two African-American males, neither of which matched Hunt's description. The Sept. 20, 1984, edition of the paper also notes accounts from friends of Hunt who stated they were with him during the time of the murder.

After serving nearly 20 years in prison for the crime, Hunt was released in 2004. It was then he dedicated his life to educating the public about flaws in the criminal justice system and providing resources and support for those trying to rebuild their lives.

Through The Darryl Hunt

Project for Freedom and Justice, and by speaking to law students across the state, that's exactly what he did.

In 2008, Hunt told a group of law students at Wake Forest University that innocence projects are a lifeline.

"If you can imagine yourself somewhere and you know that you don't belong there, then you can feel the pain that so many people feel that are innocent and crying out for help."

Hunt also spoke out against the execution of Troy Davis in 2011. Davis was convicted of killing an off duty Savannah, Georgia, police officer, but many questioned the evidence in the case. Most of the witnesses that helped convict Davis recanted their stories. Hunt attended the hearing to show his support.

Just last month, Hunt spoke during a rally held for Calvin Michael Smith, the Winston-Salem man who is currently serving a 29-year sentence for the assault of Jill Marker at the Silk Plan Forest store in 1977.

Hunt told students from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University and Salem College to demand that justice be served.

"Justice has to come down," said Hunt. "We have to demand justice because what happened to Calvin can happen to anyone of you."

During the vigil, dozens of members of the community talked about how Hunt's legacy and fight for racial and social unity impacted their lives. Former member of the project Timothy Smith said he grew up

with Hunt and his friend had one of the best hearts that you could ever see in a person.

Former executive director of the Darryl Hunt Project Pam Peoples-Joyner said Hunt encouraged her to be a voice for the voiceless. She also mentioned she is confident that his work will continue through the hundreds of people he has touched over the years.

Peoples-Joyner fought to hold back tears as she recalled

the good times she shared with Hunt working with the project.

"I'm a better person because of Darryl Hunt," she said. "I made a promise to him that I will continue to fight for second chances and for those who are often overlooked in the community."

The president of the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, Bishop Todd Fulton, said when he first got the news of Hunt's

death, he had a lot of questions for God. Fulton said he then realized that Hunt is now free.

"I realize now that Darryl is no longer bound by the chains of injustice," he continued. "Yes, we will mourn and grieve, but ultimately we know he is free."

Editor's Note: At presstime, the Winston Salem Police Department ruled Hunt's death a suicide. The investigation is ongoing.



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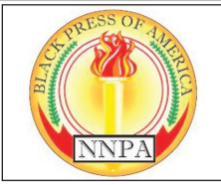
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Our Voice

TO BE EQUAL

Severing the prison to profits pipeline

(Via George Curry Media)

"Jails and prisons are the complement of schools; so many less as you have of the latter, so many more must you have of the former."

- Horace Mann, "Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," 1881

America is addicted to incarceration.

No nation holds as many people behind bars as the United States of America, and the numbers tell it all. The United States imprisons 716 people for every 100,000 residents. That is more than any other country on this planet. Our nation has the largest prison population in the world - both in terms of the actual number of inmates and as a percentage of the country's population. While the United States has less than 5 percent of the world's population, we lock up almost 25 percent of the world's total prison population.



Marc Morial

Well-meaning people will differ on the question of whether America's war on crime has truly benefitted the American taxpayer, but because numbers don't lie, we cannot question the fact that our criminal justice obsession with retribution - versus rehabilitation - has profited private prison operators in our nation's sprawling prison industrial complex to the tune of billions of dollars.

The country's two largest private prison operators, Corrections Corporation of America and GEO Group, recently posted their earnings. Combined, the two for-profit prison companies collected \$361 million in profits last year. According to In the Public Interest, a research and policy center, CCA made \$3,356 in profit for every person they incarcerated and GEO Group made \$2,135. Incarcerating Americans at the staggering rate of one in every 110 adults has become a profitable business that promotes the bottom lines of CEOs, but fails to promote effective public safety strategy.

Research has shown that investing in social programs and education - resources that can help keep people out of jail in the first place - is far more effective at improving public safety than investing in incarceration. Policies that promote prison over education, incarceration over mental health services and jail over job services comes at the long-term cost of our collective well-being and safety.

Over the past four decades, state spending on corrections has outpaced funding for public education, with states spending three times as much on prisons than schools. Private prisons - which began cropping up as an alternative for cash-strapped states attempting to save money by outsourcing the building and running of prisons to private companies - are incentivized to keep cells full at the lowest possible cost, not to keep cells empty.

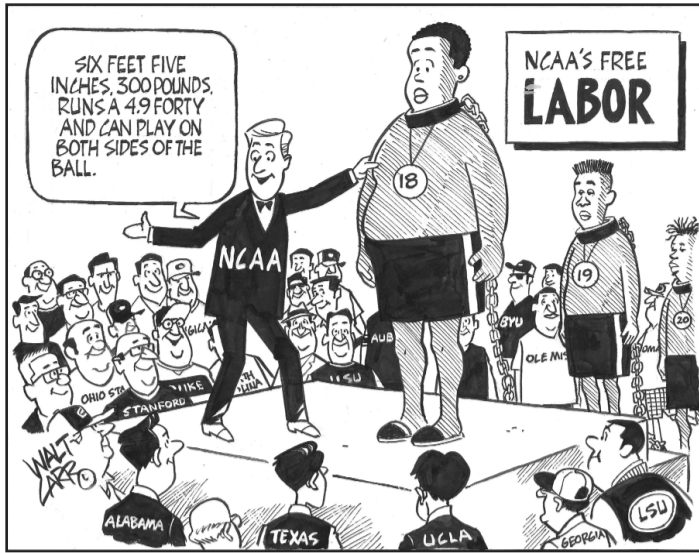
When every occupied bed represents a broken family, communities torn apart, diminished future job prospects, a potential loss of voting rights and the increased risk of returning to crime, our nation's over-reliance on jails to combat our entrenched social ills - and the taxpayer money that keeps the system thriving - should be re-routed into education and the social institutions that serve the public good and are aligned with public safety goals.

America's incarceration addiction is devastating wide swaths of already socially and economically vulnerable communities. Statistically, African Americans are incarcerated at nearly six times the rate of Whites. Combined, African Americans and Latinos represent well over 50 percent of our national prison population.

Crime induced by a lack of opportunity cannot be solved by punishment. Our current sentencing policies and prisons have not proven themselves capable of fixing mental illness, drug addiction, homelessness or unemployment. They only hide these pressing social issues from view. We must decide, as a nation, if we are going to continue to turn to blind, mass incarceration as a solution for the problems in our society, or if we are going to invest in individuals, not incarceration, and make these private prisons obsolete.

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

Visual Voice



Your Voice

FAMILY MATTERS The African American Church and African American Prisoners, "What's Their Relationship"

Today the church is the place that will lead us to an understanding of the need to restore the integrity of the family as the very first step for dealing with the exploding statistics on the imprisonment of African American males and females today.

Once we learn that when families cease to be breeding grounds for criminals, safe neighborhoods will grace our communities and peace and harmony will bless the people. I feel it is necessary therefore; for the church to take center stage in the life of the community in order to impact the moral teaching that will ensure peace. To put it another way, the church must become a teaching church rather than primarily a preaching church.

