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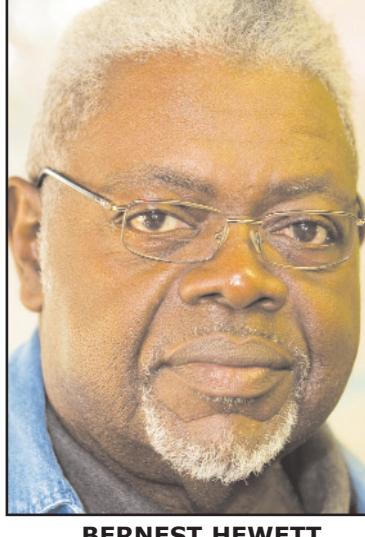
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**Willistonians
one and all!**



This is a reminder of the request the Scholarship Committee asked during our 100th Anniversary this past July. We asked that everyone give \$50 toward the Scholarship Fund. Encourage your classmates, family and friends to give. This will be an annual event. As Willistonians, this is our way to "Continue the Legacy" of excellence we received. We are helping students further their education beyond high school. Let us pay it forward to the coming generations. Send your gifts to Williston Alumni Assn., Inc., PO Box 2, Wilmington, NC 28402. Thank you for making this a success.

**BRUNSWICK
COUNTY
UPDATE**



BERNEST HEWETT

**Your vote is needed;
use it wisely**

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's time to vote again! Wherever we look, there is an election sign for one office or another! We find people with all kinds of talk and various promises for us, minorities, elderly, sick, and disadvantaged. However, those who hold offices would not sit with us two months ago. They would not even hold a passing conversation, but now our vote is needed. Even, as some of these elected officials have tried, and are still trying, to stop us from voting, they need our vote because there is still a chance their efforts might backfire.

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Young people will lead in February 13 Moral March

BY CASH MICHAELS
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For the past ten years, the annual Historic Thousands on Jones Street Moral March and People's Assembly in Raleigh has not only always involved young people, but also empowered them as well.

"Every Moral reconstruction movement has had young people at the center of its development," Rev. William Barber, president of the NCNAACP and convener of the upcoming Moral March/HK on J People's Assembly on Feb. 13th, says.

"In the 1960s during the civil rights movement, in the second reconstruction youth - black, white and Jewish - were at the center. And so it must be as we build a modern day third reconstruction moral movement today."

This year, young people, known as the #JusticeSquad, will actually lead the Moral March through downtown Raleigh to the Fayetteville Street Mall side of the State Capitol, where the People's Assembly will take place. It is there where young activists will

then pass out pledge-to-vote cards and literature to attendees for both the March 15th primaries and the Nov. 8th general elections. There will also be tables for voter registration.

Applicants can register online at HKonJ.com on the home page by clicking the "sign up" link per the third choice under "#Become a MoralMarch Volunteer."

"Dr. Barber felt that it would be amazing if this year, we have 200 young people leading this march," Ty Lawson, NCNAACP

Field Secretary, said. "We're getting the youth involved and saying, hey, it's our time."

"Over fifty years ago there were young folks out in the streets registering people to vote, fighting for this cause. Now it's time for us to answer the call of duty. It worked then; it's going to work now. We're going to make sure we get the job done."

Indeed, voter registration for the March 15th primary ends on Friday, February 19th, with early voting

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THE RACE IS ON!



CASH MICHAELS PHOTO
ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER (LEFT) AND ATTORNEY KEN SPAULDING (RIGHT)

Spaulding aggressive in Cooper faceoff

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If one wondered by state Attorney Gen. Roy Cooper has consistently ignored challenges by Durham attorney Ken Spaulding to debate prior to the March 15th Democratic gubernatorial primaries, their first, and so far only faceoff last Friday gave good reason.

Both men sat next to each during the NC Democratic Party African-American and Hispanic Caucuses Debate before a packed room at the Goodwin House, and Spaulding stayed in the hunt, accusing the state attorney general of everything from colluding with the Republicans in defending the controversial voter ID law in court, to not doing his duty in deciding not to retry a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black motorist in Sept. 2013.

Cooper, for the most part, remained calm and

stoic amid Spaulding's blistering attacks, showing virtually no emotion at all. Spaulding, however, remained fiery, not only taking his opponent to task, but also assuring voters that he is a man of the people, not a career politician, and that North Carolinians would have a fair man as governor if he was nominated after the March primary to and defeated Republican incumbent Gov. Pat McCrory Nov. 8th.

At stake during the debate, black and Hispanic Democratic voters, who comprise over 40 percent of North Carolina's Democratic base.

For Hispanic voters, both Spaulding and Cooper said they supported Pres. Obama's immigration policies, despite Republican opposition in Congress. They also objected to Gov. McCrory joining a lawsuit against Obama's Executive Action on immigration.

Both Cooper and Spaulding vowed that if elect-

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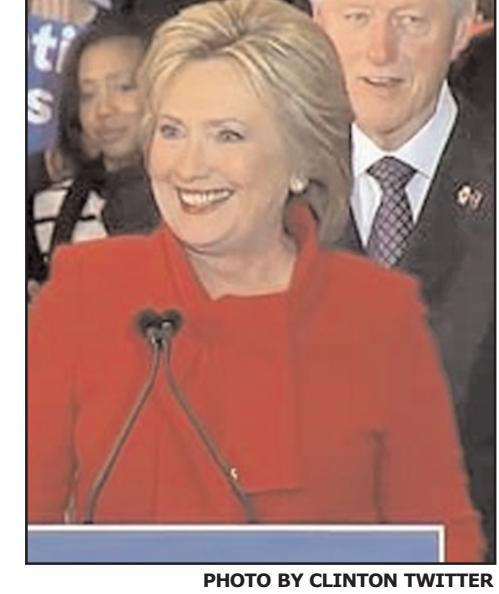


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HILLARY CLINTON CLAIMS VICTORY
IN IOWA MONDAY NIGHT.

**Veteran
Black politician
in Iowa says
Clinton squeaked
by with Black
and Latino vote**

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Democratic Presidential contenders former Sec. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders ended the Iowa Caucuses in nearly a dead heat on Monday. But, the Iowa Democratic Party (IDP) has confirmed that Clinton actually won the Iowa Democratic Caucus.

Meanwhile, a Black political veteran in Iowa says had it not been for Blacks

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Does a dollar spent in the Black community really stay there for only six hours?

Fact-finding site debunks apparent myth often stated as fact

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM TRUTHBETOLD.NEWS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Editor's Note: The following article by Truthbetold.news reveals how an unfounded, unproven and apparently false statistic pertaining to spending by

Black consumers with Black-owned businesses has been circulating in the Black community for years. Cited recently by several news agencies, including Roland Martin's NewsOne Now and the Trice Edney News Wire, the statistic is often used to compare spending in the Black community with other ethnicities by stating that the dol-

lar stays in the Black community only about six hours. The statistic has long been used by authorities on Black economic justice. Here, the TruthBeTold News article details the exhaustive fact-finding and research methods that concluded that the statistic is baseless:

Two weeks ago, journalist Roland Martin, host of NewsOne Now, cited a

figure that has often been used to show how little blacks spend in their neighborhoods compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

The lifespan of a dollar in the Asian community is 28 days, in the Jewish

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It's time to send a message to these elected officials, the message that we can adjust to their new rules and still vote and still think for ourselves in this society. We live in a free society, even though some so called conservatives are trying hard to move toward a "rich man rule all" system, this will not work.

Too many people have given their lives and blood for the freedom we have now. There was no one race, or person, who fought this battle for freedom, and no special person can take it away.

As these elected officials come to you, remind them that we have a five million dollar park, but people around that park don't have decent drinking water. Brunswick County paid a great amount of money for a tract of land, owned by a company, a part of which was once owned by a County Commissioner but turned down a deal that would have brought affordable housing to Brunswick County. This was because two Black men once had their names on the deed! Remind them that this County has not brought one major company to the citizens of Brunswick County or improved the living conditions for the poor and many more. Remind them that they need you now but you didn't care six months ago and now you don't need them. It's time to move them out and put someone else into their places. Let them know to be careful how they treat you and that they may need you someday!!

Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP

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beginning on Thursday, March 3rd and ending Saturday March 12th at 1 p.m.

Young people have always played a role in the Forward Together Movement, Lawson says, recalling how he took part several years ago. "We've

built a movement that's inclusive. This is an intergenerational movement, and everyone has their eyes on the prize - making sure that our right to vote is no longer being attacked. And our Youth Council and College Division is very strong.... doing great work and mobilizing or HK on J."

Lawson says the strong,

principled leadership of NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber inspires everyone across race, gender and generational lines, but he is particularly inspirational to young people.

"He's such a charismatic leader. Young people across the state see that leadership and wisdom. It's not a movement that has young people

on one side and older people on the other. It's a movement that has all of our issues at the core."

Lawson says young people who take part in the Moral March should be proud.

"This is our moment. This is the generation that this world has been looking for, and we need to answer to that call."

The Tenth Annual Moral

March on Raleigh/HK on J People's Assembly is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13th. Marchers will gather across the street from Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. for a pre-march rally. Then at 10 a.m., the march down the Fayetteville Street Mall to the State Capitol begins. For more information go to www.hkonj.com.

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ed, they would strive to make their respective cabinets and administrations as diverse as possible.

"That's what we should be about, being inclusive," Atty. Gen. Cooper said, indicating that he already has a diverse office. "The first thing we have to admit is that racism does exist."

"I see nothing wrong with having an African-American being the governor of North Carolina," atty Spaulding said to applause. "Those who serve in my administration are going to be African-American, going to be Latino, going to be within the white community. [They] will be very qualified people. Even unaffiliated."

When asked what they would do as governor to improve the economy of North Carolina without hurting low-income and middle-class families, Spaulding said he was already doing it by helping to attract an estimated \$2 billion in investments to the state, bringing with them thousands of jobs.

He added that he supported business incentives, including film industry

incentives in Wilmington. Atty Gen. Cooper blasted Gov. McCrory for signing legislation that provided "...big tax giveaways to out-of-state corporations at the expense of the middle-class and our public schools." Cooper accused McCrory of supporting a "...tax structure that makes it harder on everyday hard-working people."

Cooper said if elected, he would stop that, invest in North Carolina's public schools, pay teachers more, and promoting economic development plans in "minority communities" and rural areas.

The political fireworks began when both candidates were asked if they supported the reinstatement of the 1965 Voting Rights Act in Congress, and if elected governor, would they lead the fight to have the 2013 NC voter restrictions repealed if Democrats take back the NC General Assembly.

Spaulding said that he would "absolutely" have the NC voter restrictions repealed, calling them "unconstitutional." But then the Durham attorney and former state lawmaker lit into Cooper.

"My opponent sitting with me today, he's been in court

with the Republicans, fighting on behalf of them, and against the NAACP, the League of Women Voters, the people of North Carolina, on a constitutional issue he did not have to represent the state on," Spaulding charged.

"So I want you to understand, there is a clear distinction here. My opponent has been on the wrong side of this issue."

