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BERNEST HEWETT

FOCUS IS STILL
ON EQUALITY
AND JUSTICE

BY BERNEST HEWETT
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Brunswick County, lately, I have been confronted with questions about why I am always talking about equality and justice in a free United States, where all citizens have the right to advance as they please. However, I find that it's supposed to be that way, but there are laws still being passed or destroyed that prevent this from happening. No race can

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Justice or Else:
'A Movement, not a Moment'

BY HERB BOYD
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Since I have to teach on Saturdays at the City College of New York it was not possible for me to attend the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March in the nation's capital. I doubt if I would have gone under better circumstances because I have "been there, done that" and the fact that I had done my penance and atonement, the message of the first march.

Not having the resources to charter a bus to get my students to the event - and interestingly the only student in my class who attended was the sole

White male student - I thought the next best thing was to stream the march into the classroom, which is easy enough nowadays in our digital universe.

After setting up my system to project the event on the screen from the justiceorlese.com website, I discovered there were two other options: NBC.com and, of course, C-SPAN. I stayed with the Nation of Islam's site, that is, until it began an interminably long buffering moment and then I went

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PHOTO BY ANN RAGLAND/GEORGE CURRY MEDIA
Almost one million were in attendance at the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March held in the nation's capital.

NC NAACP STATE CONFERENCE
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REV. WILLIAM BARBER PRESENTS DEBORAH DICKS MAXWELL THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP DISTRICT DIRECTOR AWARD.

Deborah Dicks Maxwell honored for establishing Bladen County Chapter

WINSTON-SALEM-Saturday night at the North Carolina NAACP's Annual Banquet and Awards President Dr. William Barber presented Deborah Dicks Maxwell the District Director Award for her leadership in establishing the Bladen County Branch of the NAACP. Ms. Maxwell serves as Director of District 6 and President of the New Hanover County NAACP.

Ms Maxwell has served as director of District 6 for the past two years. Her duties include supervising NAACP chapters in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender Counties. She considers organizing the Bladen County a significant part of her work.

"Bladen County had to be organized so that it could

assist in addressing the problems that occurred with the investigation of the death of Lennon Lacy," Maxwell said.

A year ago in Bladenboro, the African American high school student Lennon Lacy was found hanged in a white trailer park. Officials declared that his death was a suicide. The Lacy family requested the assistance of the NAACP in launching an investigation because family members disagree with the premise that the young man's death was suicide. They assert

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REV. WILLIAM BARBER

NC NAACP
President says
"It's no time for
foolishness"

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

[WINSTON-SALEM] Saying that the 2016 elections are extremely important to North Carolina and the country, NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber laid out an aggressive agenda Saturday for organizing and mobilizing voters statewide under the banner, "This is no time for foolishness."

"At this convention...we know what is needed in this state and this nation. We know what's needed for liberty and justice for all to be realized," Rev. Barber told hundreds of NC NAACP chapter members attending the 72nd Annual State Convention in Winston-Salem during his annual President's Address.

"Number one, we've got to secure pro-

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NC NAACP STATE CONFERENCE
NC NAACP Women blast Senator Burr

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

[WINSTON-SALEM] Female members of NAACP chapters from across North Carolina expressed concerns about the legislative record of Sen. Richard Burr last week, charging that the North Carolina Republican, who is up for reelection in 2016, has a record that shows "...a disregard and disrespect for the value of women in North Carolina."

Flanked by NC NAACP President Rev. William Barber, members of the organization WIN (Women In the NAACP) and other members attending the three-day state convention in Winston - Salem Oct. 9th, Executive Director Rev. Michelle Laws charged that Sen. Burr has repeatedly stood in the way of women's issues.

"You've got a hard head, Sen. Burr," Rev. Laws exclaimed, as the women around her

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CASH MICHAELS PHOTO
Flanked by NC NAACP President Rev. William Barber and members of WIN (Women in the NAACP), NC NAACP Executive Director Rev. Michelle Laws (Center) tells reporters that Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) has failed the women of North Carolina.



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prosper until it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem, or working as a brick mason or longshoreman, as long as it is an honest job that pays.

It is at the bottom of life where we must begin and not at the top, nor should we permit our grievances to overshadow our opportunities. Jim Crow should not take away our living. It is important and right that all privileges of the law be ours, but it is vastly more important that we be prepared for the exercises of these privileges.

The opportunity to earn a dollar in a factory just now is worth infinitely more than the opportunity to spend a dollar in an opera-house. Take a dead look, Brunswick County and North Carolina. When that chance is taken away from some to make it easier for others, there is no justice nor righteousness or peace in it. My Bible asks, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?" With God's help, we shall overcome.

Bernest L. Hewett is
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County Branch of NAACP.

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that many facts in the case do not support the suicide finding. Currently the controversial

case is under investigation by the FBI, and a documentary is in the works. It poses the question as to whether it was a lynching or murder.

In order to organize the

Bladen County NAACP, Ms. Maxwell traveled evenings to rural Bladenboro after her regular work day as a social worker for the Brunswick County Health Department. There

were also weekend meetings to draw the community together for the new chapter. The award is an acknowledgment of Ms. Maxwell's dedication and hard work.

"The award is humbling because it means that the North Carolina NAACP realizes that I work constantly in this area for justice in the face of injustice," Maxwell added.

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labor anti-poverty policies that ensure economic sustainability by fighting for full employment, living wages, the alleviation of disparate unemployment, a green economy, labor rights, affordable housing, targeted empowerment zones, [and] strong safety net services for the poor. We have to stop extreme militarism that destroys innocent lives and undermines our ability to wage a real war on poverty at home.

"We've got to make sure we have fair policies for immigrants, infrastructure development, and fair tax reform that benefits the poor and working poor, and

not the greedy," Barber continued.

The NC NAACP leader also called for "educational equality" by ensuring that every child have, "... a high quality, well-funded, constitutional, diverse public education," in addition to proper funding for historically-black colleges and universities.

Also important "...to pursue liberty," Rev. Barber called for health care for all by ensuring access to the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion, Medicare, and protecting Social Security. Protecting the environment was also key, as well as correcting injustices in the criminal justice system that negatively impact people of color and poor whites.

On citizen rights, Barber

maintained the importance of preserving and protecting voting, women's, LGBT and civil rights.

"And always, I don't care what Donald Trump says...we must demand that nobody touch the 14th Amendment that guarantees equal protection under the law," Rev. Barber exclaimed to applause.

The progressive agenda Rev. Barber presented is viewed by many in the conservative ranks as "socialist" or "communist," he said, but that's because "a regressive and extremist [NC] Legislature..." has chosen to ignore the needs of the poor, and the common people.

Indeed, especially in the South, "...the poorest districts in the country are the [politically] reddest districts,"

Barber noted, adding that conservative politicians who are working to hurt the poor, are also hurting the very people who support them.

"And somehow in the South, they're so blinded by the Southern Strategy and the old tricks of racism, that many Southern whites don't realize that they're in the same boat as black people," the NCNAACP leader said.

After railing off a full list of other injustices perpetrated against communities of color and poor whites by the Tea Party and conservative Republicans, and saying now that, "...it's easier to get a gun than to register to vote," Rev. Barber proclaimed, "Somebody, some organization, has got to sound the alarm that this is no time [for foolishness]!"

Reminding convention gatherers that they were not there for fellowship, but rather were in a "war room," Rev. Barber said in 2016, the focus of all NAACP branches will be to maximize memberships, further mobilize the Moral Monday movement across the state in various counties, especially in home districts of conservative state legislators who oppose the progressive agenda; and move and march massive votes to the polls.

"We're going to put together the most massive get-out-to-vote effort ever seen since the '60's," Rev. Barber promised, adding that the NCNAACP and Forward Together Movement will continue to build coalitions for progress. "This foolishness has gone on too long."

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to C-SPAN. The difference was noticeable, particularly when Minister Louis Farrakhan began his more than two hours at the podium.

The Nation's telecast was obviously prepared for his speech and timed its photos and documents to complement and accentuate his speech, whether he was referencing Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, or the plight of the Native Americans. And even the cutaways to the audience were done to highlight his presentation. There was Professor Cornel West nodding, his arms folded. And was that Kadiatou Diallo and Margarita Rosario, two women who have lost sons to wrongful deaths by police, sitting nearby?