Pastors must plan sermons in such a way that they cover definite subjects of moral and ethical behavior. There should be no more "beating around the

bush" when it comes to personal life and conduct. The teaching sermons should be designed to offer the people in the church the steps they must take in order to improve their communities in accordance with the will of God. Pastors should be mindful and the congregation must understand that we as people should want to know, "what must we do to be saved from the wrath that's to come". Pastors please understand that your teachings are to no avail unless it serves to stabilize the family unity of your congregations.

When you review the old testament such as Gen 18:17-19, Abraham is chosen by God to observe the "way of the Lord". Like children who are taught to walk, members of the congregation must also be taught the way of the lord, which in the final analysis is to "let justice roll like a river; righteousness like a never ending failing stream", Amos 5:24 (NIV). Such verses as these will show us that the teaching of morals begins at home. This is why the family has always been a critically important agent of moral formation for future generations. The church therefore has the responsibility to gear

its progress for the elimination of those factors which have turned so many homes into hell for children. If children see hate in the home, they will learn to hate. If they are abused by parents or a family member; they will either abuse their own or children of others. What this all means is that children learn much more from what they see or hear at home, the impact is much greater than what they see outside of the home with their peers.

So now it should be clear to all African Americans that as long as African American men and women are filling the jails, we cannot expect other ethnic groups to step in and solve our problems. We can rather expect they will raise taxes to build more prisons to warehouse our young people. We ourselves must find ways of liberating ourselves from the abuse of drugs, alcohol, sexual immorality and violence against ourselves and others. We must learn to stop one of the major setbacks in the African American struggle for a good life in freedom and justice for all which is that we fail to glorify our own kind. Let us tell our brothers and sisters who have made it to the top in spite of

many difficult hurdles, that we are proud of them. But my brothers and sisters don't forget where you came from. Reach out and give aid to your own who are still struggling at the bottom of the social ladder: We ourselves know without a doubt that we are a great and beautiful people. All we need to do is demonstrate it to the world, not only in the boxing rings, basketball court, or the music industry; just to name a few, but in the achievement of excellence in moral integrity and in family solidarity. When the African American community seriously moves in this direction will Black truly be beautiful, justifiably proud, confident and purposeful. Only when that time comes will the jails be empty of dehumanized, incarcerated young African American men and women. Then will our streets and neighborhoods be free of drugs and violence and it will be then that we take our rightful stance among the family of nations gathered at the throne of God.

LOUIS WHITTED, JR
"STARMACK"
AN INMATE AT A FEDERAL PRISON

Matters of Opinion

CURRY'S COMMENTS

Republicans created 'Frankentrump' monster

(Via George Curry Media)

President Obama has seen this horror movie before. His political opponents not only distorted his positions when he first ran for president, but deliberately lied about his place of birth, asserting that because he - according to their fiction - was not a U.S. citizen, he was not qualified to be president.

Donald Trump, who actually sent a private investigator to Hawaii in an attempt to prove that Obama was not born there, is now the leading Republican presidential contender. And now that he is eliminating his competitors with the irresponsible language and Demolition Derby-style tactics that he hurled at Obama, party leaders are in a panic because it might cost them this year's election.

Meanwhile, Obama is wondering why anyone is surprised.

"How can you be shocked?" he asked in a speech to the Democratic National Committee event in Austin, Texas. "This is the guy, remember, who was sure that I was born in Kenya - who just wouldn't let it go. And all this same Republican establishment, they weren't saying nothing. As long as it was directed at me, they were fine with it. They thought it was a hoot, wanted to get his endorsement. And then now, suddenly, we're shocked that

there's gambling going on in this establishment."

He explained, "So they can't be surprised when somebody suddenly looks and says, you know what, I can do that even better. I can make stuff up better than that. I can be more outrageous than that. I can insult people even better than that. I can be even more uncivil. I mean, conservative outlets have been feeding their base constantly the notion that everything is a disaster, that everybody else is to blame, that Obamacare is destroying the country. And it doesn't matter whether it's true or not. It's not, we disagree with this program, we think we can do it better - it's, oh, this is a crisis!"

"So if you don't care about the facts, or the evidence, or civility, in general in making your arguments, you will end up with candidates who will say just about anything and do just about anything."

Among those who didn't "care about the facts" at the time were former Republican presidential nominees John McCain, Mitt Romney and Romney's running mate, House Speaker Paul Ryan.

David Remnick, editor of the New Yorker, described Trump as an "American Demagogue" and said he is "the beneficiary of a long process of Republican intellectual decadence."

He wrote, "Paul Ryan denounces Trump but not the Tea Party rhetoric that propelled his own political ascent. John McCain holds Trump in contempt, but selected as his running mate Sarah Palin, the Know-Nothing of Wasilla, one of Trump's most vivid forerun-

ners and supporters. Mitt Romney last week righteously slammed Trump as a 'phony' and a misogynist, and yet in 2012 he embraced Trump's endorsement and praised his 'extraordinary' understanding of economics."

Trump outmaneuvered the Republican competition with outright racist appeals that would have derailed any other candidate.

The Republican front-runner has become a favorite of White supremacists, largely by insulting women, "the blacks," Muslims, the physically disabled while delivering one simple-minded message, according to Ted Koppel: "We're gonna be the best, we're gonna be the greatest, I'm gonna negotiate the best deals you've ever seen."

Koppel explained, "There is no substance in any of that, and nobody among his followers seems to care about that."

As Sam Stein and Dana Liebelson reported in The Huffington Post, "Racial slurs, nasty rhetoric and violence at Trump rallies have become commonplace against protesters, bystanders, and reporters. Assaults are committed not only by rowdy Trump fans, but by the staff he employs to keep the events safe. But rather than denounce these incidents, Trump is making them part of his brand, and uses them to rev up crowds."

"There may be somebody with tomatoes in the audience," Trump warned people at a rally in Iowa last month. "If you see somebody getting ready to throw a tomato, knock the crap out of them, would you? Seriously. Okay? Just knock the hell - I prom-

ise you, I will pay for the legal fees."

"Trump has even threatened to personally get in on the action. 'I'd like to punch him in the face, I'll tell ya,' he said of a protester on Feb. 22."

Trump has become the Republican Party's Frankenstein monster. In the horror movie, Victor Frankenstein creates a creature from the body parts of the deceased. He discovers his experiment has gone awry and expects the creature to die, but he doesn't. Once the creature is rejected by society, he extracts revenge by killing everyone Frankenstein loves.

There is no doubt that the person who has been referred to as "Frankentrump" is killing the Republican Party.

Historian Nina Turner said on CNN, "It is ironic to me that some of the same Republicans right now, some of them who are calling out Mr. Trump, did not call him out when he pushed the birther movement on our African American President Barack Obama. They were nowhere to be found, they thought it was cute. Now that it's plaguing their house, it's not so cute anymore."

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Black-owned media companies should push for more political ads

In the 2016 Florida political campaign, there are millions of advertising dollars in play and Black-owned media companies are the perfect vehicles for driving “get out the vote” efforts in the state. At the present time, Republicans in Florida control the state legislature, the governorship and the administration. With more Democrats than Republicans on the voter rolls in the state, it makes no sense that the GOP controls everything.

During the 2008 and 2012 presidential campaign, President Obama won the

Sunshine State in both elections with a Republican governor. That fact proves that moderates, women, and minorities can change the color of a state from red to blue. In order to make this happen in 2016, the Democratic Party in Florida must have strong leadership, and be totally committed to win.