Unfazed, the state attorney general told the audience not only does he "strongly" support efforts in Congress to reinstate the 1965 VRA, but that his office joined with the NCNAACP in filing an amicus brief in court supporting the VRA.

"There is no question that I'm very much opposed to the voter restrictions that were put in place by Gov. McCrory and the Republican leadership," Cooper said, reminding all that he sent a letter to McCrory to veto the law.

The state attorney general indicated that despite his personal opposition to voter ID, his office is obligated to defend the state anytime it is taken to court, as in the case of the federal trial in Winston-Salem where the voter ID case wrapped up Monday.

"It is the duty of the office

of attorney general to defend the state when it gets sued. One of the reasons why I am running for governor is I am sick and tired of the laws that are being passed by this governor, and this General Assembly. What I want to do is change it," Cooper said.

As to how, as governor, each man would address high unemployment rates among African-Americans and Latinos, Cooper said beyond investment in improving education, he would push for a living wage to help left people out of poverty, and better employment opportunities.

Atty Spaulding said he supports raising the minimum wage to \$15.00/hr. "At the end of a Spaulding term, we will have that done," he pledged.

In his closing remarks, Cooper thanks people for coming out to "this spirited and very informative forum," a clear reference to the attacks from his opponent, Ken Spaulding. Cooper did state categorically that "Gov. McCrory has the wrong priorities for North Carolina."

Spaulding, in his closing two-minute remarks, continued to put heat on Cooper. The Durham attorney denied being "an angry black man," but did describe himself as

"...having passion about these issue."

"I'm a fighter for the people. I'm a fighter for those who are voiceless. I don't run away from my ethnicity. Black lives do matter. As an African-American or black man myself, my life does matter. And I disagree with an attorney general, who in Charlotte with the [Police Officer] Kerik [shooting unarmed black man] case,

Where you had an opportunity to have a second trial, when a young man who graduated from Florida A & M, was shot ten times and killed, And they couldn't summon up enough energy, enough effort, to be able to have a second trial. That's not right!"

Spaulding went on to openly challenge Cooper to "stand up strong, and make sure that our criminal justice is one for all North Carolinians."

Atty. Gen. Cooper was offered the opportunity to defend his decision not to pursue a second trial, but he declined.

Currently, Cooper is leading Spaulding substantially in the polls, and neck-and-neck with Gov. McCrory. Atty Spaulding has been campaigning for governor for the past two years.

CLINTON

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and Latinos, Clinton would certainly have lost given the closeness of the race.

"We're researching right now," said Wayne Ford, a former veteran member of the Iowa Legislature who long served as its only African-American member. "A lot of young minorities came up to me and told me how they fought and argued to make sure they had the delegates to win those precincts. They were excited about that."

A Clinton supporter, Ford said although some Blacks did support Sanders, his assessment and observation are that the Black and Latino caucus participants were engaged in supporting Clinton nearly on the same level as they were for Obama when he won Iowa over her seven years ago. Not quite as much, though, he said. If that had been the case "she would have had a landslide...But, yes, she won because the baby boomers didn't sit home. And those minorities knew they had to get out."

Ford knows well Iowa politics. In 1984, he co-founded Iowa's Brown & Black Presidential Forum. In 1996, he was elected to represent Iowa's House District 71, which includes a mixture of some of the wealthiest and impoverished neighborhoods in the 92 percent White state. He was the only Black in the legislature and only the tenth elected to the body in the history of the state. He served for 14 years, becoming the longest serving African-American until his retirement in 2010.

On Monday morning, Sanders had also proclaimed a victory of sorts despite the fact that he had not won the balloting. In his view, to come so close indicated his ideals were being respected.

Iowa has 1,781 precincts in 99 counties. The result was Clinton, 49.8 and Sanders, 49.6, the IDP has confirmed. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley dropped out of the race with few votes.

Iowa Democratic Party Chair Dr. Andy McGuire said in a statement that the results are "the closest in Iowa Democratic caucus history."

McGuire said the Democratic Caucus also "featured one of our strongest turnouts ever and passion and energy from Democrats all across our state" as voters competed to choose between Clinton and Sanders.

Ford predicts the spiritedness of Iowa's Democratic Caucus indicates the fervor of the Democratic electorate in coming months. African-Americans typically vote more than 90 percent Democratic. The next major Democratic votes will be casted in New Hampshire Democratic and Republican primaries Feb. 9.

Meanwhile, in a big surprise, Republican Sen. Ted Cruz defeated billionaire Donald Trump by a relatively wide margin. Polls had predicted an easy win for Trump. But pundits credit his defeat to his skipping a Fox News debate Friday night in an argument with station over who would moderate it.

With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, the Associated Press released the following results in the Republican Caucus: Cruz: 26 percent, Trump, 23 percent; Sen. Marco Rubio 23 percent and Ben Carson, 10 percent. Candidates Sen. Rand Paul and Jeb Bush received one delegate each, but other Republican candidates Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, Jim Gilmore, Mike Huckabee, John Kasich and Rick Santorum were statistically insignificant.

The Iowa Caucus, casting the first votes in the 2016 presidential race, revealed widespread enthusiasm among voters in both parties. The final party nominees will be decided by delegates at the Republican National Convention starting July 18 in Cleveland, Ohio and the Democratic National Convention the week of July 25th in Philadelphia.

The following is the schedule for all primaries and caucuses through June 14. Source: The New York Times and wire reports.

Feb. 2 - Iowa Republican and Democratic caucuses

Feb. 9 - New Hampshire Republican and Democratic primaries

Feb. 20 - South Carolina Republican primary; Nevada Democratic caucuses

Feb. 23 - Nevada Republican caucuses

Feb. 27 - South Carolina Democratic primary

March 1 - Super Tuesday: Alabama Republican and Democratic primaries, American Samoa Democratic caucuses, Alaska Republican caucuses, Arkansas Republican and Democratic primaries, Colorado Republican and Democratic caucuses, Georgia Republican and Democratic primaries, Massachusetts

Republican and Democratic primaries, Minnesota Republican and Democratic caucuses, Oklahoma Republican and Democratic primaries, Tennessee Republican primary, Texas Republican and Democratic primaries, Vermont Republican and Democratic primaries, Virginia Republican and Democratic primaries

March 5 - Kansas Republican and Democratic caucuses, Kentucky Republican caucuses, Louisiana Republican and Democratic primaries, Maine Republican primary, Nebraska Democratic caucuses

March 6 - Puerto Rico Republican primary, Maine Democratic caucuses

March 8 - Hawaii Republican caucuses, Idaho Republican primary, Michigan Republican and Democratic primaries, Mississippi Republican and Democratic primaries

March 12 - District of Columbia Republican convention, Northern Mariana Islands Democratic caucuses

March 15 - Florida Republican and Democratic primaries, Illinois Republican and Democratic primaries, Missouri Republican and Democratic primaries, North Carolina Republican and Democratic primaries, Ohio Republican and Democratic primaries, Northern Mariana Islands Republican caucuses

March 19 - U.S. Virgin Islands Republican caucuses

March 22 - Arizona Republican and Democratic primaries, Idaho Democratic primary, Utah Republican and Democratic caucuses

March 26 - Alaska Democratic caucuses, Hawaii Democratic caucuses, Washington Democratic caucuses

April 5 - Wisconsin Republican and Democratic primaries

April 9 - Wyoming Democratic caucuses

Democratic caucuses April 19 - New York Republican and Democratic primaries

April 26 - Connecticut Republican and Democratic primaries

May 3 - Indiana Republican and Democratic primaries

May 7 - Guam Democratic caucuses

May 10 - Nebraska Republican primary, West Virginia Republican and Democratic primaries

May 17 - Oregon Republican and Democratic primaries

May 24 - Washington Democratic primary

Republican primary June 4 - U.S. Virgin Islands Democratic caucuses

June 5 - Puerto Rico Democratic caucuses

June 7 - New Jersey Republican and Democratic primaries

June 14 - District of Columbia Democratic primary

June 17 - Oregon Democratic primaries

June 24 - Washington Democratic primaries

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IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

[CHARLOTTE] With the March 15th primaries fast approaching, there are key dates that voters need to remember. Absentee voting is now available per your county board of election office.

STATE BRIEFS

Friday, Feb. 19 is when voter registration for the March 15th primary ends. Thursday, March 3 begins the early voting period

for the primaries. Tuesday, March 8 is the deadline for absentee ballots to be received for the March 15th primaries. Saturday, March 15 at 1 p.m. is the deadline for early voting to end for the primaries. Tuesday, March 15th is the Primary Election Day statewide. Tuesday, March 22 is when all valid provisional and absentee ballots are counted.

PANTHER'S NEWTON DISMISS TALK OF RACE

[SAN JOSE, CALIF] Cam Newton, the black quarterback of the Carolina Panthers leading his team against the

Denver Broncos in Sunday's Super Bowl, is tired of being pigeonholed by the press as just a "black quarterback" because, he says the game is bigger than that. "When I go places and I talk to kids and I talk to parents and I talk to athletes all over, they look at my story and they see a person - African-American or not - they see something that they can relate to. They see a guy who went a different route than just going to a major Division I school and flourishing there." Newton follows in the footsteps of Doug Williams, Steve McNair, Donavan McNabb,

Colin Kaepernick and Russell Wilson as black quarterbacks who've played in the Super Bowl.

UNC-CHAPEL HILL ANNOUNCES INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS RACE ON CAMPUS

[CHAPEL HILL] After black students made clear during a town hall last November that they did not feel they were part of the overall student community because of racial bias, UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Carol Folt has now announced sev-

eral initiatives to address those concerns. There will be a survey to determine campus climate; black students will now have a designated space to gather; student orientation programs will now have an emphasis on diversity; and all campus administrators will undergo training on structural racism.

NC NAACP PRESENTS "OUR VOTING RIGHTS AT RISK" ISSUES FORUM SATURDAY

[DURHAM] The NC NAACP and Forward Together Movement kicks off

it's Issues Forum series with "Our Voting Rights at Risk: The High Stakes of the 2016 Election Cycle" this Saturday, Feb. 6th, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the NCCU School of Law, 640 Nelson Street, Durham. Panelists include state lawmakers Dan Blue, Floyd McKissick, Jr., Larry Hall and Mickey Michaux, along with North Carolina congressmen G. K. Butterfield and David Price. The event is free and open to the public.

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community the lifespan of a dollar is 19 days and the lifespan in the African-American community is approximately six hours, Martin said during his news talk show on the black-owned cable network TV One.

Maggie Anderson, a guest on the show and author of "Our Black Year: One Family's Quest to Buy Black in America's Racially Divided Economy," which was published in 2012, nodded in agreement.

Anderson, a proponent of Blacks spending more with Black-owned business, has often used the "six hours" figure. In a series of talks around the country and in her book, she uses the figure to argue that African Americans need to do more to support black-owned businesses.

Anderson isn't alone. The "six hours" circulation statistic is an often-cited figure by a wide variety of individuals, organizations and news outlets.

The figures have been attributed to various sources including the NAACP and the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia.

But does a dollar spent by Black people really stay in the community for only six hours?