Before we began spending our nearly four hours watching the broadcast I shared with the students an article I wrote for the commemorative anthology Million Man March/Day of Absence, edited by Haki Madhubuti and Maulana Karenga, and published by Third World Press and the University of Sankore Press (1996). The focus of my piece was to weigh the criticism that Black women were being neglected in the march, although there were a number of Black women who felt the charge was false and exaggerated.

Black women, indisputably, were present and powerful last Saturday, and none more vibrant and outspoken than moderator Tamika Mallory, who was speaking when we joined the event at noon. I was surprised to see her described as the national coordinator of the event, but, then again, I

should not have been, given the role she has played in the Harlem community over the years, especially her previous commitment to the National Action Network.

When she was temporarily relieved by Minister Nuri Muhammad of Indiana, he brought to the rostrum a succession of female speakers, each one of them representing organizations rarely heard at forums such as this. Muhammad, among a coterie of speakers from the NOI, had one of the best lines of the day when he referred to rampant police brutality in America as the "Blue Klux Klan."

It was so rewarding to see and hear Cora Masters Barry and her son reflect on the memory of Marion Barry, the former mayor of Washington, D.C. and civil rights legend. Because my class is on the history of the Civil Rights Movement, Barry's legacy was of special significance. Their assignment was to pay special attention to the issue of civil rights and highlight them in their weekly reports.

The terrible killing of Sandra Bland in Walker County, Texas earlier this year was recounted when members of her family were introduced. And the gravity of emotion reached another plateau when Sybrina Fulton, Trayvon Martin's mother, delivered her words, noting that the gathering was "not an event, but a movement."

"This is a movement, not a moment," said Melina Abdullah of BlackLivesMatter; as if to give the event additional timelessness. Carmen Perez, executive director of The Gathering for Justice, moved the crowd with her comments on the prevalence of violence

in our society and the steps to eradicate it. "We are the leaders we've been waiting for," she charged, echoing a phrase from the 1960s.

Andrea Jones of Returning Families was passionate in her advocacy of the formerly incarcerated, citing the difficulties they faced upon being released from imprisonment.

Throughout the event there were placards that harkened back to the early Civil Rights Movement. Several declared "We Shall Overcome," and "Fired Up, and Fed Up," and the picture of Emmett Till, the 14-year old Black boy killed in 1955 near Money, Miss. for allegedly whistling at a White woman, flashed on the screen appeared along with photos of recent victims of police brutality or racist attacks.

I am sure there will be some outcry from Attorney Alton Maddox, who will take exception to Attorney Benjamin Crump being announced as the "attorney-at-war," a title Maddox is noted for in the activist community. Crump, who heads the National Bar Association and represented the Trayvon Martin family, dealt with the prevalence of young unarmed Black men being gunned down by the police. He cited a long list of victims.

Curiously, only one major civil rights leaders was at the march. Later, I learned that Rev. Al Sharpton was traveling abroad and the Rev. Jesse Jackson did not attend. Nor did National Urban League President Marc H. Morial or NAACP President Cornell William Brooks. Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) President and CEO Charles Steele, Jr. was present, but did not speak.

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cheered.

She warned that Burr could face the wrath of the female ballot next year, saying that, "When women vote, the politics and the policies look differently."

Rev. Laws recounted how in 2009, Burr first recommended federal prosecutor Jennifer May - Parker, chief of the Appellate Division of the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District in North Carolina, to fill one of over eighty open US District Court seats in the federal judiciary.

If confirmed, May-Parker would have become the first black female federal judge in the history of the Eastern District.

But once Pres. Obama nominated her in 2013, Burr then inexplicably flipped, taking steps to block May -Parker's nomination, denying her a committee hearing, and ultimately forcing it to die after approximately 300 days.

Newspapers across the state blasted Sen. Burr for not only blocking the nomination, but also never explaining why he did it.

"As a result, the vast majority of African-Americans who reside in the Eastern District of North Carolina will not have the opportunity to be represented by the highly qualified, and more than capable attorney Jennifer May-Parker," Rev. Laws said.

Laws recalled that Sen. Burr also joined other Senate Republicans earlier this year in actively opposing the Senate confirmation of US Attorney Gen. Loretta Lynch, stalling it for over five months. Burr opposed the immensely qualified home state nominee last February, saying that if confirmed, Lynch, then a US attorney in New York, would challenge North Carolina's restrictive voter ID law.

"I'm in the right on this one," Burr told a Raleigh television station.

But after mounting national and statewide pressure, Lynch was finally confirmed as the first black woman ever to become US attorney general in history, in April.

Still, the conservative senator's opposition proved that he had "a head as hard as a rock," Rev. Laws said.

"We are concerned not only about the judicial

appointments, the pattern of simple disregard and disrespect for the value of women, for the quality of life and well-being of the women in North Carolina," the NC NAACP executive director continued. "Simply put, [Sen. Burr's] record speaks volumes, and we know that women in North Carolina make up over 53 percent of registered voters."

Rev. Laws noted that during Sen. Burr's first term in Congress; he has voted against funding for abortion services; federal health plan contraceptive coverage; the reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIPs) and an amendment requiring health care providers to offer at minimum costs specific preventive services.

"And for three consecutive years, [Sen. Burr] was rated at zero percent by Planned Parenthood, and he is on the attack, along with some others, to defund Planned Parenthood. [Plus], three times he has voted against the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would hold employers more accountable for wage discriminations against women," Rev. Laws said.

"So on one hand, he's dealing with our bodies and our health, but then on the other hand, he's not giving us the resources or allowing us to make enough money to rely on some of these services and programs."

"Women demand equal pay and fairer wages; health care and health insurance that covers our entire family; and a way up and out of poverty for those who are poor," Laws continued, warning North Carolina women, and especially "...poor white and rural women," not to "believe the lies, and chicanery and poli-trickery" about the NAACP fighting only for "black issues."

"We fight for all women. We're concerned with the poor, the sick, and those who don't have the affluence and the resources to make sure that they have the best quality of life," Rev. Laws said.

Wanda Woodby, president of the Yancey and Mitchell counties chapter of the NAACP, identified herself as "from one of those districts that is poor and white... and we're without medical care. We are suffering." Woodby challenged Sen. Burr to come to her district, "...and see the people that your votes are

hurting."

Ms. Woodby then added, "Sen. Burr, you have blood on your hands," saying that there are people dying of cancer because of lack of screening; children without parents because of lack of medical care; people going to prison because of a lack of mental health care."

"Sen. Burr, we are your constituents. You're supposed to protect us. Why don't you?" Woodby rhetorically asked.

Noting that the men of the NC NAACP stand strongly by the women and their demands for justice and equity, state Pres. Rev. Barber echoed concerns about Sen. Burr, saying that just like arch-conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, Burr's voting record on women's issues, civil rights and voting rights "has been atrocious."

"The NAACP has given him an F," Rev. Barber added. "A on smiling; F on policy. A for dressing right; F for voting wrong." On Wednesday, former Wake County State Representative Deborah Ross, a Democrat, announced that she will vie for Sen. Burr's seat in the 2016 election.

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INFANT MORTALITY RATES RISES STATEWIDE IN 2014

[GREENSBORO] North Carolina's infant mortality rate inched up last year, according to statistics released by the state



STATE BRIEFS

Department of Health and Human Service's public health division this week. In 2014, the state's infant mortality rate was 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births, 0.1 higher than 2013's 7.0 per 1,000 live births rate. Deputy DHHS Secretary Dr. Randall Williams says the department is working in collaboration with outside partners to address the increase.

FORMER WAKE REP. DEBORAH ROSS ANNOUNCES RUN FOR SEN. BURR'S SEAT

[RALEIGH] One day after NC Treasurer Janet Cowell announced that she will not seek re-election nor any other public office, former Wake state Representative Deborah Ross announced Wednesday that she will join the Democratic race to

unseat Republican US Senator Richard Burr in the 2016 elections. Ross served in the state House from 2003 to 2013. She left to work as general counsel for GoTriangle, a mass transportation group. She has resigned to pursue her senate bid. Ross must first compete against Spring Lake Mayor Chris Rey in the Democratic primary to face

Burr in November 2016.