In 2014, many of the Black candidates running for office felt they received no support from the Democratic leadership, not even from Allison Tant, the chairperson of the Democratic Party. Thaddeus Hamilton, a Black man ran for Commissioner of Agriculture in Florida received over 2.3 million votes, and never received any financial support from the Florida Democratic Party. He was left off the first statewide Democratic candidate ballot box sheet, and

many thought it was not a mistake.

Racism in Florida politics is a reality in both parties, but over 95 percent of Black voters are Democratic. There are two Black-owned media associations in Florida, and they must work together. They must develop a united front with a plan to take to the national and statewide Democratic Party.

The Florida Association of Black Owned Media Inc., which celebrated its 10th year in December 2015, and the newly formed Black Owned Media Alliance in southern Florida are the two Black-owned media associations in Florida. African Americans make up 16 percent of the Florida population, and 2.5 million Blacks are registered to vote in 2016. These Black media organizations should be helping to

organize and register another 250,000 Black voters for the 2016 election.

In order to make this happen, the Democratic Party should be spending money with the Black media to educate the Black community in Florida about the different elections, and what they mean. In this critical election year, the Black owned media groups in Florida must collaborate and put pressure on the national and local Democratic Party to not ignore our vote and community.

But, at this time, there are too many Black organizations in Florida such as the Urban League, the NAACP, Nation of Islam, and the Black Churches that appear lethargic and not excited about the election. They are not mobilizing and educating our community, and the Black media is not endors-

ing candidates and holding them accountable to their promises and platforms. As local candidates see the Black media more engaged in the voting process, they will spend more advertising dollars with the Black media in Florida.

During a media symposium in South Florida last year, Eric Knowles, the president of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce said that only 3 percent or \$2.24 billion out of \$75 billion spent on television, magazines, newspapers, and radio advertising was spent on media focused specifically on the Black audience.

Knowles said that, “One reason [major advertisers] don’t care about us is because we’re going to spend our money in their businesses anyway.”

Many of the leaders in the Black-owned media groups are beginning to talk about buy-

ing, if the major advertisers do not spend more money in our communities. Black-owned media companies in Florida for the first time are joining forces and are reaching out to the advertising community to get a larger piece of the pie as a united front. Those business should take the same action when it comes to dealing with the Democratic Party, locally and nationally.

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Roger Caldwell

CHILDWATCH

(Via George Curry Media)

“I am an insider serving a life and 20 year sentence at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution. Twenty-six years ago I was rendered infamous by the State of Tennessee through a judicial process of ‘thingification,’ replacing my identity with a capitalistic signature, 133881. Since then, at 19 years old, my journey towards humanization has been a struggle . . . to know that you are more than a number and not have the support of your family or community environment to prove otherwise can be depressing.”

America’s Cradle to Prison Pipeline™ is a toxic cocktail of poverty, illiteracy, racial disparities, violence and massive incarceration that sentences millions of children of color to

social and economic death. Once young people have entered the prison pipeline, to many people they become invisible, just a statistic.

Rahim’s pipeline to prison started during a chaotic childhood in poverty and a struggling family. His mother had given birth twice as a teen before Rahim was born. Rahim’s father was never part of his life. His mother worked in a warehouse for minimum wage and struggled to keep food on the table and clothes on her children’s backs while refusing government assistance - but Rahim says that was a cost later paid by hungry children who started a life of crime in order to eat and dress like their peers.

Rahim was eventually expelled from high school, received a juvenile sentence for auto theft and burglary and was sent to a youth detention center. Less than a year after his release, he was charged with felony murder after his gun went off during a robbery and a bullet ricocheted off the floor and killed an employee. He was

sent to jail and received a life and 20 year sentence.

Three of his brothers have been his cellmates and he has been locked up with a total of five siblings at two different prisons. He writes about his childhood in verse:

Who Am I? Who am I?
Society doesn’t seem to know . . . You see us in the “now”, our prison condition

Blind to the facts of our mental afflictions

Past decisions made before our 15 second/mindless/crime spree/felony convictions.

The money/the honeys/the madness/materialistic sadness
Thirteen brothers/five sisters, seriously drastic.

Who am I, Who am I?
Choking in poverty, the pain runs deep you see . . .

Who am I, Who am I?
My eyes, my ears, my peers; no difference: 5, 10, 15 to 30 years in prison.

Environmental voices in me, our life and death choices to be, anger and stress forcing me,

Public defenders coercing me, my family and friends divorcing me.

America, I am you

Crying shame, born with crime in my veins . . . still begging for a new beginning.

In prison, “I was determined to survive, upset with myself, angry at the system, and filled with guilt. From jail to prison, I was stripped of my civilian clothing, a symbol that I was no longer fit to be human. My sadness, remorse, and vulnerability I masked with a ‘mean-mug,’ the look of a cold-hearted convict. Old-heads in prison gave me the game, the knowledge of how to live and avoid death.”

Eventually Rahim started to realize he was more than the way the system had defined him. “After all the growing pains of becoming a man in prison, disciplinary reports, fights, selling drugs, and rebelling in any way that I could to resist the system, I decided to change.”

Rahim got a chance to participate in a program called SALT: Schools for Alternative Learning and Transformation, which brings college students together with incarcerated men and women to study as

peers in college courses and workshops behind prison walls. It was its own kind of new beginning and for Rahim “there was no looking back.” He became a leader in the program, facilitating classes and developing community education sessions and mentoring other “inside” students.

“My learning has forced me to contend with the realities of American society. I wasn’t born a number . . . yet I can’t deny that numbers surround me. More than 2,200,000 fill the jails and prisons across the U.S.A. Million dollar contracts are given to private companies to monopolize the market of the prison industrial complex . . . I know that I’m more than a number because numbers can’t feel, love, breathe or think for themselves. I have dreams, goals, and ambitions.”

Last June, Rahim was released from prison and recently celebrated his 45th birthday - his first outside a prison in 26 years. Rahim received a four-year scholarship to American Baptist College and has become a part-

ner in the Children’s Defense Fund Nashville Organizing Team, speaking locally and nationally and facilitating SALT classes inside a juvenile detention center. He believes “education combined with community equals a peaceful society,” and wants others to believe that they, too, are more than a number - something he never heard as a child, but something he wants to teach other young people as he focuses on helping them become their best selves:

America the Beautiful, America the Great, America, America,

America, It’s not too late. Who am I? I am you.

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

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New Hanover County

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Community Briefs

Smart Start of New Hanover County will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Large Training Room at the Smart Start Office, 3534-F South College Rd. All meetings are open to the public. For additional information please contact Smart Start at 910-815-3731.

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

The Saint Augustine's University Alumni Chapter will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 19th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Covil Farms Club House, 7100 Covil Farms Rd.

The Spring Citizens' Fire Academy, sponsored by the **Wilmington Fire Department**, begins on Thursday, March 17th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM and will run for seven consecutive weeks (followed by a graduation). If interested, please call or email Courtney Cromer (courtney.cromer@wilmingtonnc.gov - 910) 343-3946.

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

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Our fundamental rights and freedoms still face constant attacks

Right now, in this presidential election year, think about the fact that our country was built on the fundamental principle of a government of the people by the people and for the people. Your priorities are extremely important in times like these.

We need to beat the Republicans at the ballot box this year. Elected officials are more interested in the opinions of their billionaire donors than the poor citizens they were elected to represent. With an increase of poor people in the country, we must keep up-to-date information on the Tea Party. They are more harmful



Verniece Stanley

to public schools in North Carolina. This will make the taxpaying citizens increase quality schools with basic protection of civic and human rights. Our goal is to fight the biggest battle of inequalities. Now is the time when we can win. African American children have the right to be educated and live the life of true American citizens just like White children.