The Facts

To fact-check the statistic, TruthBeTold.news tried to track down the source of this widely cited figure.

Several federal government agencies produce data on black spending patterns.

The Federal Reserve Bank publishes a survey of consumer finance that contains information on consumer spending patterns, but it does not contain the level of detail that would show how often a dollar would circulate in a given community. The Bureau of Labor Statistics also produces reports on black spending patterns. But this data also does not show how often money circulates within a neighborhood.

Other agencies like the Small Business Administration keep track of black businesses. But the SBA also does not compile figures that would allow a comparison of how often money circulates within a community.

Private research organizations such as Nielsen and the Chicago-based Target Market News also track Black spending patterns.

The available data shows that 43 million Blacks in the United States have about \$1.1 trillion in spending power. Additionally, the most recent government data shows there were 2.6 million Black or African-American-owned firms nationally in 2012, up from 1.9 million or 34.5 percent in 2007.

But TruthBeTold.news was unable to locate any agencies or private research firms with data that show how long money circulates within a community.

TruthBeTold.news also asked for the source of the six-hour timeframe mentioned on the NAACP website in an article posted on Sept. 24, 2012.

In an email, Nicole Kenney, the writer of the NAACP article, said she used several sources, including Maggie Anderson's 2012 book and data from Nielsen and the Minority Business and Development Agency.

TruthBeTold.news also contacted the Selig Center about the figures attributed to the economic research unit: "Money circulates zero to one time within the Black community, compared to the more than six times it circulates in the Latino community, nine times in the Asian community and unlimited amount of times

within the white community."

In an email, Jeffrey M. Humphreys, director of the center, said: "I've never heard that. It's not from our center, and it does not sound accurate, but I've got no idea what the actual number are."

The data appears to have first been used in a book by author Brooke Stephens, a financial planner. The book, "Talking Dollars and Making Sense: A Wealth Building Guide for African-Americans," was written in 1996 and cites the six-hour figure on page 18 of the book.

There is no reference to the original source of the data or the study. Stephens attributes the data to a "John Wray" who is described as an "economic development specialist" in Washington. There is no other mention of Wray or the study in the book.

TruthBeTold.news reached out to Stephens, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., for more information about Wray and the study.

In an interview, Stephens said Wray and a co-author, Lee Green, did the study over a six-month period in 1992, possibly through a nonprofit organization that might no longer exist.

She did not remember the name of the report and could not provide any information about Wray or Green, beyond saying that Wray might have taught at Howard University in 1993. The human resource office at Howard said it could not find a reference to a Jim or John Wray. In addition, TruthBeTold.news was unable to locate Lee Green or any studies co-authored by him.

There was no media coverage of the study that can be found in the LexisNexis research database, and the only reference to the study appears to be in Stephens' book.

TruthBeTold also reached out to Maggie Anderson to see if she remembered the name of the study or could provide any information about Wray.

"I know Brooke Stephens. I know about the statistic," Anderson said. "I did run into her phenomenal research and the study about the economic lifespan of a dollar in different ethnic groups."

Anderson attributes the six-hour figure in "Our Black Year" to Brooke Stephens' book. "I published her findings in my book, 'Our Black Year,' and I refer to it whenever I speak and interview. I have been promoting that six-hour statistic quite heavily over the past six years."

She continues to say how it is the foundation of her work and research commissioned for her year-long Empowerment Experiment through Steven Rogers, a professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

"Our Kellogg study proved that less than 3 percent of our \$1 trillion in buying power makes it back to our community via our spending with our businesses and the companies that engage our businesses," she said.

Anderson said the study also found that if the middle-class black consumers were to spend a little more - 7 percent more, just 10 percent of their spending - with black firms and the mainstream firms that engage them, we can create almost 1 million jobs." She also includes the six-hour figure and the Kellogg findings in an essay in the National Urban League's 2014 State of Black America report.

"Brooke Stephens' statistic about the six hours shows why we need to do more to support our businesses and reverse the exploitation of our consumers and the socio-economic crises our neighborhoods endure," Anderson said.

TruthBeTold.news also reached out to other Black economic development advocates

who have cited the figure and while many of them had heard of the numbers, not one had actually seen the study that produced them.

"I've been trying to kill this thing for years," said Ken Smikle, president of Target Market News, a Chicago-based research firm that tracks black spending patterns. "It's just not true."

Smikle, who has produced an annual report called The Buying Power of Black America for nearly two decades, disputes the notion that the circulation of money can be tracked in a community.

"There is no scientific way to do that," Smikle said. "I mean, how would you do it?"

Economists contacted by TruthBeTold.news to review the figures agree.

"It's what I consider an urban myth," said William Spriggs, a former labor department official in the Obama Administration, who is now chief economist at the AFL-CIO union. Spriggs also teaches economics at Howard University.

Spriggs said a red flag for him was the mention of dollars circulating in the Jewish community for 19 days.

"What makes me suspicious is that it has economic data based on religion when the federal government doesn't collect any information by religion," Spriggs said. "Where would you get that from?"

"When you say Asian communities you're talking about a very diverse population that includes Indians, Chinese, Japanese, Koreans and they are all different and not a monolithic community. It would be a mistake to try to include all of these different people under one umbrella to talk about spending in communities," he said.

He added: "And even if you surveyed customers about their spending with business, how would you know the religion of the person who owned the business? If I shop at Macy's, I don't know the religion of the person who owns it."

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Justin Wolfers, an economics professor at the University of Michigan, cited other problems with the figures used by Stephens and others.

First, there is no clear definition of community. "Are we talking about specific neighborhoods or as a whole?" Wolfers asked.

Secondly, he points out, like Spriggs, that the federal government does not collect economic information by religion nor does it collect hourly economic activity.

"It seems highly improbable that you could get this data the way it's described," Wolfers said. "The inclusion of religion data alone makes me question the figures."

A screenshot from NewsOne Now with the statistics from "Talking Dollars and Making

Sense" by Brooke Stephens. **Truth Be Told**

The claim that a dollar circulates in the Black community for only six hours cannot be substantiated.

The federal government does not produce data that would allow such a comparison.

In addition, economists contacted by TruthBeTold.news said some of the data cited, such as information about dollars circulating in the Jewish community, is questionable because the federal government does not collect information by religion. And researchers would be unable to get the information accurately from a survey of consumers.

The earliest source of the statistic appears to be a book that is nearly 20 years old. The

book also never mentions the name of the study nor provides any information about the author.

Economic experts agree that blacks may spend little of their estimated \$1.1 trillion in buying power with Black business. And they agree that efforts like Anderson's to patronize those businesses are laudable goals. But they add that proponents should stop using the six-hour figure because, while it is shocking, it cannot be verified.

"I understand where people who use this figure are coming from and I don't want to downplay the issue, but you don't solve the problem by using questionable data," said Spriggs, the Howard economist. *"Brooke Madison"* is a staff writer for TruthBeTold.news.

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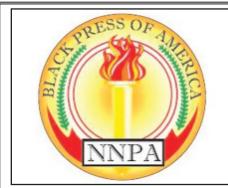
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TO BE EQUAL

Black History Month is for everyone

(Via George Curry Media)

Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history. - Carter G. Woodson

Carter G. Woodson was born in Virginia, 10 years after the fall of the Confederacy. Working as a sharecropper and a miner, he rarely had time to attend school until the age of 20. He would devote the rest of his life to study, becoming known as "The Father of African-American History."

Through his studies, Woodson found that African-American contributions to history "were overlooked, ignored, and even suppressed by the writers of history textbooks and the teachers who use them." He concluded that racial prejudice "is merely the logical result of tradition, the inevitable outcome of thorough instruction to the effect that the Negro has never contributed anything to the progress of mankind."

Black History Month, which Woodson founded as Negro History Week in 1926, was his effort to combat that tradition. Chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, considered heroes by most Black Americans, the second week in February was set aside to celebrate Black history.

The first year, education officials of only three states and two cities recognized the event, but by 1929 it was being promoted in nearly every state in the nation. In 1970, Black students at Kent State University celebrated the first unofficial Black History Month and in 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized the event, saying:

"The last quarter-century has finally witnessed significant strides in the full integration of black people into every area of national life. In celebrating Black History Month, we can take satisfaction from this recent progress in the realization of the ideals envisioned by our Founding Fathers. But, even more than this, we can seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

In the intervening 40 years, we've seen remarkable progress in racial justice, and also heartbreaking setbacks. There are some in our own community who feel Black History Month is unnecessary - as there were in Woodson's own day. And their essential point is valid: Black history is American History, and its teaching should not be relegated to one month per year. But that isn't the point of Black History Month.

The American Dream remains perilously out of reach for many people of color. The National Urban League Equality Index, a comprehensive comparison of Black America's status in the areas of economics, health, education, social justice and civic engagement, stands at 72.2%.

Racial disparity won't disappear if we simply ignore it. Justice will not be achieved unless we actively seek it out. Black History Month not only serves as a reminder of what our forbearers have achieved, but as an inspiration for the journey that remains before us.

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

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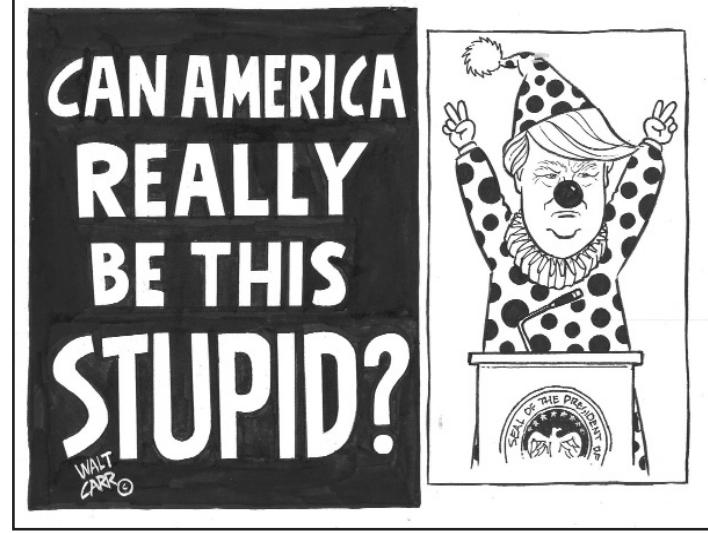
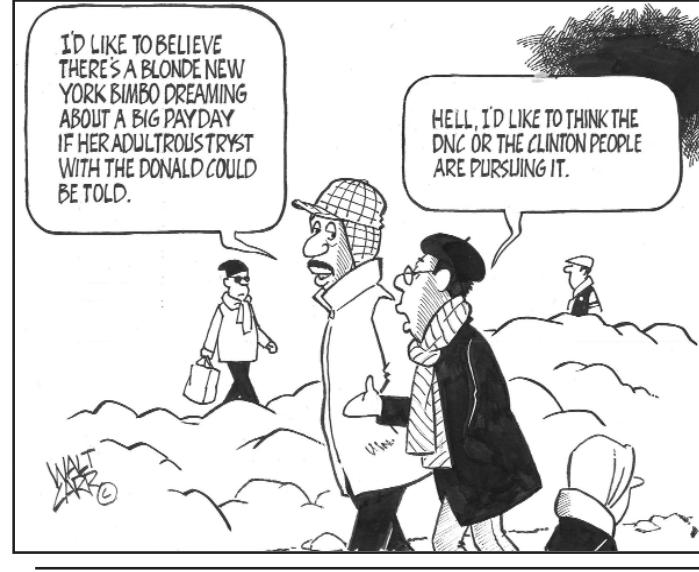


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BEYOND THE RHETORIC

Filthy rich and dangerous - Part 1

My early days of being an activist seem so simple now. A hot head reporter or radio personality would challenge my actions and I would

**Harry C.
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simply shut him/her down with my quips and verbal jockeying. An IRS series of audits, police interrogations, being pulled over by the state police for no reason were some of those tactics back then in Indiana. A strange car following our sons home from school was about the lowest tactic. Our opponents, politicians and local business owners found that we were afraid of nothing. We took a vow of near poverty. That meant we had nothing serious to lose and they had nothing to leverage us into submission or contrition.