UNC STUDENTS CONTINUE SILENT SAM STATUE PROTEST

[CHAPEL HILL] A statue honoring "Silent Sam," a Confederate hero was once again the target of student protest on the UNC - Chapel Hill campus Monday, as two dozen protesters stood up during the start University

Day ceremonies demanding the statue is a monument to racism and should be torn down. UNC Chancellor Carol Folt actually told those gathered that the students be heard in their demands, and that they had a "...a very important message."

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NC NAACP STATE CONFERENCE Adams calls Tea Party House members "gangsters"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Saying that, "Our nation has been hijacked by insensitive right-wing radical Tea Party folks at the local, state and federal level, so drunk with power that they're deliberately making it difficult for our working families, for our elderly and our children to survive," US Rep. Alma Adams [D - NC- 12] told the 72nd Annual NC NAACP Convention luncheon Saturday that "...we've got to get angry enough to act."

Rep. Adams, who began serving in Congress last year after many years as a state lawmaker from Guilford County, also chided her Republican colleagues in the House for their recent turmoil over who will replace outgoing Speaker John Boehner, especially after House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) bowed out amid controversy last week.

"If you've been keeping up with everything, you know that the House has gone to hell," Rep. Adams said to laughter. "There are forty Freedom Caucus members in the House...I call them gangsters, who are disrupting everything. This group wants to tie up everything, even the increases in the debt ceiling, cuts in Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid... they even want to get rid of Obamacare, and everything else that's made a difference." "They want to defund Planned Parenthood, as a matter of fact, they even tried to shut down the government just to shut down one organization. So you know what I'm dealing with in Washington."

Adams said she's "disgusted" by the negative politics she's seeing in Raleigh with the Republican-led NC General Assembly, and the GOP-led Congress. She said that the hard fought for civil rights gains of the past are now being "stripped away,"



CASH MICHAELS PHOTO Congresswoman Alma Adams (left) seen here posing with youth members of the NC NAACP and her close friend, Guilford County Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, encouraged those gathered for the 72nd Annual NC NAACP Convention in Winston-Salem to "get angry" and vote to bring about change.

requiring the NAACP and others to stay in the fight for justice and equal rights.

"It's time to recommit," she said. "It's time for us to get reengaged, build some bridges and form some bonds so that we can recapture our losses, and protect our progress."

Looking at what's going on in state legislatures across the country, including our own, and observing the insensitive actions of US Congress, and its impact on our state and nation, they're just devastating, with long-term ramifications. And I'm convinced that at the end of the day, we've got to get angry enough to act."

"In the final analysis, what happens tomorrow will be up to us, and how we prepare today," Rep. Adams said, adding that "We know why this crowd continues to fight our president."

"Our people are pawns in a dangerous game of partisan politics that's being played in Washington, and we're paying the price for Washington's dysfunction."

As noted that complacency because of prior progress is keeping people from taking back the power that has been gradually syphoned off from them.

"It's clear that as a people, we've got to pump it up," Rep. Adams said, reminding all of the importance of investing in all children for empowerment. She also recommended that African-Americans regain that sense of community that helped them succeed during the civil rights movement.

"Power controls everything," Adams said, noting that blacks need to get more involved in voting to control the politics and economics that bring about positive change.

Congresswoman Adams paid tribute to the work of her close friend, Guilford County Commissioner and NAACP Board member Carolyn Coleman, NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber, and the work of the NAACP to bring about justice and equality.

Adams also announced that she has filed a House bill to name a local post office in Winston - Salem after the late author Dr. Maya Angelou, who lived there until her passing last summer. Adams says she has the full support of the 13-member North Carolina congressional delegation.

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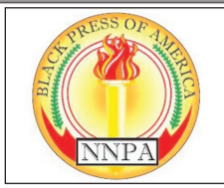
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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Why Black people answer when Farrakhan calls

(George Curry Media)

It's time to give Minister Louis Farrakhan credit. When he issues a call for people to join him in the nation's capital, Blacks show up. At least a million showed up for the Million Man March 20 years ago and at least two-thirds as many showed up for Saturday's Justice or Else assembly on the National Mall.

Without a doubt, Farrakhan-led events in Washington, D.C. attract more people than marches called jointly by all of the other civil rights leaders. And whenever Minister Louis Farrakhan is involved in a major event, there is always a controversy about numbers. In his speech at the Million Man March, people were fascinated by his fascination with numerology.

In the aftermath of that event, the U.S. Park Service made the ridiculous estimate that 400,000 people attended. But Boston University's Center for Remote Sensing placed the figure between 655,000 to 1.1 million - more than twice as large as the 1963 March on Washington.

Farrakhan manages to be a magnet while withstanding withering attacks. Consider a few recent headlines:

- "Nation of Islam's leader Louis Farrakhan: White People 'deserve to die.'"
- "Nation of Islam's Louis Farrakhan: 'We need to put the American flag down.'"
- "Cancelled: Charleston Wants No Part of Farrakhan's 'Justice or Else' Movement."

How is it that the most reviled Black man in America consistently attracts waves of people?

African Americans trust Minister Farrakhan. Even if strongly disagreeing with some of his views and the well-known antipathy between the Nation of Islam (NOI) leader and Jews, Blacks know that he won't ever sell them out for personal gain or any other reason. They are smart enough to discern that which should be applied to their lives and that which should be ignored.

When Farrakhan suggested Saturday, for example, that Blacks should change their last name to throw off the yoke of White supremacy, many African Americans in the audience chuckled.

But they cheered when he said, "We have a purchasing power of over 1 trillion dollars but in our reckless and wasteful spending habits we have not been able to pool our resources in a collective manner to build institutions and create jobs for our people. By strategically engaging in economic withdrawal we can begin putting power behind our demands and build a new and better reality."

For decades, many Blacks have admired their discipline but viewed the Nation of Islam as a small, Black supremacy group telling wild-eyed stories about UFOs and trips to and from outer space in spaceships.

More than any other NOI leader, Farrakhan has bridged the gulf between skeptical Christians and Nation of Islam followers, carefully repackaging his message to make it more palatable to non-Muslims.

He refers to God and Allah interchangeably and knows and quotes the Bible better than most Christians. Instead of ridiculing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as an integrationist, as he and others in the Nation of Islam have done in the past, Farrakhan now praises the slain civil rights leader, especially his call for economic empowerment.

Although women and men don't sit together in NOI mosques, he is trying to show a greater sensitivity to and appreciation for the contributions of women.

"May I pause for a moment and say to women: Your language must change as to how you address yourselves," he said Saturday. "You should never call another woman a 'bitch.' Get that word out of our language. No female is after a dog. Every female is after God." Farrakhan continued, "Black men who like to use such words, pull it out of your tongue, before your tongue is pulled out of your head."

Although his views have not changed towards Black politicians, he now befriends a few, including Rep. Danny Davis (D-Ill.), who made arrangements for Farrakhan to hold Saturday's rally at the foot of the capitol. But Farrakhan is better known for his scathing descriptions of Black lawmakers.

Referring to then-Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode in 1985 following a deadly confrontation between Goode and the revolutionary group MOVE, Farrakhan said: "I say, Black people, whenever you put a Black man in office and that Black man betrays the best interest of those of us who put him there, I say take him out."

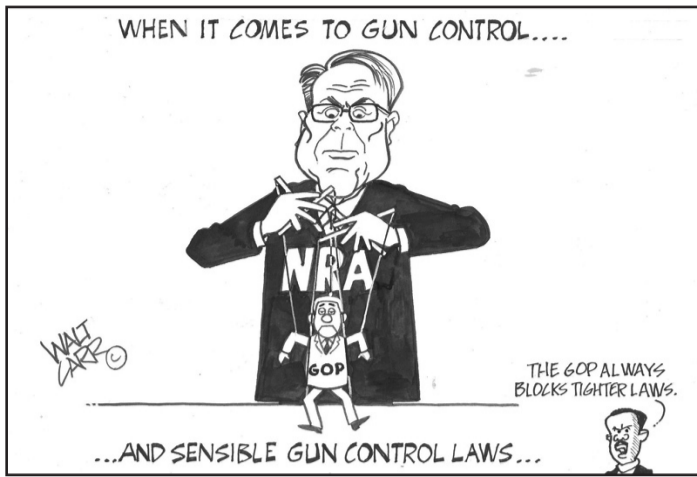
"And if he doesn't repent, brother and sister, men and women like this, we tar and feather them, we will hang them from the highest limb, we will chop off their heads and roll them down the streets, for the Black people of America are tired of Black leaders selling us out after we put them in office, working for our enemies, rather than working for ourselves."