We can remember that the Confederate Flag used to fly over the State Capitol Building in the capital city of Charleston, South Carolina. It's been taken down now. This will grow into a better way of living together in peace. Let's continue to fight for equalities in every way possible. Our children are the leaders of tomorrow. We all love our children. They may not have the understanding of voting rights like adults. So

many citizens in the South pay taxes, but the right to vote is taken away by rezoning or other fraudulent acts in government.

I understand the importance and value of an honest day's work. The Democratic party is more helpful in giving hard working Americans a fair opportunity to get ahead and have a better life for the family. Republicans are for special tax breaks for millionaires. It's early voting time at the Complex. There are signs to direct one to the right building. Assistance is available when needed. The helpers at the polls are very friendly people.

I will send out this message: Vote for Hillary Clinton. She will make the best President of the United States. Get out and vote for Clinton! She is going to be a winner and the first woman

President of the United States! The Democratic Party is growing stronger, and the Republican Party will do more harm than good.

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.

Brunswick County receives additional LIEAP funds to distribute this month

Bolivia, NC - Brunswick County has received additional funds for LIEAP, the annual energy assistance program, which are available until Mar. 31 or until funds are exhausted.

The LIEAP, or Low Income Energy Assistance Program, provides a one-time annual vendor payment to help eligible families offset winter heating expenses. The household's total countable income for the base period must be equal to or less than 130 percent of the current poverty level, and the household's total resources must be \$2,250 or less.

While Brunswick County's LIEAP funds were exhausted

earlier in 2016, the County applied for and received additional funding. Those who have already received LIEAP funding this year, including in December of 2015 or earlier in 2016, are not eligible to receive funding again.

The same eligibility criteria applies to the additional funds. Those who had applied and were denied to the exhaustion of funds, or those who were denied due to not meeting eligibility criteria but whose situations have since changed, are encouraged to re-apply. Those interested will need to submit a new application, as previous applications do not carry over.

The additional funds are available until Mar. 31 or until funds have been exhausted. Applications will be taken in person in the main lobby of the Social Services Building (Building B, 60 Government Center Drive at the government complex in Bolivia). Funding will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to those who submit completed applications (please note that staff cannot hold or reserve funding for incomplete applications). Processing will not be done the same day, as has been done during past LIEAP distributions; applicants will instead be notified of acceptance or denial for the funding

by mail.

Applicants must provide all income for the household and its members; checking and savings accounts for all members of the household; all property, stocks, bonds and other assets for all members of the household; the name, date of birth and social security numbers for each member of the household; and a copy of the current heating source bill, with the applicant's name, address and account number. This information should be brought with the applicant while applying.

For more information, call 910-253-2075.

“Come Through, It's Lit”



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
Few of the young kings & queens searching for a book to read during Support The Port Foundation, Inc's Come Through it's Lit Book Drive & Literature Initiative.

BY CEDRIC HARRISON
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Support The Port Foundation, Inc. partnered with businesses around the city of Wilmington, NC for the Come Through, it's Lit! Book Drive & Literacy Initiative. From February 1 to February 27, select businesses around the city collected books for all ages and all reading levels. Special emphasis was placed on collecting books that highlighted African-American History

and/or be written by African-American Authors.

On the last Saturday of February, local barbers and hair stylist gave out free haircuts and hairstyles to children in attendance that read books as they received styling services. The children and parents that came to the event at DC Virgo Middle school were greeted at the door with smiling faces from Support The Port volunteers. After signing in, guests were able to immediately grab a book from our library of books that were arranged by grade level. Food was provided by Billy Ray's restaurant, who sponsored hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches, coleslaw, and cookies. Children read their books while waiting for their turn to get their haircut or hairstyle. Once the kids sat in the chair the barber or hairstylist listened to them read out loud, and help them with any reading challenges along the way. At the conclusion of their reading session, the child was able to keep that book in addition to another book of their choice.

At the end of the event, a "Milky Rock" dance contest was held. The 1st place winner received a Support The Port "Good Grades Starter Kit", a book bag filled with school supplies. All guest



One of WPD's officers reading to a young king at Support The Port Foundation Inc. Come Through its Lit Book Drive & Literature Initiative.



One of the young kings getting his Haircut by Barber Stafa Speller, while reading a book at Support The Port Foundation Inc. Come Through its Lit Book Drive & Literature Initiative.

also left with calendars that feature a monthly highlight of North Carolina born African-American leaders. This event was a true "LITuation Situation" with the goal of enhancing the aptitude of children through literacy.

Support The Port's next

event is on March 26th at No Limit Sports & More Boxing Center with the Wilmington, North Carolina native Professional Boxer Lamar Russ (as seen on HBO and Showtime). Register now for this free event at <http://www.supporttheport.com/events/>



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Mr. Lewis McCant

Mr. Lewis McCant, a native of Wilmington, NC was born to the late Sarah Jordan McCant on June 6, 1937. He died at home on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 in El Paso, TX where he's been residing for over 50 years. He was retired from the United States Air Force and from the County of El Paso. He was 78 years old.

Mr. McCant is survived by, one brother, and his nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Two tired eyes are sleeping, two willing hands are still. For one who walked upon this earth, is now resting in God's will.



Vernon Gaines

Vernon Gaines died March 4, 2016 in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Carl Russell Funeral Home Chapel.

Vernon Gaines, "Heart Attack", as he was affectionately called in Wilmington, NC, was born to the late

Robert Gaines and Veronice Gaines on November 1, 1957. He was preceded in death by his best friend Angie. Vernon was an amazing person with many gifts and talents. He was always the life of any party and once he gathered an audience, then the "Vernon" show would begin. His comedic gift kicked in and everyone would be in stitches listening to his true and embellished stories filled with laughter. We could always tell when it was an embellishment because his stuttering would become more profound. Vernon possessed an infectious smile and a personality that warmed the hearts of others. People were drawn to Vernon because he could make them feel special and comfortable in his presence. He was loved by so many people and developed nicknames for most people with whom he came in contact.

Even though Vernon moved from his hometown of Wilmington, NC, he never missed an opportunity on return visits to go to the old neighborhood and bring joy to the remaining neighbors. He made a conscious effort to happily visit each of them and they would be happy to see "Ole Vernon". He was indeed a charmer and never met a stranger.

One of Vernon's greatest gifts was his commitment to serve. He had a special place in his heart for seniors and would go out of his way to provide assistance. He served wherever he could and with all humility. He wholeheartedly believed in giving back to his community and as a result of his commitment to volunteerism, Vernon received a certificate from the State of North Carolina for his volunteer efforts. He enjoyed volunteering at Crisis Control, Guardian ad Litem, and Bethesda Homeless Shelter Ministry. He took great pride in braving the cold at night with other mission volunteers to

seek homeless individuals in the woods or on the streets where he would offer a blanket to them and a word of encouragement and hope. Vernon knew whom much is given, much is required. Vernon was kindhearted and would literally give the shirt off of his back to anyone that needed it.

On March 4, God summoned Vernon to come on home and take his rest. Our hearts are broken and our tears are many, but we know God has the last word. We submit humbly and we yield to the will of God, the conclusion of the matter of our beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. Today, we say farewell, goodnight, take your rest Vernon, we'll see you in the morning.