When we (my wife, Kay and I) decided that the above state was not beneficial to our twin son's upbringing, we left Indy for Washington, DC and began to live an upscale lifestyle. We brought with us an understanding of local political harassment and how to dodge around it. We relied on that experience until now. It appears that we have arrived in the major leagues and the enemies would not be some

Hoosier Hicks. All of a sudden we were in the arena of billionaires who saw money as no object and vengeance as a requirement to their under the table activities. These guys make presidents, congresspersons, senators, etc. They take no prisoners (literally). One of my friends explained to me: "You have been used to dealing with people who seek to knock you down. These folks here will take you all the way out. They will seek to destroy you!"

One of my first examples of this was during the first Clinton Administration. The number two person at the Small Business Administration was a sister who decided that the SBA would no longer get into the procurement business and just concentrate on lending and technical support. That was war to us and we prepared for battle. We raised some serious noise on a national basis and this caught the attention of the White House. Some elderly guy met with some of our principals. No one really knew who he was. But when he realized that we were prepared for "war" he made a suggestion. "If I talked to Bill (the president) and told him if we removed this lady from her position, the problem would go away - would that work?" We said yes. Two weeks later she was gone! She went to one of Vernon Jordan's companies (He was a board member for about a dozen

Fortune 100 companies). That spoke volumes.

It also made us aware that there was a force out there that was more powerful than the President. As the "body counts" under the Clinton Administration started to multiply and the overwhelming scandals started to appear, it was so clear to me. Forget about the movies, this was the real "Empire". My advocacy remained strong but I purposefully remained under the "radar" of these real power brokers.

So I played this game. A few "jabs" here and a "duck" there, progress was being made. In fact, our positions were similar to the platform of President George W. Bush. The Pro-Business arena saw talent in me and the National Black Chamber of Commerce. We were on a major roll and considered the voice of Black business. Fortune Magazine, the House, the Senate and cable television referred to the NBCC to measure the mood of Black business.

Then, as Earth, Wind and Fire would say: "Something happened along the way and what used to be happy turned sad". The presidential race for 2008 brought the fiercest political battle in the history of the United States. It wasn't Democrats versus Republicans any more, it was do or die.

There were a lot of organizations: environment, taxation, education, military, labor, economic parity, Civil Rights, Homosexual, etc. But now, there was a major movement to take all of these organizations and classify them as Group 1 and Group 2. Saying liberal or conservative wasn't enough. Terms like Progressive and Free Market became defining roles. Thus, America and the western world for that matter became divided into two groups of tribes. We, the NBCC, found ourselves classified as Free Market and that was cool to us. The Progressives came up with this project named Barack Hussein Obama. Muslim name, African blood mixed with Caucasian blood and early roots in Islamic Indonesia. It was unique to say the least.

So, when the Progressive groups like Green Peace, 1 Percenters, SEIU and other hostile organizations launched a physical attack on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its members the format was set. They viewed capitalism as their enemy and a socialistic/communistic philosophy as their mantra. The White House was on their side and they would not compromise in the least. The world, as we know it, was about to change. Chaos was in charge!

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Trump, Cruz, Rubio: Russian roulette with three already in the chamber

(TriceEdneyWire.com) -

"We will carpet bomb [ISIS] into oblivion. I don't know if sand can glow in the dark, but we're going to find out..." Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Rising Tide Summit Convention

As the nation moves closer to the Feb. 1 Iowa Caucus and the Feb. 9 New Hampshire Primary, Americans are being subjected to the absolute worst of the political process instead of the best of what America has to offer. Republican candidates such as Donald Trump, Sens. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) continue to play to the divisive and negative least common denominators of bigotry, hatred, and fear of the mythical "Islamic terrorists" instead of a more positive and inclusive message.

Their jingoistic rhetoric and lies are not making America stronger. Instead, they are making the problems worse. We are all aware of Trump's now infamous comments about Mexican immigrants: "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best. They're not sending you...They're sending people that have lots of problems...They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And

some, I assume, are good people!"

Trump conveniently ignores the fact that American foreign policy has exacerbated if not caused the migration problem. One just has to reflect upon the Reagan Administration's violent and immoral involvement in El Salvador or Reagan's illegal support of the Contras in Nicaragua to understand the "Blowback" from America's intervention in the politics south of the border. More recently, NAFTA has wreaked havoc on Mexico's economy.

According to The New York Times, because of NAFTA "...the country's annual per capita growth flat-lined to an average of just 1.2 percent - one of the lowest in the hemisphere. Its real wage has declined and unemployment is up."

Trump has also called for the "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on." With his doublespeak, Trump says, "The Quran is very interesting. A lot of people say it teaches love ... But there's something there that teaches some very negative vibe ... Now I don't know if that's from the Quran. I don't know if that's from someplace else. But there's tremendous hatred out there that I've never seen anything like it."

How does Trump's intentional misrepresentation and demonization of the Holy Koran play to the over 1.6 billion Muslims around

the world? As a result of his anti-Muslim rhetoric and his support for warrantless searches as a part of his plans for increased surveillance of the nation's Muslims, according to Reuters, "British lawmakers...debated a petition to ban U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump from Britain over remarks on Muslims..." calling his remarks "crazy" and "offensive".

It does not portend well to have America's strongest ally debating a ban of the leader for the Republican nomination for the highest office in America. It's also important to remember that according to a Pew Research Center estimate, Islam is currently the world's second-largest religion after Christianity. It is the fastest-growing major religion and Muslims make up roughly 23 percent of the world's population. As members of the Obama administration negotiated the Iranian nuclear deal, Cruz, Rubio and a host of others criticized President Obama.

It has been a long held tradition in this country that "politics stops at the water's edge". Some Republicans have chosen to ignore that tradition in its dealings with the Obama administration. Ted Cruz said if the Iran deal passed through Congress, "the Obama administration will become quite literally the world's leading financier of radical Islamic terrorism." This was before the administration had even announced the details of the

agreement. Marco Rubio went as far as to say, the deal with Iran on its nuclear program could result in war.

"I would argue that a bad deal almost guarantees war, because Israel is not going to abide by any deal that they believe puts them and their existence in danger..." Again, this was before the details of the agreement were made public. Recently, when American sailors were temporarily detained by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and held at gunpoint for sailing into Iranian waters, Cruz, Rubio, Trump and others tried to fan the flames of anti-Iranian sentiment with misinformation and lies. Cruz said on FOX news, "Any nation that captured our military officers, captures our soldiers, should face serious repercussions."

When Chris Wallace pointed out that the sailors were released unharmed after 14 hours, Cruz replied, "The only reason they were seized is because of the weakness of Barack Obama." Rubio said, "They took pictures of them on the deck of a ship with their hands behind their back. Then they put them in a jail pen, and they made the female sailor cover her head in a scarf. They took pictures of them and video and put it up on Iranian television as if to say, look what we can do to America, we can capture their sailors, we can make

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WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO**Are you running toward the right goal?****THE PROBLEMS:**

More than fifty years ago (1965) in a professional football game between the Minnesota Vikings and the

San Francisco 49ers, an unbelievable event happened. Jim Marshall, defense end, of the Vikings picked up a fumble and ran to the wrong goal line scoring a safety (two points) for the other team.

You are running to the wrong goal if:

You are listening to and believing confused preachers who say your religion does not believe in voting but does believe in paying taxes.

You are not researching, registering and voting in every election.

You are failing to practice what you were taught about

politics, religion and education from your grandparents and parents.

You are running downhill with negative people who live just for the moment.

#NOTE: In my family, we have a leader from each of the 11 children born to my grandparents. They share their family news at our yearly family reunions. Our matriarch is Aunt Ophelia McLean. She is the last living member at the young age of 93. In her church, Norrington AME-Zion in Lillington, NC she was the leader of leaders until she developed health problems. She is the leader of leaders in our family. Those of us who take time and listen to her advice are running toward the "right" goal.

THE SOLUTIONS:

Listen to your teammates. Jim Marshall's teammates were yelling for him to stop running to the wrong goal.

Any preacher that tell you not to vote for a candidate because of their positions on

five of the 75 important issues is leading you toward the wrong goal. We all must compromise, within reason, for the betterment of all. The only perfect person or politician is GOD and I don't think he is running for School Board, General Assembly, Governor, U.S. Senate or President of the United States in 2016.

Every family has many leaders, some negative and some positive. We have to listen to all of the leaders' position, add in our position then make a decision.

We must research the issues and candidate positions, weigh them against our family needs then register and vote in every election.

We must remember or discover the higher power our grandparents and parents taught us about then as they say in some churches "govern yourself accordingly".

Running to the right goal requires you to run away from negative people who only sell wolf's tickets and

run with and toward visionaries.

Run toward the right goal in 2016. Vote and take three with you!!!

To learn more about the issues and candidates in our life changing 2016 election, read and support your local Black newspapers.

Ruth 1:16 ((Paraphrased))

And Ruth said "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go, wherever you live, I will live, your people will be my people and your GOD will be my GOD."

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CURRY'S COMMENTS**Flint residents mistreated because of race and class**

(Via George Curry Media)

Le's face it: Contaminated water would not have flowed through the pipes of Flint, Mich. - certainly not for as long as it did - if the residents of the city of nearly 100,000 had been White and affluent instead of Black and largely poor.

In fact, if two-term Republican Gov. Rick Snyder had dreamed of that happening in Bloomfield Hills, he would have called a press conference the next morning to apologize for having such a nightmare.

But Flint is not Bloomfield Hills.

According to 2014 Census Bureau figures, Flint is predominantly Black (56.6 percent), has a poverty rate of 41.5 percent, which is nearly three times the national figure, and a median family income of \$24,834.

On the other hand, Bloomfield Hills, which is 90 percent White and only 3.2 percent African American, has a poverty rate of only 2 percent, an estimated median family income of \$151,596, and the medium house or condo is valued at \$670,823 - about 23 times the value of the average home (\$29,000) in Flint, according to city-data.com.