That's the old Farrakhan. The new and improved one comes up with titles such as "Justice or Else," and then let others worry about what the "else" means.

And like the McDonald's commercial, Black people are declaring, "I'm lovin' it."

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Too Little! Too late!

Recently, a state political leader bragged that his party was very good at accomplishing its primary goal: WINNING ELECTIONS! Based upon their belated completion of the state budget on September 18-79 days after the official deadline of July 1 and 25 days after the start of a new school year, I suggest that their primary goal

be changed to GOVERNING EFFECTIVELY. A state advocacy group for education wrote that "while the new biennial budget did restore some funding cut in previous budget cycles, the overall investment does not even meet pre-recession levels" for public education.

The per pupil spending is almost \$900 less per student than the 2008 level. Although

North Carolina continues to be below the national average in teacher pay-now 42nd, almost 70% of teachers will NOT receive a salary increase. Yes, teacher assistants will finally be funded at the 2014-15 level, but it is still ~30% less than the 2008 level. While public schools will struggle to keep up with the growth in student population and its related costs, taxes given to vouchers for private

school students will grow by 130% (~\$42 million) during the next two years.

We need to tell the politicians in Raleigh to stop their systematic dismantling of the public school system in North Carolina. It may be "too little" (funding), but it's not "too late" to save our system.

William Flythe Southport, NC

OPEN LETTER TO UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

February 13, 2014

Dear Pastor Nixon and Congregation,

Giving love, glory, honor, praise, worship, and reverence to GOD, my Father Jehovah, I bring you holy greetings in the name of Jesus my Savior, LORD, and King. Hallelujah!

Let it be known that I do not have aught with any here. Let it also be known that absolutely no one has chased me away, although some will believe so. This is solely my

prayerful and personal decision.

From the very depth of my heart I am very grateful to Pastor Nixon for inviting me to be one of his associate ministers. I have enjoyed most of the time spent here at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Furthermore, I shall continue my graduate studies with North Carolina College of Theology here at the James H. Nixon Campus, GOD willing.

I trust that GOD, my Father

Jehovah shall continue blessing you, Lady Catherine Nixon, and all of my brothers and sisters here at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

The blessing of the LORD be upon you. I bless you in the name of the LORD.

Your brother and co-laborer in the gospel,
 Elder Calvin E. Robinson

Minister C. E. Robinson, D. Th. Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

Jeb Bush believes Black voters are stupid, shiftless and corrupt

(George Curry Media)

Remember when the conventional wisdom was that Jeb Bush was "the smart one" of the Bush brothers and would effortlessly steamroller his competitors on the way to 2016? Well, the political outsiders Donald Trump, Ben Carson and Carly Fiorina have all crashed the GOP establishment's big dance, turning those predictions into fodder for jokesters and pushing Bush down to the single digits in the polls.

That astonishing collapse no doubt partly explains Bush's desperate attempts of recent weeks to improve his hard-right credentials - for example, his callous "stuff happens" response to the nation's latest mass killing, the slaughter at Oregon's Umpqua Community College as a signal of his opposition to any meaningful gun-control legislation.

And then, there are his two comments that revealed his - and his party's - decades-long callousness toward Black Americans. At an October 8 Republican forum in Iowa, Bush declared he was against re-instituting the key provision of the 1965 Voting Rights Act struck down two years ago by the Supreme Court's Republican bloc because there's no need for imposing "regulations on top of states as though we're living in 1960."

In fact, Republican-driven

actions in state after state where Republicans dominate the state legislatures have shown unmistakably that the danger to Blacks' right to vote is greater than at any time since the 1965 Act was passed. But then, it may be that Bush doesn't believe Blacks should be allowed to vote at all - unless they vote Republican. After all, Bush did say at a late September campaign event in South Carolina in response to a question about his appealing to Black voters: "Our message is one of hope and aspiration. It isn't one of division and get in line and we'll take care of you with free stuff. Our message is one that is uplifting - that says you can achieve earned success."

In other words, Jeb Bush believes Blacks vote Democratic not because, first, they're adhering to their duty as American citizens and, following the time-honored American political tradition, supporting the party that they feel both serves their own interests and promotes their view of what American society should be.

No, to Jeb Bush, Black voters, benefiting from "unearned success," are stupid, shiftless and corrupt.

In repeating the charge the defeated Mitt Romney had made after he lost the 2012 election to President Obama, Bush demonstrated how important the notion that Blacks want something for nothing is to people who make up the Republican Party.

But the importance of Bush's remark - revealing an attitude that's been a hallmark of White-racist belief

since the Reconstruction era goes even deeper because it's the latest example of a powerful dynamic of American life: the continual dead-ending of Black respectability politics.

Put simply, Black respectability politics is just another name for the old cardinal command all Black Americans striving for achievement have always had drummed into them: behave as if you represent the entire mass of African Americans - because you do.

But, as Barack Obama's tenure as the nation's first Black president has underscored, there's a multi-layered trick to that White-racism-imposed burden that quickly limits the value of being "a credit to your race."

For one thing, racism in many individuals has always been impervious to logic. Secondly, some Whites have always practiced a "pragmatic racism" or situational race baiting for the financial, political, or social advantage they think they'll gain from it. And, thirdly, the dramatic breakthroughs Blacks make that expand racial tolerance have always made some Whites cling ever more tightly to their White-supremacist biases.

Of course, one purpose of the oft-repeated conservative Big Lie Jeb Bush repeated is to obscure that getting "free stuff" from the government has always been the foundation of the superior status Whites have enjoyed in American society: One need only look at the tax proposals now proposed by Bush and the other Republican candidates to see how they continue the conservative ortho-

doxy of using government to funnel "free stuff" in the form of outrageous tax cuts and tax deductions to the wealthiest - which means, of course, the whitest - bloc of Americans.

And a second purpose of that Bush/conservative view is to bury the record of "smart politics" Black voters have always played and began to play with greater intensity following passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. One can draw a straight line from that landmark act to the massive Black voter turnout that buoyed President Obama's two election victories.

In other words, Jeb Bush's Big Lie shows why Black respectability politics periodically reaches a dead end. It's because White respectability politics - that is, Whites' commitment to equal opportunity across the color line - periodically loses steam. That's really what the 2016 campaign is all about: Will the tradition of exclusion, alive and tawdry as ever in the Republican Party, succeed in stifling the claims of Americans of color; gays and lesbians and White women as well as Blacks for the full measure of their citizenship rights?

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

"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

-AN AFRICAN PROVERB





Ms. Etieme Daniels McGriff

Ms. Etieme Daniels McGriff, age 64, died Saturday, October 10, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Center, Wilmington, NC

Funeral Services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Lisbon Street Baptist Church, 401 Lisbon Street, Clinton, NC 28328. Visitation Saturday 1 hour prior to funeral services at the church.

Survived by Two Sisters: Elfreda (Harvey) Mack of Jackson Springs, NC, Audrie Daniels-Murphy of Clinton, NC; One Niece: Portia Daniels-Murphy; Three Nephews: Trey McCrae, Isiah Mack (Tammy), Adrian McCrae; One Aunt: Thelma E. Bostic of Jackson Springs, NC; Nine Great Nieces and Nephews; Special Friend: Edward Tatum of Wilmington, NC. *R.C. Bostic Funeral Services.*

Jessie Miller

Jessie Miller died Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at Wilmington Health and Rehab. Funeral services were held Friday, October 9, 2015 at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Jessie Lee Odell Miller, was born in Columbus County on February 16, 1934, to the late Lawrence and Sadie Miller. He was the first of seven children to this union. Jessie accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and became a member of Spring

Green Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon for several years. Jessie remained a faithful and diligent servant, despite his health challenges in later years. Jessie was united with the late Virginia Mae Radford Miller; this union was blessed for sixty-one (61) years. The Miller's home provided a nurturing sanctuary for multiple generations and will forever be respected and exalted for the examples provided in marriage, fatherhood and spirituality.