He will be sorely missed by his wife Lisa of Pinnacle, NC, son, Monterie (Tina) of Wilmington, NC, daughter, Veronice, granddaughter, London Pruitt, both of Detroit, Mich., mother, Veronice Gaines of Winston Salem, NC, sisters Dr. Barbara Wright of Lithonia, Ga., Audrey Clark of Wilmington, NC., Linda (George) Polk, Brenda Cook, all of Winston Salem, NC and Constance (Rodney) White of Kernersville, NC, brothers Carl Lovette of Louisiana and Robert Gaines of Kernersville, NC, Aunt, Allegra Brooks of Detroit, Mich., 7 nephews, 8 nieces, 3 great nieces, 3 great nephews, host of cousins, special friends Sneed Family, Williams Family, Pittman Family, Carolyn Junious and Yvonne Williams, Rad Ellis, and his Shattalon Apartment Extended Family.

Mrs. Rosa Lee Russell

Mrs. Rosa Lee Russell, 76, of Wilmington, NC died Sunday, January 31, 2016 at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in the

Dark Branch Cemetery. Mrs. Rosa Lee Russell departed this life Sunday, January 31, 2016 at her home. She was born April 12, 1939, the daughter of the late Clara M. Brewington and the late George Morant.

Rosa was married to William Kenneth Russell in 1979 and they remained married until the time of his death in 1987.

Rosa Lee was a kind and loving person, who did whatever she could to help her family. Though she had no children of her own she loved and adored the children of her family members and friends. She will be truly missed.

She is survived by two sisters, Evangelist Virginia Melvin (Jeremiah) of Winnabow, NC and Bernice Richardson of Long Island, NY; one sister-in-law, Geraldine Russell of Wilmington, NC; two brothers, George Merant (Mary) of Winnabow, NC and Nelson Lee Brewington of Wilmington, NC; one uncle, Dillard McKoy of Wilmington, NC; two special friends, Alice and Leslie; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *Davis Funeral Home.*

Mr. George Simpson

Mr. George Simpson, 80, of Wilmington, NC died Saturday, February 6, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in John's Chapel Cemetery, Castle Hayne, NC. *Davis Funeral Home.*

Carlton Washington

Carlton Washington, 68, of Wilmington, NC died Monday, February 8, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, February 12, 2016 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 S. 10th Street, Wilmington. Burial with military honors followed in the Moore Family Cemetery, Wrightsboro Community. Carlton "Cotton" Washington was born July 29, 1947 to the late Grady Lee Washington, Sr. and Mrs. Della Washington.

"Cotton" attended Williston Senior High School and entered into the U.S. Army thereafter, and received his high school diploma while serving his country.

During his military stay, he received the following honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal clasp, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Medal with 2 loops, and Marksman Medal (Expert Rifleman Badge). His outstanding skills in the military led to his immediate enlistment in the Army.

He was preceded in death by his father, Grady Washington, Sr.; four brothers, Grady Washington, Jr., Willis Washington, Eddie

Washington, and Derrick Washington; two sisters, Rosetta Washington and Georgia Mae Holman.

He is survived by two sons, Carlton Washington, Jr. of Alabama and Donquill Suell of Brunswick, NC; his loving and caring mother; Mrs. Della Washington of Wilmington, NC; three sisters, Barbara Cockerham (Jerome) of Winston Salem, NC, Delores "Lokey" Washington, and Angela Henry (Richard) of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Anthony "Pop" Washington of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. *Davis Funeral Home.*

Clifford "Bopete" Hamby

Clifford "Bopete" Hamby died Sunday, February 28, 2016, one day following his fifty-eighth birthday, at Wilmington Health & Rehab. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Clifford, son of the late Amos and Helen Hamby, also known to everyone as "Bopete", was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Bopete was a "firecracker" and a very outspoken person. He was well known in the community and never met a stranger. He was full of laughter, jokes and community love.

Clifford is survived by: his only child, Wanda Johnson of Raleigh, NC; two sisters, Dorothy Mathis of Hartford, CT and Mary Hamby (Vincent) of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Clarence Jenkins (Alice) of Wilmington, NC; two aunts, Juanita Jenkins of Cusseta, GA and Marie Johnson of Columbus, GA; five nieces, Yvette Mathis, Lanetta Jenkins, Adreka Witherspoon (Duane), Shaniqua Dubrey and Lashanta Jenkins; two great-nieces; five great-nephews; a host of cousins and friends, including two special friends, Robert Joye and Leo Covington. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

John Henry White

John Henry White died Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at St. Andrew AMEZ Church.

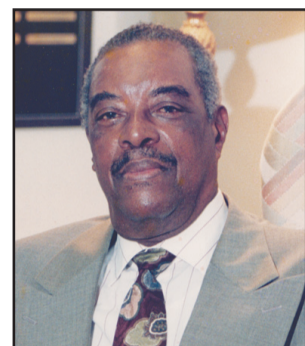
John H. White, 96 was born October 5, 1919 to the late James White and Mary Mitchell White, in Fort Barnwell, North Carolina. John attended school in Fort Barnwell and joined the US Navy at the age of 21. He was a World War II Veteran. After receiving an honorable discharge from the military in 1946, he settled in New York City. On October 8, 1966, he married the love of his life, the late Catherine Jones White. After retiring in 1982, they relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina. John worked as a Master Chef in several New York City restaurants. He was a member of Mount Zion Church of Christ, Fort Barnwell North Carolina. John enjoyed reading. His

greatest joy was spending time with family and friends, especially cooking dinner on Sunday afternoon.

In addition to his parents and his wife, John was preceded in death by his sisters, Nettie Fredericks, Lugenia Brown and Clemmie Jackson; brothers, Louis White, George White, Howard White, Willie White and Willie Hargett. John is survived by his nieces, Bettie Grady of New Jersey, Minnie Dawson of North Carolina, Kay Rosier (Eugene) of Virginia, Sadie Rivers of Connecticut, Velma White of North Carolina, and Verna Swann of Connecticut; nephews, Adolph White and George White (Grace) of North Carolina, Howard

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



It is with grateful appreciation that we extend our sincere thanks to all for your presence, your deeds of kindness, flowers, calls, visits, expressions of love and messages of comfort, extended to us during the illness and passing of our loved ones. Clarence David Hill, Sr. May God's grace and mercy shine upon each of you and may He forever keep you in His care.

The Family

Card of Thanks



The Family of the Late Frankie Bernice Devone Grady acknowledges with sincere gratitude the heartfelt prayers and love shown during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each one of you for everything you did during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to all the neighbors, family and friends, both near and far, we appreciate you. To New Hanover Regional Medical Center staff and all medical establishments who were instrumental during her illness, we thank you all for your care and compassion for our loved one.

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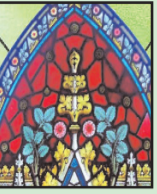
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New Hanover County

Gods Comprehensive Outreach Coalition (GCOC) will present a community outreach fellowship at the MLK Center, 401 S. 8th St. on Saturday, March 19th from 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Free food, drinks, gospel singing, praise dancers, resources for children, youth, veterans and seniors. Contact Bishop Edward G. Williams, Sr. at 910-540-6835 for more information.