Whether a family drinks or bathes in lead-contaminated water should not be determined by their race or income. Black and poor lives should matter as much as White and rich ones. Because that wasn't the case in Flint, children were exposed to unacceptably high levels of lead poisoning, which could lead to brain damage, learning disabilities and behavioral problems.

Everyone responsible for this fiasco should lose their job, be criminally prosecuted and if found guilty, serve time in prison and pay restitution.

Fortunately, the eyes of the nation are fixed on Michigan to see if justice will prevail. The National Bar Association, under the leadership of President Benjamin L. Crump, was scheduled to hold a town hall meeting on the water crisis Monday in Flint with its local and state counterparts.

Congressional hearings were scheduled for this Wednesday and Rev. Al Sharpton was planning to bring busloads of New Yorkers to monitor the proceedings. Unfortunately, most of our civil rights leaders are doing little beyond holding press conferences and issuing statements about the crisis in Flint. With February - a/k/a "Negro Employment Month" - now upon us, they will become even more distant.

Meanwhile, we continue to learn new, sordid details about this reprehensible tragedy.

From 2011-2015, Flint was in state receivership and went through four emergency managers appointed by the governor. In April 2014, in a move to save money, the state-imposed emergency manager decided to switch Flint's water supply from Lake Huron to the Flint River. Shortly after the change, residents began to complain about the water's taste, color and odor. Stories were written about it in Flint and Detroit newspapers, but residents were repeatedly told they had nothing to fear. The city issued a press release saying, "Flint water is safe to drink."

While city residents were being targeted with that message, state employees were quietly getting another one.

As the Detroit Free Press reported, "In January of 2015, when state officials were telling worried Flint residents their water was safe to drink, they also were arranging for coolers of purified water in Flint's State Office Building so employees wouldn't have to drink from the taps, according to state government e-mails released Thursday..."

State employees were not the only ones receiving special treatment.

Writing under the headline, "10 Things They Won't Tell You about the Flint Water Tragedy," filmmaker and Flint native Michael Moore stated, "A few months after Governor Snyder removed Flint from the clean fresh water we had been drinking for decades, the brass from General Motors went to him and complained that the Flint River water was causing their car parts to corrode when being washed on the assembly line. The Governor was appalled to hear that GM property was being damaged, so he jumped through a number of hoops and quietly spent \$440,000 to hook GM back up to the Lake Huron water, while keeping the rest of Flint on the Flint River water. Which means that while the children in Flint were drinking lead-filled water, there was one - and only one - address in Flint that got clean water: the GM factory."

Last February, Miguel Del Toral, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expert, wrote to one city official, "Given the very high lead levels found at one home and the preflushing happening in Flint, I'm worried that the whole town may have much higher lead levels than the compliance results indicated."

But no one in a position to change this was worried enough to step in.

Remember, all of this happened while Flint was operating under state-appointed emergency managers. Like he had done in Detroit, Gov. Snyder appointed emergency managers supposedly because local officials were too inept to handle their own business. But they couldn't have done any worse than his appointees in this instance. A year ago, Detroit water officials offered to reconnect Flint to Lake Huron and waive the \$4 million connection fee. But the emergency manager, Jerry Ambrose, declined the offer and residents of Flint continue to suffer to this day. Someone needs to pay for the state-sponsored serial ineptness.

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BLACKONOMICS**Political decisions vs. political choices**

(Via George Curry Media)

Picture this headline: "Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders win respective nominations." Let

that marinate for a moment before reading any further.

Now, what is your reaction? Faced with those two choices, what will you do? For

whom will you vote? Will you vote at all? Or, will you go to either (or both) of the candidates and make demands, insisting that unless they support your positions publicly and in writing, you will not vote for them? No matter who ends up on the ballot, our choice for president will be based on decisions made by others.

Some people use "deciding" and "choosing" interchangeably, and in some cases that's fine. But in politics, it's intellectually dangerous and comes with negative results for the electorate. Remember George Bush's words, "I am the decider?" That was his way of saying I have the final say. Like the president, the Supreme Court decides; political handlers, donors, and operatives decide. The electorate chooses, with the exception of the 2000 election where the Supremes decided who would be president.

What about Black folks? As I wrote in this space last year, Black folks do not have a say in who wins Iowa and New Hampshire, which are the primary indicators of who gets the final nomination for president. Why would candidates spend millions of dollars to win those two small states? Iowa has a 91 percent White and 2 percent Black population, and only six electoral votes; New Hampshire has a 93 percent White and 1 percent Black population, and only four electoral votes. By the way, the third state to vote is South Carolina, which has a 28 percent Black population and nine electoral votes.

The bottom line in this exclusionary process that takes place during the run-up to the presidential election is this: The majority of the electorate is only left with choosing among, and later between, the candidates decided upon by a handful of powerbrokers and opinion leaders.

Listen to the speeches and watch the debates, and you will see a glaring absence of rhetoric about Black issues, such as those listed in the political platform of the One Million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors (OMCBVC). Lip service and posturing are the rules of the day for candidates who want the Black vote. The bar for their response to our needs is insultingly low. Just say, "Yes, Black lives do matter," and you got Black votes. Just say, "I am for voting rights," and

you lock up Black votes. Just mention MLK's Dream, or Rosa Parks' refusal, or the Selma Bridge, and the Black votes are in the bag - mostly the Democrats' bag.

Bernie Sanders, according to an article written by Ta-Nehisi Coates, said, the likelihood of reparations for descendants of enslaved Africans in America "is nil...I think it would be very divisive." That's a real interesting response in that reparations for Jewish people were not deemed "divisive" by Sanders. Barack Obama does not support reparations; Hillary Clinton and all the Republican candidates do not support reparations. So Black folks "ain't got nothin' coming." Surprised? I doubt it.

What do we do? Well, we must first understand that in politics there is a difference between choosing and deciding. Then, we must organize ourselves into a "deciding" force rather than continue to be a "choosing" afterthought.

How do we do that? By joining the OMCBVC and reaching a critical mass of Black folks who are willing to play politics to win by leveraging our votes as a bloc, and by combining our financial resources in order to leverage our dollars within the political campaigns of prospective candidates.

Ice cream moguls, Ben Cohen's and Jerry Greenfield's support of Black Lives Matter and their ties to Bernie Sanders in Vermont, notwithstanding, Charles and David Koch, Sheldon Adelson,

George Soros, and all the rest of the puppet masters whose money controls politics, show us that we have very little decision-making power. What we have at this stage of the game is the ability to choose from the power-brokers' decisions.

Beyond the superficial, Black folks' issues are not being discussed by any candidate. But why should the candidates deal with us? They are courting virtually all-White audiences in the two states they want us to believe will ultimately determine our next president. When the game comes to South Carolina, it will change a little; we'll see Black church visits, gospel hymns being sung, and arm-in-arm prayer, which always turns us on and captures our support.

I implore you, if you are a conscious Black voter, to join the movement that is focused on bringing about a significant change in how public policy is determined. Go to www.iamoneofthemillion.com and sign up. We must be deciders, not choosers.

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them get on their knees, we can humiliate them."

What is really humiliating is people like Senator Rubio ignoring history and facts and using what could have been a very tense, dangerous and volatile situation for political gain. First, the brief history. What gets conveniently left out of the conservative narrative about US/Iranian relations is that in 1953 the U.S. orchestrated a coup d'état and overthrew the democratically elected Prime Minister of Iran, Mohammad Mosaddegh. The U.S. then oversaw the reinstatement of the Shah. The Shah's secret police, domestic security and intelligence service called the SAVAK tortured and executed opponents of the Shah with the help of the C.I.A.

While there are still facts that have yet to surface regarding the recent issue with the U.S. sailors, we do know that Iran is a sovereign country. Just like the United States, Iran has total control of its borders (land, sea and air). When their territorial waters are violated they have every right to capture those in violation of their territory and hold them until they can determine the nature and cause of the vio-

lation. In Iran, all women must cover their heads. The female sailor was not forced to wear a hijab or a burqa. But, in keeping with Iranian law, she wore a scarf over her head.

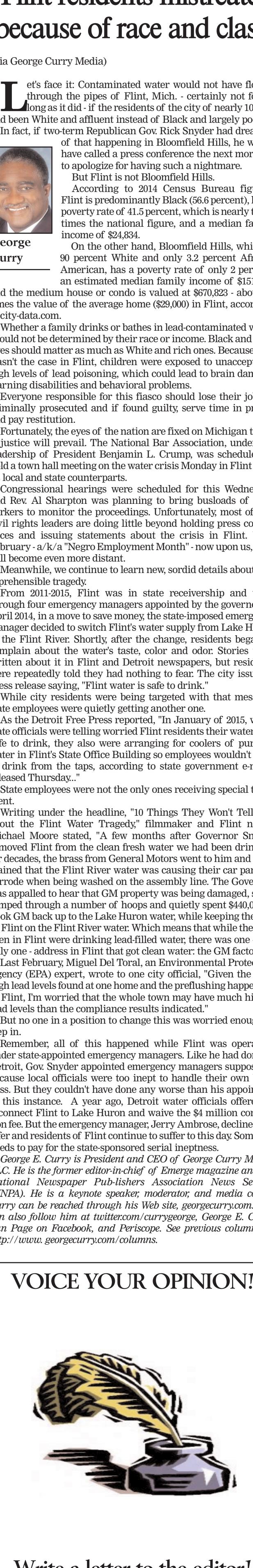
Oh, the horror. The U.S. sailors violated Iranian territorial waters. They were detained for 14 hours, questioned and released unharmed. One of the sailors apologized to Iran for their "mistake". Remember when Rubio was complaining that the Iranian nuclear deal was a weak negotiation because the freedom of the American hostages was not part of the deal? He sent President Obama two letters stating that very point. Now that the four hostages that Rubio mentioned in his letters were recently released by Iran, where are the congratulations from Rubio? Are the Republican candidates so anti-Muslim and anti-Obama that they refuse to acknowledge these positive examples of diplomacy? I guess if your only solution is a bomb, every problem is a war.

Oh the hypocrisy. What we also know is with the Obama administration's assassination of Gaddafi in Libya and George W. Bush's illegal invasion of Iraq, America does not care about national sovereignty. When a U.S.

Muslims from the US even though we need all allies from Muslim countries to solve the serious problems in Africa/Middle East and other countries around the world, we should be alarmed.

When Cruz lies about ISIS is "right now" crucifying Christians in Iraq, literally nailing Christians to trees", we should be very concerned. When Trump would willingly violate the US Constitution with warrantless wiretaps on American Muslims in mosques, we should pause for serious debate. When all the Republican Party can offer America is bigoted, fear mongering, xenophobes like Rubio, Trump and Cruz as its frontrunners to the approval of the Republican electorate; America is standing on the proverbial slippery slope. It's playing with a loaded gun. It's playing Russian roulette with three rounds already in the chamber.

Dr. Wilmer Leon is the Producer/Host of the nationally broadcast call-in talk radio program "Inside the Issues with Leon," on SiriusXM Satellite radio channel 126. Go to www.wilmerleon.com or email: wjl3us@yahoo.com, www.twitter.com/drwilmerleon and Dr. Leon's Prescription at Facebook.com.