Jessie leaves to cherish his memory: four (4) daughters: Wanda (Lester) Morgan of Essex, MD, April of Washington, DC, Sandra of Wilmington, NC, and Jada of the home; three (3) sons: Jesse of Leland, NC, Martin of Mooresville, NC and James of Wilmington, NC; thirteen (13) grandchildren; eight (8) great-grandchildren and nine (9) nieces and nephews to continue his legacy. Because Jessie and Virginia's union included family values, his legacy also includes three (3) sisters-in-law, Vivian Inez Seeley, of Prince George County, Virginia; Edith Mae Cooper, of Richmond, Virginia; and Alfreda Radford of Riegelwood, NC.

There are many times in life in which a man will face challenges. Jessie Miller was a man that embraced challenge. In word and deed, Jessie L. Miller's life was an example of the calm, consistency and patience of a man in service to Christ. Jessie Miller possessed an unshakable strength that he never misused. He sat in quiet observance and always exercised the power of humility. Jessie's trust in God was rewarded with insight and wisdom that was seldom wasted with words. He was a man of high moral standards and his contagious smile always filled the room. A man with such a humble spirit, he could disarm any situation. Jesse's uncom-

mon virtue was the evidence of a man trusted by God to execute His will. He provided guidance and real world fatherhood to over 70 children entrusted to his care. His tireless work ethic is evident in the lives of his children. His similarity to David is evident in the fact that like David, Jessie was a man after God's own heart. *A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Minnie Atkinson

Minnie Atkinson died Monday, October 5, 2015 at Transition Hospice Care Center, Raleigh, NC. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the Pollock Cemetery, Scotts Hill Community.

Mrs. Minnie B. Atkinson was born June 1, 1929, in Scotts Hill, to the late Mrs. Mamie Brown and William Brown. She was preceded in death by her late husband, William Atkinson; her twin sister, Mary Nixon, Alice Spicer and Eleanor Nixon. Mrs. Minnie at a young age became an active member of Price Cathedral AME Church in Wilmington, NC where she gave her life to Christ. She attended Williston School and retired from General Electric as a loyal employee. She was an active member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed cooking southern foods and fed anyone that said "What you go to eat Mrs. Minnie?" She was a lady of many talents. Her special trait was to help people. Minnie was active in community mission-ary, going door to door, giving, sharing of herself to help others. She enjoyed planting and decoration and was a social butterfly and enjoyed music.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her devoted children, Dorothy Ann George, William Roger Atkinson, Constance Atkinson Wiggins,

Larry Darnell Atkinson, Anthony James Atkinson and LaTonya Atkinson whom she adopted and raised as her own; grandchildren, Montrel Johnson, Erric Johnson, Erica George, Bobby George, Michael George, Darrel Atkinson. Myesha Atkinson, Anthony Atkinson, Delawrence Atkinson, Richard Redding, Jr., Amanda Melvin, Audrica Atkinson, Larry Atkinson, Jr., Corey Barber, Katia Atkinson, Keena Atkinson, Bobbi Allen, Mica Atkinson, Malcom Atkinson and Roger Atkinson; one sister, Lizzie Nixon; a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and friends, including two special friends, Martha Evens and Mary Alice Davis. *A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Jimmy Lewis

Jimmy Lewis died Friday, October 9th at LCFH. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday at St. Stephen AME Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Mattie Streets

Mattie Streets died Sunday, October 11th at NHRMC. Funeral services will be 12:00 Noon Saturday at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation Sat. at 11:00 a.m. *A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Mary Beatty

Mary Beatty died Sunday, October 11th at Brunswick Cove. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Kendall Chapel AME Church. Burial in the Drew Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.*

Happy Birthday in Heaven



Vencella Durham Wallace (Mousie or V)
Sunrise: October 19, 1966
Sunset: February 14, 2014

I wish you were here today
Even for just a little while
So we could say
Happy Birthday "Mousie"
And see your beautiful smile
The only gifts today will be
The gift you left behind
The laughter, joy and happiness
Precious memories
The best kind
Today we'll do our very best
To Try and find a happy place
Struggling to hide our heavy hearts
And tears on our face
May the angels hold you close
And sing you a happy song
And we'll be sending wishes
to you today
And all year long

Love always,
Mom (Barbara Durham),
Daughter (Jasmine Wallace),
Brother (Terry Durham)

Card of Thanks



The family of the late Aaron McCrae, Jr. wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the outpouring of the community's love, prayers, telephone calls and support during the illness and death our loved one. Many thanks also to all those who donated food or helped in any way to make our burdens easier. We also extend special thanks to Pastor Terry L. Henry, the Officers and Members of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; Annie Haskins, Vernell Tobias, Linda Wilson and Deaconess Gladys Hardy for the food preparations; Mychal Robinson, musician; Eleanor M. Waddell, programs and a special angel, Anita Oliver-Smith. **Special Tributes in next week's Journal.**

Happy Birthday Muh



Carrie M. Evans
Sunrise: October 14, 1925
Sunset: December 30, 2008

Our Heavenly Father has allowed you to celebrate your 90th birthday in heaven.
Happy Birthday to you!
Love you always
and forever.

Your children, grands,
great grands, great great
grands, sister, brothers,
nieces and nephews

In Loving Memory Of



Johnnie Fostine Burnett
Sunrise: May 13, 1956
Sunset: October 17, 2004

Sometimes it's hard
to understand and even
harder to say
"Thy Will Be Done"
when sorrow comes and
sadness fills our day.
But faith was meant
for times like these
and if we take God's
hand with loving wisdom;
He shall help our hearts
to understand.

Love,
The Family



Marzella Grainger
October 12, 1965

Mother,
Happy Anniversary
in Heaven.
You are away from
us in Heaven.
But you are in hearts with
fond memories.
Many heartbreaking years
have passed away, but your
love and thoughts will
always be with us.

We miss you very much,
Loving daughter, Edith;
grands, great grands;
sister and a host of nieces
and nephews

In Loving Memory Of Our Mother

Helen Robinson Hargrove and Father Louis Hargrove Sr.



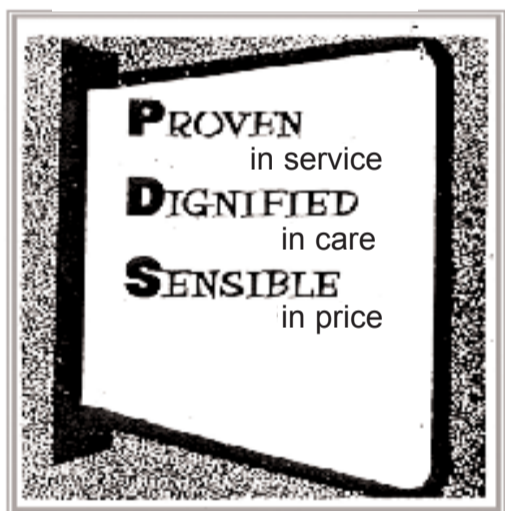
Mrs. Helen R. Hargrove
Sunrise: January 8, 1918 Sunset: October 28, 1978
Mr. Louis Hargrove Sr.
Sunrise: April 15, 1917 Sunset: October 7, 2000

We thank God for such great parents.
Who taught us the importance of family.
That God is first.
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and peace.

Their children,
Joe, Elaine, Louis Jr. and Helen

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New Hanover County

Gifted Retired Active Dedicated Seniors (GRADS) will hold a Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 17th at Senior Resource Center Multi Purpose Room, 2222 South College Road from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Proceeds used to purchase yarn for community projects. For more information contact Jeanie Cheek at 910-409-4478.

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

Community Briefs

Lower Cape Fear Hospice will offer a free six-week grief program for those coping with the loss of a child. It will be from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Mondays, September 14th- October 19th, at the Dr. Robert M. Fales Hospice Pavilion, Conference Room, 1406 Physicians Drive, Wilmington.