Religious Briefs

Lighthouse Shining Ministries, 6622 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their Pastor Appreciation service, "Love is as Love Does", for Rev. Dr. Mary L. Benjamin from Monday, March 14th- Friday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The speakers will be Apostle Ben Pittman-Monday, Pastor Donovan Taylor-Tuesday, Dr. Joyce Jones-Wednesday, Pasotr Lorenzo Edge-Thursday and Dr. Lorraine Cooper-Friday.

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will hold Passion Services Wednesday, March 23rd - Friday, March 25th 7:00 p.m. nightly. Rev. Dr. John O. Veasey, Jr. and his congregation of Gailee Missionary Baptist Church will render the service Wednesday and Thursday. Friday service will be joint with Mt. Nebo. Sunday, March 27th at 6:00 a.m. will be Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served. For more information contact Barbara Lewis at 910-604-0271.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 So. 12th St., will host their annual Youth Revival, Thursday, March 17th- Sunday, March 20th. There will be speakers from NC, SC and VA. Thursday and Friday services will start at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, March 19th the Youth Block Celebration will begin at 12:00 noon, which will include praise dancers, steppers, singers street band and a Moment of Silence remembering one of their youth Shane Simpson. On Sunday at 3:00 p.m. the revival will finalize with a speaker from Rose Hill, NC.

Brunswick County

Ladies of Brunswick County Outreach Ministry will present Evangelist Resha London of Bethesda Christian Life Church on Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the Leland Senior Center Community Building, 1490 Village Rd. For more information please call 910-269-6930.

Moore's Chapel, 1490 Village Rd., Leland, NC will be having a musical program featuring various choirs and praise dancers on March 20, 2016at 3:00pm.

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Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

Christopher Jerrod Nixon ordained

Christopher Jerrod Nixon was a miracle presented to Marlene and Christopher Nixon on June 18, 1994, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

"Jerrod" as he has been affectionately called since birth attended the public schools of New Hanover County and is a graduate of E. A. Laney High School. After graduation from high school, he enrolled at Cape Fear Community College and pursued an A.A. Degree. It was during these early adult years that he made the decision to commit his life to Christ. "Determined" is the word his mother uses that best describes him as he advances into his Christian walk. Pastor Annie George was one of his consistent mentors, cheerleaders, supporters during this walk. He can honestly say, "She saw the best in me!"

Presently, Jerrod is gainfully employed. When not working, he fills his time with some of his favorite



CHRISTOPHER JERROD NIXON

activities such as bowling, basketball, movies and studying the Word. Jerrod's ultimate goal in life is to serve the Lord as Pastor to His people. A move toward that goal was taken as he was ordained on February 28, 2016 as youth minister for Miracle Rock Ministries.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Keep the Democratic Party strong!

My Fellow Seniors:

I don't think the church is going to talk about community affairs anytime soon. Politics is not our main concern. But hold on a minute! We have a major challenge in front of us. We must go to the polls and vote in order to keep the Democratic Party strong. We want America to be trusted by people around the world. We want the poor and the middle class to feel strong and



Ruth Johnson

undefeated. We are in the majority and we do care about the less fortunate. So we cannot allow the high and mighty to take control of this country. The rich and the powerful will take care of themselves. They do not need us to prop them up.

Mr. Trump may be a billionaire, but he is not high class. He attacks his opponents like a gangster. If he becomes our leader, America will become low class. Let the poor and the middle class stand together in support of the Democratic Party. That way, we can continue to build bridges around the world. If we start building walls, we will be shutting ourselves in, and our children will live to regret it.

You may not know all

about the individual candidates, but you do know the meaning of democracy, which is government of the people, for the people, and by the people, and that's another way of saying, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If you believe in the Golden Rule, you will support the Democratic Party.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

"We are pleasantly and uniquely made"

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELIA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

To God be the glory! Thank God for this beautiful day. The sun is shining outside and the Son is shining in our hearts inside! Minister Doris McQuillan gave greetings to all. Our devotional group, under the leadership of Mr. George Hall, the choir director and our pianist Bro. Lammanuel Boykin. Opening song, "There's a

Fountain Filled with Blood". Prayer by Lela Brown. Thank you for blessing us with that uplifting prayer. Prayer response: He is Lord! Next song: "There's not a Friend, Like the Lowly Jesus".

The speaker for today is Minister Doris McQuillan. Her topic was "We are pleasantly and uniquely made". We are all made in God's image for what He wanted us to be. His Design is just for you. No one designed us but God. He's our creator. You

are wonderfully and uniquely made. Shine for the Lord. Be proud of yourself and be the best you can be. Show the love that God has put in us. Represent God in our everyday lives. Pray for one another. Thank you for that beautiful message. It was uplifting and inspiring.

Comments and remarks were given concerning the message. The minutes were given by our secretary Mildred Ellerby. Treasurer report was given by Cynthia

Sparrow. Sick report was given by Mrs. Anna Haskins. Callers report was done. There was a 2 way tie between Janice Gordon and Gladys Taylors. Thanks to all the callers and members that were present today. Mary Martin brightened our morning with some smiles. Thanks for the laughter; it was good for the soul. Our circle was formed. Bind us together. Prayer was given by Tommy Gwen. There was 48 members present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"I Am The Resurrection"

"Jesus said unto her; I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead. Yet, shall he live." John 11:25

Resurrect - To bring back to life

Faith- Complete trust or firm belief in something

Belief - Conviction of the truth

As we approach the annual celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, better known as Easter, we pause to reflect on the words of Christ Jesus, whose death, burial, and resurrection is the foundation of our Christian faith, which we love and embrace today.

When Jesus said, I am the resurrection, he was speaking to Martha the sister of Lazarus, his friend whom had just died. "Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her; I Am the resurrection; and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet, shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe

that thou art the Christ, the Son of God which should come into the world." St. John 11:23-27

Doubt and unbelief are enemies of the cross and the kingdom of God. Doubt and unbelief will cause many to lose their soul, and miss out on the true reward that is promised by God to them that believe. Doubt and unbelief will ridicule the faithful, and interject a myth or a fallacy (erroneous character) about a bunny rabbit, an Easter eggs, Santa Claus, other forms of materialism etc, rather than embrace the truth of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our belief is essential for obtaining salvation. When Jesus said, he that believeth in me, he was speaking to then, as well as now. He was speaking to her as well as you and I. Our faith and our belief are

inseparable allies, and both should be handled with care and prayer:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Our eternal hope, lies in our belief in the life, death, burial, and the resurrection of Christ. We believe that Jesus is Lord!

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." I Thess. 4:14

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." I Thess 4:16

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." I Peter 1:3

Romans 10:9 says, "That if

thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart, that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

The question is still being asked, "Believeth thou this?" Do you believe? Hopefully your answer will be, "Yea Lord, I believe!" If so, Tell Somebody !!!

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

OBITUARIES

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North Carolina, Howard White and John Henry White of Connecticut and Willie Mann White Jr. of North Carolina; god-son, Steward Jackson of Florida; brother-in-law, Pastor Theodore Jones (Joyce); sister-in-law, Pauline Jones; a host of great-nieces, great-nephews; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Franklin Leroy Webb, Sr.

Franklin Leroy Webb, Sr., 81, departed this life March 2, 2016 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Care Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Evergreen AME Zion Church, Delco, NC. He spent his final days peacefully and surrounded by loved ones.