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New Hanover County

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



Community Briefs

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

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.

New Hanover County Schools All-County Elementary School Choral Festival Concert will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Minnie Evans Arts Center on Halyburton Memorial Parkway. Approximately 150 talented, young singers from New Hanover County elementary schools will perform. The Elementary All-County Chorus will be conducted by Amy Brock-Davis. Amy Brock Davis is the Associate Conductor for the Girls Chorale of the Capital City Girls' Choir at Meredith College and the co-director of Choral Activities at Durham School of the Arts. The public is cordially invited to attend this afternoon of choral music. There will be no admission fee.

The Willis Richardson Players will be holding auditions for the plays: "The Chip Woman's Fortune" by Willis Richardson and contributions by Ted Shine and "A Room with a Double Bed" by local artist Ruth Jonson on Monday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Hannah Block Community Arts Center, 120 South 2nd Street. The plays will be presented on April 15th and April 16th. For more information call 910-763-1889 or 910-399-3337.

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.

Queensboro Shirt Company and Cynthia Blash will hold a blanket drive on February 20th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 1400 Marsteller St. (Beside the Food Bank). Drop off locations for blankets and donations are 510 s. 14th St. and 1400 Marsteller St. For questions and drop off information contact Cynthia at 910-404-645-5046 or Queensboro Shirt Company at 910-251-1251. Refreshments will be served.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Our voting rights are legal

The term "legal" means authorized by, or based on, law. A taxpaying citizen of Brunswick County, whether male or female, with the necessary documents and information, will be able to vote.

Voting is a right not to be taken for granted. The African American slaves could not vote in the days of slavery. They were considered more like animals than a human being.

I talk about slaves and slavery because our young generation knows very little of our history. Our history has never been adequately taught in the public schools. If it had been adequately taught, perhaps this County would have a better appreciation for our contributions.

Beginning in 2016, voters will need to show acceptable photo ID at the polls. Voting is the citizens' way of reaching agreements that are acceptable by the majority. If each of us would be responsible for

taking one person to the poll, this would be a way of getting first time voters to the polls. We can find ways to meet people who have never voted. It can be at religious programs, sporting events, health and wellness activities, political meetings, etc. We must increase our membership in the Democratic Party. We need to vote in order to be represented and have our voices heard. The Republicans cannot stop a very strong organization, such as the Black Leadership Caucus.

These meetings can be beneficial if the attendance is good and they are built on a sound spiritual and moral foundation. They can give a brighter outlook for future generations. In these meetings, everyone is free to ask or answer questions in an intelligent manner. In such a setting, successful can also take place.

We know there are one hundred counties in North Carolina. Brunswick County used to be one of the very poor places in which to live. Today, it is a wealthy county because rich people move from out of state to live on the popular beaches in Brunswick County. Let the

rich pay for their own beach nourishment. We are in need of our tax dollars to support schools in Brunswick County. More teachers' aides are needed in the classroom. Teachers are asking reliable voting citizens to visit the classrooms and observe some of the needs of public education.

I want to pass this information to others from the Star News, and it speaks of a hefty cost. The current project for Carolina Beaches is estimated to cost \$11 million, with the federal government picking up \$7.3 million of the tab.

Some of that money is needed in Brunswick County Schools. We are not fighting for our children to have the best education possible. Leland may have a path for the ABC Stores, but those tax dollars would help provide a better education for our children. Why would we spend all the increased tax dollars in private schools? Today Black and White children can ride the school bus with successful drivers. We want all of our children to be in the hands of a safe drivers and aides everyday.

Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton is getting more and more popu-

lar in the United States. It's possible she could be the first woman President of the United States. Sarah Palin, former Alaska governor and a favorite of the Tea Party, has announced her support for Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump. The one thing I know for sure is that Hillary Clinton absolutely is 100 percent a true American and she loves America and will restore it to greatness for all citizens. My vote is going for Hillary Clinton.

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.

Moderator Thurman B. Everett endorses presidential candidate Hillary Clinton

January 13, 2016

Question: Dr. Everett why are you supporting Hillary Clinton as the Democratic Nominee for President of the United States?

Answer: First, let it be known that I am not politically savvy in regard to politics. However, I find in Matthew 7:20 of the King James Bible, these words: "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." This points to knowing and identifying how a person is in character and behavior. Mrs. Clinton being the wife of former President, William Jefferson Clinton, is one of the factors that helped me reach this conclusion.

Question: Can you explain what you mean?

Answer: Gladly. In the year 1999, Hurricane Floyd devastated much of eastern North Carolina. I was serving in the General Baptist Convention of N.C. as the Housing Chairman. In this capacity, I witnessed firsthand the genuine concern of President Clinton for the people of N.C. President Clinton left the White House to tour the areas ravaged in the wake of Hurricane Floyd. On September 20, 1999, in front of the Town Hall in Tarboro, N.C., President Clinton said, "We will be with you for as long as it takes." Here he was, the most powerful man in the world, stepping down from the highest office in the land to offer hope for a better tomorrow, to a people that had lost so much and for some, everything. President Clinton did not just make a statement that sounded good. He followed it up with actions.

Question: Can you list some of those actions Dr. Everett?

Answer: Yes, I will. After the flood waters receded and it was safe to enter the flooded areas, President Clinton dispatched a team from the White House to further assess the damage from the hurricane. It was in Princeville, N.C. that I was introduced to the team. I briefed them on the plans of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., one part being to purchase land and build some houses to demonstrate to the people that their town would be rebuilt and their lives restored.

Question: After the briefing, what happened?

Answer: The team returned to the White House and briefed the President on their findings as well as my report after verifying it. On October 30, 2000, President Clinton extended an invitation to me to attend a briefing by him at the White House. While there, I gave him an overview of the assistance being rendered to the flood victims. I also asked him to come to N.C. and speaking at one of our GBSC Housing Banquets held annually to raise funds to assist flood victims.

Question: Dr. Everett, what was his reply?

Answer: He said to me that he was leaving office soon, but to keep trying. I will come and speak for GBSC of NC. I don't know how God worked it out, but on December 6, 2002, President William Jefferson Clinton was the Housing Banquet speaker for the GBSC in Raleigh, NC. Having witnessed the level of leadership from President Clinton, I believe the level of love, con-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

President William Jefferson Clinton and Dr. Thurman Bruce Everett October 30, 2000 White House briefing and reception honoring religious leaders.

November 13, 2000

Dr. Thurman B. Everett

**603 South Wilmington Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2338**

Dear Dr. Everett:

The President was pleased to see you at the White House on October 30, 2000, for the briefing and reception honoring religious leaders.

He has asked me to send the enclosed photographs as a memento of the special day.

I send you my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Capricia Penavic Marshall

**Capricia Penavic Marshall
Social Secretary**

Letter Dr. Everett received from White House

cern, dedication and commitment is embedded in the heart of Hillary Clinton. Her record speaks for itself. All one has to do is inspect the fruit that has fallen from her tree.

Question: Dr. Everett, of all the people campaigning for the office of President, what is the one thing you see that sets Hillary Clinton apart?

Answer: To me it is her unique understanding of the mission of her office and her ability to carry out that mission for the betterment of humankind.

Question: Is there anything else you would like to add before we conclude?

Answer: Yes, it is written in Genesis 2:24 of the King

James Bible: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh." When Hillary Clinton is elected President of the United States of America, we will have two in one with the expertise to lead the people of God and the world to higher heights of excellence.

Conclusion: Dr. Everett, thank you for your time and insight and for expressing your views.

Rev. Dr. Thurman B. Everett is the Pastor of Bryant Swamp Missionary Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC and the Moderator of Lumber River Baptist Association, Lumberton, NC.



DANIEL BEATY: EMERGENCY

What happens when 40 people witness a slave ship emerge in front of the Statue of Liberty?

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Luberta Romell Bell

Luberta Romell Bell died on November 20, 2015. Services were held Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Unity Funeral Home, 2352 8th Ave., New York, NY 10027.

Luberta known as "Bert" to her loved ones, was born on August 8, 1934 in Sumter, South Carolina to John and Mary Dickerson Baker. The family which consisted of nine children moved to and were raised in Wilmington, North Carolina.

She attended school there and graduated from Williston Senior High School. Bert moved to New Jersey with her then husband, Robert Adams. Her first born, Michael Jerome was born to this marriage. She moved to New York City where she met and married Robert (Bobby) Bell. Together they had one child, Jameelah Shabazz. She and Bobby joined the Nation of Islam and throughout her life remained faithful to Islam. Bert spent her career as a toll collector for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey where she retired after twenty-eight years of service. Bert returned to North Carolina where she spent the last eight years of her life.

Bert was the matriarch of her family, gently counseling those seeking her advice and sometimes those who didn't but needed it anyway. She was non-judgmental and always stayed above the fray. She was respected and adored by all who knew her.

Proceeding her in death were her husband, Robert (Bobby) Bell, her son, Michael Adams, her parents John Baker, Sr and Mary Baker; her sisters, Margie Wise and Janie James and brothers, John Baker, Jr., Cornelius Hamilton, Archie Nelson, Samuel Wise and Edward Alston.

She is survived by: her children, Jameelah and Christopher Clark, Teresa Tolbert, Irma Finley and Carol Gurley; grandchildren, Tanya Gurley, Jason and Jared Adams, Tanele Green, Crystal Davis, Corey and Christopher, Jr.; great grandchildren, Ali, Tajanei, Kennedy and Juli; sisters, Christine Alston, Marylyn Hamilton, Cherry Nelson, Gerry Roberson, Barbara Baker; brothers, William Baker and John Roberson; a loving family filled with cousins, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews; and a host of friends, coworkers and neighbors that all admired her strength, integrity and grace.

Sandra was born on May 14, 1950 in Wilmington, NC. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mildred McGhee and Edward Alston.

Funeral Home.

Mr. Calvin Boykin Jr.

Calvin Boykin Jr. was born in Sampson County on October 17, 1926. He departed this life on January 27, 2016. Calvin Boykin Jr. funeral was held Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 2:00 pm at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel in Wilmington, NC.

Calvin was a happy man. He would always have you smiling. He loved to work in the yard and would always have his dog by his side. He served in the United States Army. Calvin was loved very much and will be forever missed.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, two daughters; Patricia and Leslie and one son, Rudolph. He also leaves behind four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many other relatives and very dear friends.

Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Willie Nelson Jr.

Mr. Willie Nelson Jr. died Thursday, January 21, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The Celebration of Life was held on Friday, January 29, 2016 at Faith Temple, Fellowship Hall. Willie Nelson Jr., the son of the late Peggy Ann and Mr. Ben Willie Nelson, was born April 23, 1954 in Wilmington, NC. He worked as a Brick Mason and many other jobs that he thoroughly enjoyed, including a shipping yacht in California.