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 Health Department is bringing the Flu Vaccination to Wrightsville Beach. The public is welcome. Bring a picture ID and your insurance card. Date/Time: Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Where: Fran Russ Recreation Center, 4 Russ Drive, Wrightsville Beach (enter under the blue awning) Located behind Wrightsville Beach Town Hall - enter under the blue awning. For more information call (910) 798-6529 or (910) 256-7925.

The New Hanover County Schools' (NHCS) Early Childhood Education Program will hold two informational meetings on the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program for all DCDEE licensed 4 and 5 star child care facilities in New Hanover County. The meeting will cover the NC Pre-Kindergarten Standardized Site Selection Process including all eligibility and funding requirements and the availability of being an NC Pre-K classroom. Two meetings will be held in the Boardroom at the Dale K. Spencer Building located at 1802 S. 15th Street in Wilmington, NC. The meeting dates are Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, October 28th at 10:30 am. Sites interested in applying must attend ONE of the informational sessions in order to submit an application. There is no need to RSVP for the meeting. You may contact Angie Casha at angela.casha@nhcs.net with questions. For additional information on the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education, please visit http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/general/mb_ncrek.asp.

The Saint Augustine's University (College) Alumni meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the Covil Farm Road Clubhouse at 7300 Covil Farm Road in Wilmington. All graduates, persons who attended and friends of St. Augustine's University are invited to attend. Call Angie at 910-620-7978 for more information.

Williston Senior High Class of '61 will hold its fourth quarter meeting on Sunday, October 25th at Mt. Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall, 1001 S. 7th St. at 4:00 p.m. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include: planning for 55th class reunion 2016 and providing support for the Williston Alumni Association's Annual Scholarship Program. All graduates and those who were "on track" at Williston but graduated from somewhere else to participate in the meeting. Also out of town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 25th.

Wilmington Early College High School (WECHS) will host an Exploration Day for parents of seventh and eighth grade students. The purpose is to allow parents the opportunity to explore the programs and services that are offered at WECHS and Cape Fear Community College (CFCC). Parents are invited to come and meet faculty, staff and students and learn why their child may be a "great fit" for the early college environment on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at WECHS at Cape Fear Community College North Campus, 4500 Blue Clay Road. For more information, contact WECHS Principal Regina Wooten at (910)362-7786 or regina.wooten@nhcs.net.

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

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

Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Storms in our neighborhoods

Storms can be anywhere in the United States and other places in the world. The storms can be destructive anytime, day or night. We are thankful for the weather reports. They help us make necessary arrangements for safety. Now we get alerts on our phone when severe weather strikes.

There were places on the highway that were covered with water, and it was not safe to drive for anyone,

young or old, to drive on them. The hours of heavy rain caused flooding. Strong winds blew, and trees and limbs fell on power lines, causing power outages in the area.

This is a time when we can help each other. There may be Blacks, Whites, Asians, Hispanics, etc. living in our community. This is a time when we can share love and respect for people in need. You may have more food stored away for emergencies than the average person, but storms can change your life.

During Hurricane Joaquin, certain areas in Brunswick County and various areas of South Carolina flooded. Some people had to

stay in shelters. In times like these, one usually finds a shelter safe and comfortable.

Black Americans must continue to strive to live victoriously in America today and, at the same time, strive to make things better for future generations. We must work harder together for peace in Brunswick County. Entering Shallotte, one can see the Confederate flag displayed. It could be a sign of the Tea Party and other hate groups. This flag is the symbol used by those who would suppress the voting rights of millions in the near future. No one can stop the power of justice in this world. Go on with your flags! It will only make us stronger.

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.

Public health officials urge residents to avoid mosquito bites

Bolivia, NC - Brunswick County officials are encouraging the public to take steps to prevent mosquito bites, after a sample of mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus and following several weeks of heavy rainfall.

The West Nile positive, from a sample collected Sept. 22, is the first West Nile positive in Brunswick County this year, and the mosquitoes that tested positive for the virus are frequently drawn more to dogs and horses than to people. Citizens should take

appropriate personal protection measures against mosquito bites.

The County's mosquito control division actively monitors mosquito population trends throughout the county and conducts adulticiding efforts as the mosquito populations dictate. Mosquito Control will be spraying mosquitoes daily to address the increased mosquito population from the recent rains. Spraying for adult mosquitoes reduces adult mosquito populations, but every citizen needs to do

his part to avoid being bitten. Sometimes the solution is as easy as going in the house a little earlier than you usually would.

David Stanley, the County Health and Human Services Executive Director, urges residents to wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants, avoid being outside at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, and apply mosquito repellent. If using repellent with DEET, make sure to follow label instructions, and keep DEET out of

the eyes, mouth and nose. "We just can't stress this message enough - you need to be careful, taking every possible precaution to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes," he added.

For more information regarding mosquitoes or mosquito control activities in your area, please contact Brunswick County Mosquito Control Division at 910.253.2515, or visit <http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/mosquitoes/request/> to submit a mosquito control service request online.

Forest Hills Global Elementary receives award from Alliance for a Healthier Generation for Fighting Childhood Obesity

Forest Hills Global Elementary School (FHGES) has received the 2015 National Healthy Schools Bronze Award for leading comprehensive health, physical activity, and wellness efforts during the 2014-2015 school year. Earlier in October, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation recognized FHGES with the National Healthy Schools Award at its annual Leaders' Summit in Washington, D.C. for transforming its environment into a healthier place. To earn the award, FHGES improved its nutrition and wellness services and physical activity programs to meet or exceed stringent standards set by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program.

"The healthier our students are, the happier and more engaged in class they are, and we see fewer behavior problems," said Principal Deborah Greenwood.

As a recipient of the Bronze Award, FHGES has made a rule that ice cream and chips are out and fresh fruits and vegetables are in. These changes in the cafeteria are part of a larger school-wide effort to promote healthy habits and build a more positive learning environment. The school has also introduced a Building Our Kids Success (BOKS) fitness program before school to provide students with



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
FOREST HILLS WAS RECOGNIZED AT THE JULY 2015 BOARD MEETING FOR RECEIVING THE HEALTHY SCHOOL AWARD FROM THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION.

a chance to get moving and release their energy before classroom instruction. In addition, students participate in a number of running clubs - such as Stride in Fall and Girls on the Run - and staff partake in yoga sessions after school. Overall, these changes have begun to shape a healthier environment at Forest Hills.

Ten years ago, the Clinton Foundation and the American Heart Association partnered to address one of the most important issues facing the United States, childhood obesity, which can lead to grave health consequences. The result of

that partnership, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, is celebrating 10 years of creating healthier environments for more than 20 million children across the country. The Healthy Schools Program provides schools guidance, professional development, access to national experts and evidence-based resources and tools to help them create and sustain healthy school environments. Schools are eligible for Bronze, Silver or Gold National Healthy Schools Awards based on their level of achievement. The Alliance's Healthy Schools Program is the nation's largest

school-based obesity prevention initiative, reaching more than 17 million students by working with more than 30,000 schools across the nation to increase quality physical activity, health education and healthy eating. The Alliance launched its Healthy Schools Program in 2006 with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. To become a healthier place for students to learn and staff to work, any school in the United States can enroll and receive assistance and support, at no cost. Find out more at HealthierGeneration.org.

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Thursday, October 15, 2015

New Hanover County

Bishop James Young will hold his first book signing for "The Jesus Papers" on Saturday, October 17th at 12:00 p.m. at Two Sisters Bookery-The Cotton Exchange, 318 Nutt St. There will be gift giveaways and refreshments.

First Baptist Church Scotts Hill, 8800 Market St., will hold their fall revival from Wednesday, October 21st- Friday, October 23rd. Reverend Bennet Battle of Reform Shiloh Church, New Bern, NC will be the speaker.