Mr. Webb was born December 26, 1934 in Whiteville, North Carolina, the fourth child of John B. and Sheryl Gladys Louise Ward Webb. He was educated in Delco, North Carolina and attended Armour High School. He enlisted in the US Army, but did not serve due to the conclusion of the Korean War. He eventually settled in Springfield, Massachusetts where he worked as a machinist at Hamilton Standard for many years. Additionally, he was an entrepreneur, owning Knox Street Market, his own painting business, and co-owning several ventures, including RWP Market with

his brother Joseph, St. James Avenue Convenience Store and the restaurant, Rib City. After a short first marriage to Betty Stovall, he married the former Beverly Ann Jones, with whom he remained married to until her untimely death in 1970. He was the father of nine, and father figure to many.

In addition to his parents and wife, Beverly, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Donna Louise; four of his seven siblings, John Jr., Joseph A., Priscilla A. and Henry L. Webb; his brothers-in-law, Clyde D., Donald Jones, Leonard Jones, Robert Gray, and Albert T. Flynn, and his sisters-in-law, Pearl Gray, Lucille Holt and Agnes M. Webb. Franklin is survived by his children: Brenda, Cheryl, John, Brent and Shawn Jackson of Springfield, MA; Franklin Jr. (Josefina) of Tampa, FL; Thaddeus Best (Vickie) of Winterville, NC ; Wendy Williams (Harper) of Chicago, IL and Jerome Jackson of Warner Robbins, GA; 25 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren who lovingly called him "Pop Pop". He will be missed by his sister, Ida Ruth Flynn and his brother, James M. Webb of Springfield, MA and his sister, Barbara Troy of Wilmington, NC along with his brothers-in-law, Robert Jones and Freddie Holt and sisters-in-law, Sarah P. Webb, Jeanesta Webb, Lillian Webb, Beverly Jones, Thelma Jones, Julia Teasley and Marcella Webb; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including his best

friend from childhood, McGlen Brown. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

Josephine Conyers

Josephine Conyers died Thursday, March 3, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Faith Temple COGIC.

Mother Conyers, daughter of the late Viola and James Cromwell was born in Brunswick County on November 24, 1932. She received her education in both Brunswick County and New Hanover County at Williston High School. She was converted at an early age and joined Faith Temple Church of God In Christ. She served as an usher and was faithful for years, until her strength began to wane. She remained a member of Faith Temple until her passing. Mother Conyers was employed at the United Way, The Government Center, and New Hanover County Schools for many years. Not one to be idle, she also did volunteer work for the County Wide Community Development Corporation. She was a hard working woman who knew that there is a time for everything and when she was not working or volunteering, Mother Conyers would board the cruise ships and travel to various places.

Sister Josephine was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Conyers, Sr., her parents, daughter, Sylvia

Pompey Sutherland, son, Ernest Pompey and grandson, Sanford, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Sanford Hollis (Betty) of Baltimore, MD and Randolph Pompey of Jacksonville, NC; two daughters, Shirley M. Walker (Theodore) of Jacksonville, FL and Annette Webb of Leland, NC; one sister, Ethel Floyd of Wilmington, NC; two aunts, Sadie Richburg and Glather Robbins of Leland, NC; two uncles, King Moore and Clayton Moore of Leland, NC; a friend, John Henry and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Foster Grady

Foster Grady died Tuesday, March 8th at Wilmington Health & Rehab. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

A kind and magnificent person, Foster Grady, was born on January 22, 1922, to the late Mary and Samuel Grady. Foster, as a child was raised in St. Stephen AME Church. Years later, he became a member of Praise and Deliverance Church. During his membership, he was presented with several awards, including, "Man of the Year and the Award of Excellence in recognition to his dedicated service to Christ, his church and his community, which was pre-

sented to him by the Great Northern District. Foster received his education in the New Hanover County Public School System. Upon completion of his education, Foster became a self-employed "painter", until his retirement.

Foster married Tony-Bell Simone, who preceded him in death. In addition to his parents and wife, Foster was preceded in death by all of his siblings: Thelma Graham (Norman), Samuel Grady, Geraldine Grady and Daniel Lewis Grady and one grandniece, Michelle Graham. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

Crystal LaSandra Jacobs

Crystal LaSandra Jacobs died Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Duke University Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, March 14, 2016 at Faith Temple Church of God In Christ.

Crystal was born August 1, 1990 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Chinita Jacobs Bragg and Jeffery Eric Bragg. Crystal loved the Lord and was the type of person that would be smiling when she arrives, always happy to be around her family and friends. She had a thirst for life and had plans for a bright future. She was a graduate of EA Laney High School, a cheerleader and a member of their Step Team. Crystal also attended UNC Pembroke. She also graduated from cosmetology school with aspirations of becoming an esthetician. She was a

momma's girl and always wanted a hug. She never let her heart condition define who she was as a person. She would wake up, get her daughters ready for school, go home get ready for her day visiting family, simply because she wanted to cherish every moment she could with them. More than anything, she loved her girls. She was a great mother raising twins while having the heart condition took a lot of work, but she didn't complain. She took it in stride and held in the pain and tiredness she was feeling because she never wanted anyone to see weakness in her, only strength, because life was a gift she cherished until the end.

Crystal leaves two daughters, Aree Michelle Jacobs and Aubria Monea Jacobs; two sisters, Alishia Poole (D'Jarvis-DJ) and Erica Monique Jacobs; one brother, Jamal McKoy; seven aunts, Cassandra Dawson, Carlisa Griffin (Brian), Crystal Jacobs, Debra Jones, Francis Sidbury, Joann Spencer, and Wendy Hasberry (Enoch); six uncles, James Jacobs, Adell Grady, James Grady, Adrian Smith, Leroy Bragg (Wilamina) and Nathaniel Sidberry (Gwen); two nephews, Jaemeraquan David, D'Jarvis Poole, Jr.; eight great-aunts; seven great-uncles; a host of cousins and friends, including the family at Mickels Hair Design. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jeffery Ward Kelly**, 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 **25th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 25th of February, 2016

Craig Brooksby, Executor
2474 Walnut St. #256
Cary, NC 27518

February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016

**NOTICE OF EXECUTOR OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
ESTATE OF WILLIAM WILSON,
JR.
14-E-1352**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF **WILLIAM WILSON, JR.** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **June 3, 2016** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 3rd day of March, 2016.

WILLIAM J. WILSON
Executor of the Estate of
WILLIAM WILSON, JR.
SAFFO LAW FIRM, P.C.
5900-B Oleander Drive
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March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
File No. 16 JT 48**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
E.J.T. (DOB: 01-11-2016)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned 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 **March 10, 2016**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MARCH 28, 2016**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of March, 2016.

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

March 10, 17, 24, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Wayne Victor Venters II**, 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 **25th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of February, 2016

George Cole Venters, Executor of the Estate of Wayne Victor Venter, II
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February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S
In Re The Estate of Robert
Williams, Deceased**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Robert Williams**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **06/10/2016** -- or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, March 3, 2016.

Nikki M. Robinson-Williams,
Personal Representative
c/o Sherman & Rodgers, PLLC
by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr.,
Attorney for the Personal Representative
8120 River Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Helena R. Ward**, late of 8532 Bald Eagle Lane, Wilmington, 28411, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **3rd day of June, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 1st. day of March, 2016.

Annette Whited
Administer of the Estate of Helena R. Ward
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS PA
509 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
James Wilson McCarthy,
Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **James Wilson McCarthy**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **June 10, 2016**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of March, 2016.