Willie loved his family and host of friends. In addition to his parents to his parents, Willie was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Mae Nelson and a brother Kenneth Nelson Sr.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory: sisters Ruth Ann Pulley (Tony) of Spring Hope, NC, Carolyn Ballard and Jacqueline Nelson of Wilmington, NC, a brother, Mr. Bailey Jerome Nelson of Sacramento California, a special and loving sister-in-law, Patricia Nelson, Aunts Mazie Nelson of Wilmington, NC, Ruth Nelson of Durham, NC, and a love that he considered as his wife for over 24 years, Linda Burke, a host of nieces and nephews. Willie loved as his own, a cousin he considered as a brother, Ernest Louis Nelson, a long time friend, Roosevelt Bess, and numerous cousins and loved ones. Everyone was truly loved.

Sandra Clark

Sandra Clark died Friday, January 22nd at Sherwood Manor Rest Home. Funeral services were held Friday, January 29, 2016 at St. Stephen AME Church. Interment followed in the Pine Forest Cemetery.

Sandra was born on May 14, 1950 in Wilmington, NC. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mildred McGhee and Edward Alston.

Brown; father, James Henry Brown, Sr.; brothers, James Henry Brown, Jr. and sister, Doris Ann Hines.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories: one son, Albert Leon Brown (Patricia); grandchildren, Anthony Green, CJ Green (LaMesha), Jonathan Sweets and Taneshia Green; g r e a t - g r a n d c h i l d r e n , Aryanaha Green, Cameron Green, Morgan Green, Sa'mya Green and Ja'kel Sweetw; sisters, Gwendolyn Brown and Thelma Williams; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Laurette Johnson

Laurette Johnson died Saturday, January 23rd at LCFH. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 30th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Laurette was born February 13, 1962, in Wilmington, NC. She was raised in New Jersey during her earlier years and later moved back to Wilmington, NC. LAurtee had a heart of gold and an "Unforgetable" attitude. She was truly her own woman who enjoyed life and lived life the way that she wanted to. NO matter whether she was happy or sad, she gave anyone and everyone a reason to smile or laugh and even cry. One could definitely count on her to bring the action to the party. Who can take her place? No one. She was one of a kind who will truly be missed and remembered always. She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Wright Johnson.

Laurette is survived by her siblings, Doris Lee Casio, Clayton Lee Johnson (Teresa), Faye Pigford, Juliette Delts (Alfred) and Anthony Johnson (Renee); aunt, Perl Lee Sloan, longtime companion, Barry Simpson and his two children, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Estella Thomas

Estella Thomas died Thursday, January 21st at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 28th at Prayer and Bible Church of God For All People.

Mother Estella Thomas, the oldest of nine siblings was born October 17, 1927, to the late Leonard and Carrie Lee Thomas in Bessemer Alabama. She entered into eternal rest on January 21, 2016, at Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Wilmington, North Carolina. Her son, Aubrey Thomas and six of her siblings preceded her in death.

At an early age, Mother Estella Thomas accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of her life. She began her journey of faith as a member of New Bethel Holiness Church in Axis, Alabama, where she remained faithful for many years. She later moved to Saraland, Alabama where she became a member of The Prayer House of Our Lord Holiness Church. In the year of 1975, Mother Estella moved to

New York and began living with her daughter and son-in-law, Paul and joined Fairmont Baptist Church in New York. She along with her family moved to Wilmington, North Carolina in 1988 and united with the Prayer and Bible Church of God For All People family in April 1989. She served as an official Church Mother and in many other ministries of the church and sang on the mass choir. Mother Estella resided with her daughter for over forty years. She was an amazing woman. Her favorite scripture for meditation; the 23rd Psalm followed by the Lord's Prayer was a part of her daily routine. She believed in the power of prayer. All during the day, Mother would ask, "Are ya'll alright? You know why you alright, because I prayed for you!" With this being said, this song comes to mind; we can truly say, My Mother Prayed For Me. We were blessed to have mother for eighty-eight years and we have a treasure of fond memories that will forever remain in our hearts.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Her Devoted Daughter: Carolyn Louis (Rev. Paul), of the home; Grandchildren: John Peter (Heather), Lawrenceville, GA, Edward Louis (Afeefah), Northern, VA, Thelma Shantel Corbett (Robert), Wilmington, NC and Paul Louis, Jr. (Anitra), Leland, NC; Great-Grandchildren: Eight; Two Sisters: Sally Pruitt, Spring Valley, NY and Juanita Dowdy, Spring Valley, NY; Two Special Nieces: Donna and Joyce; A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Edith Faison

Edith Faison died Sunday, January 24th at Castle Creek Rest Home. Funeral services

were held Monday, February 1st at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Edith Faison, daughter of the late Carrie Nixon Reaves and Duncan Reaves, was born on June 13, 1916, in the Old Town Community of Brunswick County. Just a few months short of reaching her 100th Birthday, Edith departed this earthly life on January 24, 2016. She attended Pine Level Elementary School and Williston Industrial School.

Edith was a hard working person who was straight to the point. A plain, ordinary eagle, she was loved by everyone. She loved her family unconditionally. Edith raised two of her grandchildren, Tasha and Derico as her own. Realizing the need for God in her life, she joined Price Cathedral AME Zion Church. She later moved her membership to Speaks Temple AME Zion Church to support her niece, Rev. Dorothy Gibbs. Edith was a very hard working domestic engineer; loving every minute of her responsibilities. In addition to her parents, Edith was preceded in death by her husband, Simon J. Faison, Sr.; two brothers, Walter Waddell and Willard Reaves and one sister, Louise R. Nixon. She leaves to cherish fond memories: one daughter, Beverly Abraham (Alvin) of Chesapeake, VA; two sons, James R. Faison of Waco, TX and Simon J. Faison, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; ten grandchildren, Derico Faison, Eukia Wiggins, Jasmine Millhouse, Jennifer Davis, Tisha Walker, Rosaline Davis, Cedrick Faison, Tacia Murray, Sam Faison and Pam Ashton; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; a special great-grand, Tanisha Octavia Renee' Johnson, two nieces, Rev. Dorothy Gibbs and Louise Denkins, both of Wilmington, NC; one nephew, James Walter Waddell of Scottsdale, AZ; a

very dear friend, Claire Simpson; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ida James

Ida Mae James died Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 31, 2016 at St. James AMEZ, Leland. Ida

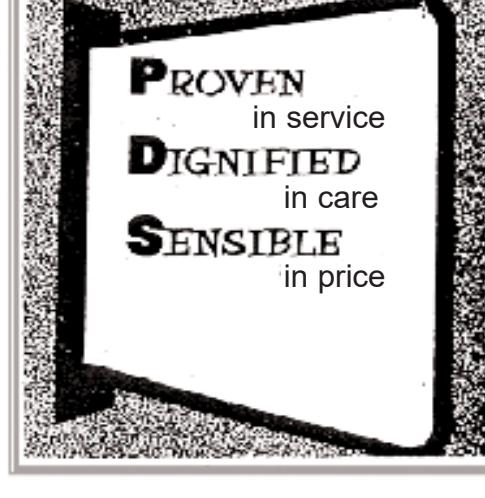
Ida Mae James, daughter of the late Staten Savage, and Eva Mae Harrison was born on February 11, 1934. She departed this life on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. At an early age she joined St. James A.M.E Zion Church and began her walk with the Lord. She enjoyed uplifting the Lord in worship, praise, and dance. She was known as Ida Mae to many, but to her children, grandchildren, and a host of her friends, she was "Muh". "Muh" was married to her loving husband of sixty-two years, Bennie Lee James Sr., and to this union seven children were born. "Muh" was known as a loving and God fearing woman, who was always there to give a helping hand, pray with you, and fellowship. She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Linwood James; her youngest daughter, Evanglia James; stepmother, Ester Savage; four sisters, Thelma Morris, Marjorie Boney, Ethel Sinclair and Ruth Smith and one brother, Staten Savage Jr.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her husband, Bennie Lee James Sr. of the home; two daughters, Doris and Annette Moore (Robert) of Leland, NC; three sons, Bennie James Jr., Glenn James (Tina) and Charlie James (Terese), all of Leland, NC; eighteen grandchildren; thirty-one great-grandchildren;

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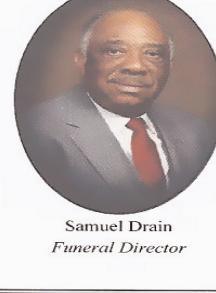
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New Hanover County

Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will sponsor a musical program on Sunday, February 14th at 3:00 p.m. Choirs and different types of entertainment from in and around the city will appear on program. Gifts will be given to chosen individuals.



Religious Briefs

Church Women United will hold their Human Rights Celebration on Friday, February 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Drive. 9:30 a.m. coffee and registration.

Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C., 4th and Marsteller Sts., will host The Greater Wilmington District Revival from Wednesday, February 24th- Friday, February 26th. Evangelist will be Dr. Kevin Williams of Greensboro, NC. Pastor Lorenzo Edge, host. Bishop Stenneth Powell, presiding. Services nightly at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 801 South 10th St., Boone Willing Workers Valentine Banquet will be held in the Carrie Ballard Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Brunswick County

Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Zion, 1882 Lincoln Rd. NE, Family and Friends Day Committee will present A Dinner Theatre featuring the movie War Room on Friday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained through any member of Johnson Chapel. For more information please call 910-200-9538 or 910-431-3109.

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries is accepting clothing donations to help those less fortunate. Drop off location is 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC 28462. (located near Cedar Grove Middle School) Contact Elder Utrillia Johnson at 910-294-0656 for more information.

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In Loving Memory Of



Lillie M. Bellamy Foy-Hyman
Sunrise: January 28th 1920
Sunset: October 13, 1991

Mom, we miss you. We wish we could have shared your birthday with you on January 28th. We will always cherish sweet memories of you.

In Loving Memory Of



Ms. Margaret Louise Roberts Page
Sunrise: January 30, 1927
Sunset: June 7, 2008

God took the fragrance of a flower
The majesty of a tree
The gentleness of the morning dew
The calm of quiet sea
The beauty of the twilight hour
The soul of a starry night
The laughter of rippling brook
The grace of a bird in flight
The tender care of an angel
The faith of a mustard seed
The patience of eternity
The strength of a gentle breeze
The depth of a family need
Then God fashioned these things...a creation like no other and when His masterpiece was through, He simply called her mother.

Dearly missed by, Daughters, Harriet Page, Barbara Page McCray and family

In Loving Memory Of



Mr. Alexander Murphy Sr.
Sunset: February 6, 1981

A place is vacant in the home, That no one can fill; The voice that love ones use to hear, Is silent now and still; The pleasant face they used to see, Is hidden from their view; For he has crossed the borderline, His life work now is through.

Son, Alexander Murphy Jr.; daughters, Delores M. Devine and Celeste R. Murphy, grandchildren and great grandchildren

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SENIOR MOMENTS

We need to put more on the table

My Fellow Seniors:

If you have been reading this column for quite a while, you already know I'm not an educated person because I write just like I talk. However, I will say this much. I know the Bible, and it contains some characters who were just the opposite of Jesus.

Some of them did some horrible things. They per-

suaded others to join them by saying "The Lord told me to do this." However, that person was always alone when he got the message from God. He was the only one who heard it. That makes me wonder why God would speak to just one man when he could have spoken to a crowd. Did the man get the idea himself, or what?