Religious Briefs

Judah The House of Praise, 4321-F Princess Place Dr., will hold their women's conference "Be Determined to Press" on Saturday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Carolyn Blackwell and Sunda, October 18th at 11:15 a.m. the guest speaker will be Elder Virginia Reddick and at 4:00 p.m. the speaker will be Bishop Janice Swiney. All the speakers are from Washington, DC.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., will be celebrating their Gospel Choir Anniversary on Saturday, October 24th at 4:00 p.m. There will be choirs and singers from the surrounding areas.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd., combined choirs will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 p.m. Various choirs and groups will be singing.

St. Phillip AMEZ Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community, will present Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon with an Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 11th at 3:30pm. The Rev. Lester A. Jacobs will be the guest pastor along with his district choir. Dinner will be served after morning service. Pastor Appreciation Week begins Monday, October 12th and runs nightly with services at 7:00 pm through Friday, October 16th as well as two programs on Sunday, October 18th at 11:00 am and 3:30pm. There will be a guest pastor each night along with their church choir and congregation. Monday, Elder Sharon White of New Covenant Church, Tuesday Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Johnson, St. Stephen AME Church, Wednesday Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, Summerville AME Zion Church, Thursday, Rev. Henry A. Gregory III, St. Andrew AME Zion Church, Friday, Rev. Thomas O. Nixon, St. Paul AME Church, Sunday 11:00 a.m. Bro. William O. Boykin of Mt. Olive AME Church and at 3:30pm Pastor Robert Campbell, New Beginnings Christian Church. Please contact Sister Aimee Brown at 910-368-3605 or Sister Ashley Hall at 910-540-4250.

The Traveling Shoes Ministry will celebrate their anniversary at Bethel Holiness Church, Market St. on October 25th at 3:30 p.m.. There will be Praise Dancing and Old time Gospel singing.

Brunswick County

Mt. Calvary AME Church, 325 Main St., Navassa, will hold a benefit program for the Toomer Family, whose home was destroyed by a fire in September on Saturday, October 17th at 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Brenda Byrd at 910-200-1614. On Sunday, October 18th the women of Mt. Calvary will celebrate their annual Women's Day Program during their 11:00 a.m. service. The speaker will be Rev. Gerphine Graham of Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. For more information contact Rev. Kimberly Walker at 910-473-1808 of Ms. Shaquilla Williams at 910-274-2214. Dinner will be served after morning service.

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

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Christian Education Ministry is sponsoring "Focus on the Family Seminars" Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The facilitators are Pastor Lorraine Jackson of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Amy Ruffin, Bladen County Senior Center Director, Angie Westmoreland and Jessica Wilson of Baldwin Branch. Information, exciting items and ideas will be available for youths, teens, young adults and seniors. The community is invited. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown.

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Faith Temple Church of God in Christ to hold Pastor's Appreciation celebration



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PASTOR LORENZO AND ANNIE EDGE

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ will hold special Pastor's Appreciation celebration on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. honoring Pastor Lorenzo and Annie Edge. Pastor Henry A.

Gregory, III will be the keynote speaker and St. Andrews Mass choir will render the music. The church looks forward to seeing you there to help us show our appreciation to this humble Servant of the Lord.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Please consider investing in a group home for seniors

My Fellow Seniors:

The old saying is "Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die." It's also true that everybody wants to live a long time, but nobody wants to get old. Add to that, nobody wants to spend his last days in a nursing home, surrounded by strangers, when he could be living in a group home with a few close friends.



Ruth Johnson

It has been suggested that a few of our local churches get together and build a nice group home for senior citizens. This

would be a place where people could be independent but not alone, free to travel but always welcome home. In this place, we would expect from each, according to his or her ability, and we would give to each, according to his or her needs. That is a beautiful saying, as long as you don't know who said it first, but, if I give you his name, it would not be beautiful anymore. Still, it would be a good motto for senior citizens, who are walking the last mile together.

We have made this suggestion in The Wilmington Journal several times but so far there has been no response. That's probably because each person reads the newspaper alone. There has been no group

discussion. If there were, the main question would be, how much would the building cost, and who would pay the staff? The fact is that we would not need a lot of hired help because we would have volunteers from various churches, and, of course, the residents would help one another.

As for the cost of the building, how many home owners in your church are living alone and in poor health? Just a few? Well there are also just a few in several other churches throughout the area. Many are not able to go to church at all. However, in a group home, there would be a chapel where they could have service on Sunday afternoon. Their families and friends could join in

the service and then have dinner and fellowship. Why not introduce the subject at your next meeting. You might find several persons willing to use their home equity in order to buy stock in a well appointed group home.

Naturally, we would need a professional person to get the ball rolling, but my guess is that, as long as you own the home you live in, you could borrow money to invest in a group home and stay where you are until the home is finished. This would be a wise investment and also a testimony as to who we are.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

I will make a difference!

BY FANNIE ALLEN
AND SHELIA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it! The opening song was "O! How I Love Jesus!" Thank You, Jesus, for Your love! Prayer was led by Sister Mamie Robinson. Our next song was "Down Through the Years, the Lord's Been Good to Me!" Has He been good to you? Yes, He has! Thanks for such a wonderful and encouraging devotional! Praise the Lord!

Our speaker for today was Brother John Green. His topic was "I Will Make a Difference!"

"Today, I will make a difference. I will begin by controlling my thoughts. A person is the product of his thoughts. I want to be happy and hopeful." I refuse to be victimized by my circumstances. I will be grateful for the four twenty-hours that are before me. Time is a precious commodity. I will not let past failures haunt me. Even though my life is scarred with mistakes, I refuse to rummage through my trash heap of failures. I will admit them. I will correct them. I will press on victoriously. No failure is fatal. It's okay to stumble. I will get up! It's okay to fail. I will rise again! So, today, will you make a difference?"

Thank you so much, Brother Green! This wonderful message was followed by an inspirational song by Minister Henrietta McGlenn, a song just tied right in with the message for today. To God be the glory!

Remarks and comments were made. The meeting was opened by President Eloise Purdie. Sister Gladys Taylor called for the secretary's minutes from the last meeting. They were read by Sister Mary Green. Thanks for the reports given. It was time for our "Callers." Sister Francis B. Matthews had twelve members present today. Thanks to all the "Callers" and the mem-

bers present today. The report of the sick was Sister Annie Haskins. Thanks for the beautiful job you do. We love you for your diligent work and dedication.

Announcements were made, and remarks were given. Smiles were brought by Sisters Cherry Pearson and Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter. Laughter is good for the soul.

Our circle was formed. Prayer was led by Minister Doris McQuillian. The meeting was adjourned.

There were forty-eight present.

Thought for Today: Today, I will make a difference!

104th Session of the Cape Fear Annual Conference hosted by the New Saint Luke AME Zion Church

BY ANGELA
HANKINS METTS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On October 20 - 25, 2015 the 104th Session of the Cape Fear Annual Conference will be hosted by the New Saint Luke AME Zion Church of 709 Church Street in historic city of Wilmington, North Carolina. This Cape Fear Annual Conference is under the tutelage and leadership of Bishop Louis Hunter, Sr., as the Presiding Prelate of the Mid-Atlantic I Episcopal District (Mrs. Ingrid F. Hunter as the Associate Supervisor and Mrs. Shirley M. McCoy as the Missionary Supervisor). Reverend Alexander L. Jones (First Lady of the Wilmington District: Mrs. Delma S. Jones) as the Presiding Elder, and with the Reverend Jermaine B. Armour, D.D., as the Host Pastor (First Lady of the New Saint Luke: Mrs.

Tonya Armour). Reverend Owen E. Metts, Sr., is an Associate Pastor. Also Reverend Laverne Lampkins assists Reverend Jermaine Armour, D.D., Senior Pastor.

On Tuesday, October 20th this Annual Conference will begin with a Lay Council Convocation at 2:00 PM. Brother William Evans is the District Lay President and a member of the New Saint Luke AME Zion Church. The Opening Service for the 104th Session of the Cape Fear Annual Conference will begin at 7:00 PM at the New Saint Luke with a host of local, regional and national dignitaries. This Opening Service will include a Communion Service. Musical selections will be rendered by the Annual Conference Choir under the direction of Lydia Davis with musical accompanists known as the Saint Luke Sound Machine is lead by Reverend Javon Hankins. Organ music

will be provided by Monnie Swepson and Carolyn Jacobs.