John F. McCarthy, III
Executor of the Estate of
James Wilson McCarthy
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Marvin David Newton**, 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 **10th day of June, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of March, 2016

Marvin David Newton Pustanio (aka Marvin David Newton, Jr.)
Administrator CTA of Marvin David Newton
P.O. Box 31326
San Francisco, CA 94131
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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

This 17th of May, 2016

Tibbitt Chance, Executor
627 Colony Circle N.
Wilmington, NC 28409

March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2016

**COLLECTOR NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned having qualified as Collector of the Estate of **Annette Wood Watkins**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of May, 2016

Tanya Willis
c/o Mark E. Tomaszek, Attorney
700 E. North Street, Suite 13
Greenville, SC 29601
Collector of the Estate of
Annette Wood Watkins

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified DBE firms for Contract DA00297 in Camden County bidding on 3/30/16. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 3/21/16 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?lettype=1>. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

March 17, 2016

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March 10, 17, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JoAnn Durner Hoyt**, New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said JoAnn Durner Hoyt to present them to John K. Hoyt, 6733 Cable Carr Lane, Wilmington, NC 28403 as Executor by **June 15, 2016** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 10th of March, 2016

R.V. Biberstein, Jr. Executrix
Attorney For John K. Hoyt, Executor
P.O. Box 428
Burgaw, NC 28425

March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016

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

The name and address of the lienor:
Saltwater Marine, LLC
6130 Carolina Beach Road
Wilmington, N.C. 28412

The name of the person having legal title to the property:
Joe Scott
508 Old Mill Road
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

Description of the property:
23' Challenger Runabout
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DT 225G
Engine 1 Serial No.: 22501G-031032
Engine 2 Serial No.: 22510-031248

Amount due for which the lien is claimed:
As of 8 February, \$15,121.45

Place of the sale:
Courthouse Steps, Princess Street side
New Hanover County Court House
316 Princess St
Wilmington, NC 28401

Date and hour when the sale is to be held:
10:00 AM
28 March 2016

March 10, 17, 2016

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

The name and address of the lienor:
Bell Hart Marine Services, LLC
801 Paoli Ct.
Wilmington, N.C. 28409

The name of the person having legal title to the property:
Tony Chaney
6566 University Parkway
Rural Hall, NC 27045

Description of the property:
1988 Marinette Boat Model: 28, her engines, tackle and appurtenances

Amount due for which the lien is claimed:
As of 17 February, \$2,957.74

Place of the sale:
Courthouse Steps, Princess Street side
New Hanover County Court House
316 Princess St
Wilmington, NC 28401

Date and hour when the sale is to be held:
10:00 AM
4 April 2016

March 17, 24, 2016

ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality
TV Talk
By
Marquesa
LaDawn



I LOVE my Housewives, however, their "denial addiction" is getting on my nerves. I'll tell you why:

- They never seem to see what the world sees (Vicki G., Real Housewives of OC)
- It takes hitting rock bottom before any changes are made (Nene Leakes, Real Housewives of Atlanta)
- Everybody else is the problem (Kim Richards, Real Housewives of Beverly Hills)
- There are no limits to being evil (Kenya Moore, Real Housewives of Atlanta)
- They never accept their new reality (Phaedra Parks, Real Housewives of Atlanta)
- The elephant in the room is never mentioned (Erica Jayne, Real Housewives of Beverly Hills).

And the list continues. I get it that they are human like the rest of us, but at some point, the light bulb should come on!

Let's me break this down...
Kim Richards...
After an embarrassing season on Real Housewives of Beverly Hills, showing her falling off the wagon...

After, news reports came out about her getting arrested for public intoxication and stealing...
After, two stays or so in rehab...

After, being on Dr. Phil...

This lady, Kim Richards, seems to be married to denial! During a recent interview with Andy Cohen on WWHL, Kim showed up again: clueless, no growth, no change, claiming it's everybody else's fault. I'm sincerely worried about her, because at some point she'll have to make a decision or it may be made for her. Would you believe, she's now on another reality show?

Kenya Moore...
OMG...after trying to take down Vivica Fox, Sherry Shepard, Porsha Williams, among others, she's determined to take down Kim Fields.

Why? Just because... I get owning the villain role since it's her 100 percent, but once the logic disappears and she's just hurting to hurt, it's too much.

Atlanta, premieres it's 3-part reunion next week and looks like Kenya Moore is at it again!!

Phaedra Parks
Ms. Southern (Ain't no Belle) herself, was determined to show Kandi and her husband how much they hurt her by helping Apollo. First of all, it was Todd who helped this boy, then Phaedra sends the FBI their way and all hell breaks lose. Just when she seemed to renew her friendship with Kandi, Phaedra's evil side showed up. I mean, I get the anger from her husband getting locked up for eight years, but at some point, she will need to stop blaming everyone else.

The Elephant in the Room!
Why does it seem like every extremely wealthy woman who shows up on the Real Housewives has a big elephant in the room they deal with as a sacrifice?

The newest one is, Erica Jayne of RHOBH. It was impressive to see her home, her life, her two faces... and then about three episodes in, it happened: her husband treats her like a 2-year-old.

The same thing happened, to RHOC's Megan Edmonds; she's treated like crap by her husband on camera!

Oh, yeah, Yolanda Foster, soon to be divorced...

Denial, anyone?
Bottom line, whether we can relate or not, it's shocking to see the same old bad habits and same old predictable results while still remaining fiercely entertaining.

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

ASK
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with
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Dear Alma,

I need advice about a terrible family situation that involves me and all of my siblings, and it's breaking us apart. I am one of nine children. We were all born and raised in the South. My parents farmed their land and taught us how to do it, too. We never liked it and couldn't wait to leave, go up North and go to college. We all attended various colleges and universities and never returned home...all but one of my brothers. He stayed in North Carolina and helped my parents until they died. After they died he moved into the house on the property and has been living there ever since. He has kept up the property and paid the taxes on it.

Now, my brothers and sisters want to sell the farmland and split the money. My brother who stayed says the house should be his and he doesn't want to sell it. We are totally divided. Six of my siblings have decided to take my brother to court and force him to sell the land. He says we shouldn't sell, and I don't care either way. We're all in our 60s, distinguished folks with profitable careers. We're active in our respected churches and ready to retire if not already retired. I love my family, and if you met us, you'd never believe what's going on behind closed doors. I don't understand why we can't talk to each other and just get along. I want us to settle this before one of us dies and we never get to resolve the issue. What can I do?

**Signed,
Divided Family**

First things first. Close your eyes, think back to the time when your daddy was farming his land and mama was at the window, both of them watching their children grow - chests pressed, full of pride. Your father worked hard to tend the land and leave something to his children. Now everything he worked for is about to be jeopardized, and for what? You and your trifling brothers and sisters - yes, I said trifling - are fighting each other like you're on an episode of Judge Judy. That is ridiculous and just plain sad. Your mama and daddy gave all they had, and what are ya'll doing? Trying to give it away for some coins that will be spent in a month's time.

Your brother didn't take the bus up to the city and try to tell you and your siblings what to do with your space, time and dimes, so don't try to regulate his life now. Give him the house, period. Take the rest of the land and divide it evenly. Each person can do what he or she wants with his or her portion. It's just that simple. You might not like it, but when your brother sacrificed, stayed home and properly maintained and cared for the house, your parents and the land, he earned extra. Your brothers and sisters are so focused on a few grains of sand that they are missing the beach in all its magnificence. There are other ways to make money. Taking your brother to court is not one of them. Grow up and act like mama and daddy are still watching, chest pressed, full of pride.

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

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