Even today, people are committing horrible crimes in the name of their religion. Do they think God wants them to go around killing innocent people? We don't dare ask that question without first asking did God tell Joshua to

destroy whole communities, killing all the men, all the women, all the children, all the animals, and burning all the buildings.

This happened a thousand years before the birth of Jesus. Still, we still call it God's Word because it's in the Bible, even though we know Jesus had a different message. Over and over again, He said "Men of old have said unto you one thing, but I say something else." So no one with a grade school education is going to believe all of it is God's word, no matter how much we insist that it is. Do

we know about the man who lived to be nine hundred years old or the one who made the sun stand still for a whole day? Check it out, but please don't tell the children.

The reason we insist that all of it is God's Word is that we want to maintain the church, but there is a better way. In order to keep the church as the center of the community for generations to come, we need to put something more on the table, or leave something off!

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Where we are right now?

What a great day and a day in which the Lord has blessed us again! Our Senior Citizens' Fellowship was called to order by Minister Doris McQuillian. She said the sky was a beautiful blue yesterday, and we just wanted to give God the praise! Mr. George Hill asked the choir to come forth. Our opening song was "How Great Thou Art". Prayer was offered by The Reverend Thomas Durian. The chant was "Steal Away." Our next song was "I'll Fly Away." Minister McQuillan said, "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."

The Reverend Clifford Barnett, Pastor of Warner Temple, was our speaker for today. He was introduced by Mrs. Frances Matthews. He

greeted us in the name of Jesus Christ. He said that we worry about everything. He said that, when people get depressed, they close the blinds. He challenged us to open the blinds, look out, and see every day God's mercies are in Lam. 3:23. A gate is a sign of protection. He said we should stop looking at the news all the time. He said that we carry the news when something is happening somewhere else. He said that some youth talk about going to jail like going on vacation. He challenged us to do three things:

1. Open the blinds and look out the window.

2. Take care of yourself. Stay away from negative people because they are toxic. Turn off Facebook. Exercise and walk more.

3. Do something good for someone else. God blesses us to bless someone else. We should share what God has given us. The more we give, the more He gives to us.

He said that God is a good God. He said that we should thank God daily. His words today were great! He had a message we really needed. God put us here for a purpose. Reverend Barnett was given a standing ovation and applause. Minister McQuillan thanked him and then asked for expressions. The expressions are always encouraging.

The meeting was then turned over to our vice president, Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Our president, Mrs. Eloise Purdie, is out because of surgery. She is doing very well. Mrs. Taylor asked for our minutes. They were read by Mrs.

Mildred Ellerby and approved. We then had the roll call. The Callers' report was given, and there was a tie between Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Martin. Each had 9 present. Mr. Cornell Sparrow is in the hospital and needs prayer. Our sick report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. Everyone seems to be doing pretty well. She asked us to continue to pray for them.

Elder Aaron Moore's nephew is being funeralized today at St. Andrews. Elder Moore and Mrs. Anna Briggs Moore are back in town.

Announcements were given. "Smiles", or should I say, "laughter" was brought by Mrs. Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter, for it is good for our souls.

Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together."

TELL SOMEBODY

"Let brotherly love continue"

Love Defined: Strong affection

Unselfish, loyal and benevolent concern for others

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." I John 4:7-8.

Sylvia Hooper
As we can see from reading the scriptures, brotherly love is proof that a person is truly a disciple of Christ. John 13:35 Love is a distinguishing mark of being a follower of Christ. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." This is my commandment, that ye love

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dren; one great-great grandchild; three sisters, Annie Dobson (Andrew) of Queens, New York, Eunice Harris (Johnnie) and Velva Richardson, all of Myrtle Beach, SC; two brothers-in-law, John Sinclair of Queens, NY and Lawrence Smith of Colerain, NC; one sister-in-law, Esther Savage of Beulaville, NC; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mildred Weston

Mildred Weston died Tuesday at Brunswick Cove. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 31st at Mt. Calvary AME, Navassa.

Mrs. Mildred Lucille Washington Weston was born on August 30, 1927, in Leland, NC to Joe and Viola Beatty Washington. Mildred was raised in love by her grandmother, Mary Beatty, upon the passing of her mother. Mildred was raised in the church and accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior early in life. She joined Mt. Calvary AME Church where she remained an active member until her sickness. From singing with the Senior Choir to serving as a Class Leader and participating in various church functions, it was clear that she truly loved the Lord and her Church family. Mildred found love and married the late Edd Weston at a young age. Though their life

together was short, this union produced six children to carry on their legacy. She worked faithfully at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, where she gained lasting friendships that she cherished beyond her 25 years of service. In addition to her parents, Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Edd Weston; grandmother, Mary Beatty; mother-in-law, Sarah Jane Weston; brother, Nathaniel Washington; sister, Mary Bullock; one grandchild, Timothy Balloon and two great grandchildren, Chanelle Joseph and Jabari Pollock.

She leaves to cherish her love and memories: six children, Theresa Cooper of Morehead City, NC, Mary Lee Balloon of Powder Springs, GA, Joe Weston of Butner, NC, Edna Marie Pollock of Wilmington, NC, Beverly Bryant (Gene) of Leland, NC, and Arthur Weston of Bronx, NY; sixteen grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; fifteen great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Geneva Ballard of Leland, NC; three god children: Donnell Hooper, Thomas Merrick "Vinnie", and ZaLeika Toomer; three special friends Mary McKinnon, Celeste Lofton, and Roosevelt Toomer; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Marie Mitchell

Marie Mitchell died Tuesday at Azalea Health and Rehab.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 30th at Hanks Chapel.

Marie "Goldie" Taylor Mitchell was born March 26, 1941 to the late Donovan and Melissa Taylor. She departed this earthly life at Azalea Health and Rehab on January 26, 2016. Prior to her declining health, Goldie as she was so affectionately called, was a faithful member of Hanks Chapel AME Church where she served on the Missionary Board, Trustee Board, Senior Choir, and other Auxiliaries. She was also a member of the Sisters of Gilead Chapter #646 Order of Eastern Star. Goldie was educated in the New Hanover County School System. After high school, she took care of her grandmother and older relatives, which stirred up the passion in her to continue taking care of others. She was employed at numerous nursing care facilities followed by Comprehensive Home Health Care. She traveled from Wilmington to surrounding counties taking care of the home bound. After retiring from a fulfilling career of taking care of others, she decided to serve the children in the New Hanover County School system Cafeterias until she became ill. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her four children: Pam, Quentin, Kerry and Doug; one brother, Robert and two sisters, Norma and Quetta.

She leaves to cherish her beloved memories: her loving daughter, Dottie Mitchell

Blanks; grandsons, Michael and Matthew Harris, Gregory Jr. and Cameron Blanks; one great-granddaughter, Kylie Harris; sisters, Delores Adams (Rev. Leon); Lillian Ross (Arthur); brother, Elder Donovan Taylor (Sarah); sister-in-law, Mae Taylor; aunts, Renada James, Ollie Spicer and Catherine Lowe; a host of loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great-nephews, cousins, family and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Brain Frasier

Brain Frasier died Monday, January 25th at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at Freedom Way Ministries.

Brian Mackenzie Frasier, son of Henrietta Frasier was born in Wilmington, NC on August 30, 1981. He graduated from EA Laney High School in 1999. He furthered his education at Cape Fear Community College. Brian had a great love for football; his favorite team was the Carolina Panthers. He enjoyed various types of music from different generations.

He leaves to cherish his memory: mother, Henrietta Frasier; aunts, Edith Boyd, Willie Mae Long, Cornelia Walton; many special cousins; close friends, Mary & Claude Cook, Joel & Jennifer White; his second mother, Mary Smith and Dave Howell. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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This 14th of January, 2016

Sheila Robinson, Administratrix
1419 Orange Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Harlene S. Hicks, having qualified on the 20th day of October, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate of **DENNIS W. HICKS**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney Rick E. Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **15th day of April, 2016**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 11th of January, 2016

Harlene S. Hicks, Administrator
Rick E. Graves
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Doris S. Bufflap**, 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 **28th day of April, 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 28th of January, 2016

Linda L. Linares, Executrix
106 N. Crestwood Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2016

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

In the Matter of the Estate of **Jerry Lee Watson, Deceased**
The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jerry Lee Watson**, 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 **May 9, 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 4th day of February, 2016.

Lisa Watson Scarborough
Executor of the Estate
of Jerry Lee Watson
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00289 in Tyrrell County bidding on 2/17/16. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 2/8/16 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?let-type=1>. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Dave. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Sara R. Page**, 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 **4th 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 4th of February, 2016

Cathy Wang, Executrix
4622 Manchester Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Margaret H. Shannon**, 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 **4th 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 4th day of February, 2016

Kathleen Shannon Glancy,
Executrix of the Estate of Margaret
H. Shannon
114 S. Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Jean E. Schaefer**, 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 **4th 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 4th day of February, 2016

Brian D. Schaefer, Executor of the
Estate of Jean E. Schaefer
31 Orlando Road
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16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Dora B. Ferger**, 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 **4th 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 4th day of February, 2016

Frances F. Carroll, Executrix of the
Estate of Dora B. Ferger
5014 Thrush Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
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16 North Fifth Avenue
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February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested HUB Certified minority business firms for: "Duck Spring 2016 Drainage Improvement project" bid, in Dare County, NC. Bid date is 2/16/16 10 AM. There will be a pre-bid conference at 9:00 AM on 2/9/16 located at Duck Town Hall, Duck, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at RPC's office, 934 Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, NC 27949. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Dave. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT ROGERS

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate **Vivian Sterling**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of April, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 8th of January, 2016

James E. Sterling, Administrator
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Rene Rey Fundora**, 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 **21st day of April, 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 21st of January, 2016

Leah Holder, Executrix
105 Hearthside Dr.
Greenville, NC 27834

January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2016

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Rosetta Smith**, 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 **28th day of April, 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 28th of January, 2016

Willie J. Smith, Executor
614 Sharease Circle
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
GUILFORD COUNTY
In the General Court of Justice
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This the 28th day of January, 2016.

Durant M. Glover
Durant M. Glover
Attorney for the Plaintiff
P.O. Drawer 1799
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Telephone: (336) 273-9794

February 4, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JoAnn Dumer Hoyt**, New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said JoAnn Dumer Hoyt to present them to John K. Hoyt, 6733 Cable Carr Lane, Wilmington, NC 28403 as Executor by **May 10, 2016** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 2nd of February, 2016

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

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Bonnie Sanders Burney**, late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Administrator at 102 N. Fifth Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **May 5, 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 4th day of February, 2016

Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Bonnie Sanders Burney
Douglas A. Fox, Attorney
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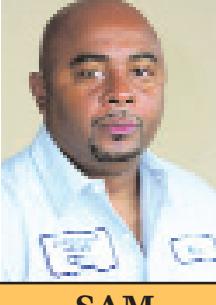
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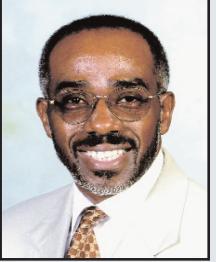
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