One of the invigorating moments of this 104th Annual Conference of the Cape Fear Annual Conference will be the appearance of the international gospel recording artist the Bishop Marvin L. Sapp as the Guest Preacher and Psalmist on Thursday, October 22nd beginning at 7:00 PM at the New Saint Luke Church of 709 Church Street in Wilmington, North Carolina. Bishop Marvin L. Sapp is the Pastor of the Lighthouse Full Life Center Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bishop Marvin L. Sapp's is known for his famous sermons including "STRETCH" and "The Power of Praise." Bishop Marvin L. Sapp has a very long repertoire of gospel songs including: The Best in Me, Yes You Can, Never Would Have Made It, My Testimony, Praise Him in Advance, He Has His

Hands on You, You Are God Alone, I Win, Here I Am, Deeper, Worshipper in Me, Thirsty, I Came and numerous other Grammy, Stellar and BET award-winning songs. Bishop Marvin L. Sapp will be accompanied by members of the Saint Luke Choir and the Saint Luke Sound Machine.

A plethora of additional services (Missionary, Youth and Christian Education), a mélange of activities including a Ministers' Spouses Luncheon and an assortment of forms of worship including dance ministries and choirs for this 104th Annual Conference of the Cape Fear Annual Conference will continue throughout the week culminating with the Sunday Service being held at the Wilmington Convention Center. For additional information, please contact the New Saint Luke AME Zion Church at 910-762-7876.

TELL SOMEBODY

"If the Blind Lead the Blind"

"And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall not they both fall into the ditch?" Luke 6:39



Sylvia Hooper

Blind - Being without sight. How do you know if you are following good leadership? We must be able to hear, and obey God's voice when choosing leadership. This method can be applied politically and well as spiritually. As we head for the polls to elect our governmental leaders, we must remember that voting is a privilege as well as a priority! Proverbs 3:5,6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding. In all our ways to acknowledge him, and he shall direct our path." The choices we make in determining leadership reflect who we are, because we trust them enough to make decisions for us and our families. (Ephesians 5:1-20)

Matthew 7:15-20 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's

clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Following leadership is very important within the Body of Christ. The bible tells us to esteem our leaders highly, and to give honor to whom honor is due. For consciousness sake, we should believe that our leaders are also followers of Christ. When they preach or teach the scriptures to us, we should be following along with our own bibles wide open to confirm God's truths.

Our Christian leaders should also be living holy. How can they lead us to victory, if they are struggling with sin? We should set high standards when choosing those to lead us politically and also spiritually. Apostle Paul was a great leader and wrote quite a bit of the New Testament, yet he humbly stated, "Follow me as I follow Christ."

If a community / political leader begins to deviate away from the truth, maybe it is time to relieve him of his office. If a Christian leader begins to deviate away from the Word of God, we must remember to follow the Word of God which also agrees with the Holy Spirit! We should pray for those in leadership and hold God's Word higher than any man's opinion or any elected, or appointed official.

A good Christian leader wants his followers to be knowledgeable and informed. He or she is constantly presenting their followers with insight and revelation from the Lord Jesus Christ. They are constantly challenging their followers to come up higher and get closer to God!

A good Christian leader may use other sources of information or inspiration, but remains true to Holy scripture. His life is fruitful and he is concerned about the souls of his followers. He preaches good tidings to the meek, he binds up the brokenhearted, and proclaims liberty to those held captive by the enemy.

On the contrary, a leader who is blind, will seek to influence you more than Christ himself. Your life will be unfruitful and non pro-

ductive if you are following someone who is spiritually blind. "Where there is no vision, the people perish, so choose your leaders wisely! Remember, what happens when the blind lead the blind....."

Prayer: Father open our eyes to see what you want us to see when it comes to choosing our leaders politically and spiritually. Give us wisdom in Jesus Name we pray. Amen. Tell Somebody!!!

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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Kevin J. O'Donovan**, deceased, late of 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 **24th day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 24th day of September, 2015

Neil Conor O'Donovan, Administrator
CTA
1044 Bedford Rd.
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
Mark A. Rutledge, Jr., Attorney
Po Box 1692
Wilmington, NC 28402

September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, Annie R. Hendrix, having qualified on the 16th day of September, 2015, as Executrix of the Estate of **Allie Weston, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of December, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 24th day of September, 2015
Annie R. Hendrix, Executrix of the Estate of Allie Weston, Jr., deceased
C/O Otto K. Pridden, II
Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 15467
Wilmington, NC 28408-5467

September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Pamela Smith Walton, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of January, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 8th day of October, 2015
Alice G. Walton, Administratrix
220 Cabrin Blvd. Apt. 6H
New York, NY 10033

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Joan Lorraine Posey, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before January 15, 2015, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of October, 2015.

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

October 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 2015

Intercoastal Marine, LLC is accepting subcontractor and supplier bids for the City of Wilmington, NC-Greenfield Lake Paddle Boat Bulkhead, Walkway and Dock Replacement project #15PK10 not later than 5:00 p.m. October 21, 2015. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a bid. Reply to 910-675-9796 or 6101 Diamond Shamrock Rd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

October 15, 2015

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Eugene E. Murphy**, 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 January, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of October, 2015
Jeanne N. Murphy, Executrix
Of the Estate of Eugene E. Murphy
7407 Alestone Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 14 JT 136**

IN THE MATTER OF:
K.Z- A.M. (DOB:
6/12/2014)

TO:
KENDRA BRYANT, RESPONDENT-MOTHER AND JAMES MURPHY, RESPONDENT BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE, AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.
You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **October 1, 2015**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.
Attorney Margaret Jennings, has been appointed as counsel for Kendra Bryant and she can be reached at 1501 S. Third Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, (910) 761-0850 or at mjennings@ec.rr.com.
Attorney Jamie Getty, has been appointed as counsel for James Murphy and she can be reached at P.O. Box 4, Wilmington, NC 28402, (910) 763-2727 or at jgetty@bcklaw-firm.com.

This 24th of September, 2015.
David E. Anderson, Esq.
Administrator
ESTATE OF MICHAEL R. ROSELLA, JR.
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

This the 1st day of October, 2015.

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

October 1, 8, 15, 2015

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Doris Riggs Smith**, 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 January, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of October, 2015
James G. Smith, Administrator
5426 Andover Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

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

The undersigned, David E. Anderson, Esq. having qualified on the 25th day of September, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate of **Michael R. Rosella, Jr.**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **1st day of January, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 28th of September, 2015.

David E. Anderson, Esq.
Administrator
ESTATE OF MICHAEL R. ROSELLA, JR.
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF JIMMY ROBINSON**

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jimmy Robinson**, 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 **5th day of January, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 24th of September, 2015.

Alexander D. Jackson, Executor
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
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In the District Court
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**Eloy Gonzalez Hernandez vs.
Alejandra Ruiz Bautista
Absolute Divorce:
To: Alejandra Ruiz
Bautista:**

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than , 2015, that being 40 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 15th day of October, 2015

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

October 15, 22, 29, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
Case No. 15 CVD 437**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than , 2015, that being 40 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

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Margaret Jennings
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Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2015)
The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2015 (NAA.org, April 8, 2015)
2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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LEGAL NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 15-SP-204

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF DEED OF TRUST AND SECURITY AGREEMENT EXECUTED BY CENTRO INDEPENDENCE LLC DATED OCTOBER 26, 2006 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 5104 AT PAGE 2256 OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS BY ANDREW K. MCVEY, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

Pursuant to an Order of the New Hanover County Clerk of Superior Court and under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated as of October 26, 2006, executed by Centro Independence LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Borrower or Debtor") to Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation ("Original Trustee"), recorded in Book 5104 at Page 2256, New Hanover County Register of Deeds ("Deed of Trust"), for the benefit of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., a New York banking corporation ("Original Lender").

Original Lender assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Deed of Trust to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the registered holders of J.P. Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-CIBC17, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-CIBC17 ("Interim Noteholder"), as evidenced by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust and Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents dated effective as of November 28, 2006 and recorded in Book 5180 at Page 1886, with the New Hanover County Register of Deeds.

Interim Noteholder assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Original Deed of Trust to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor-in-interest to Bank of America, N.A., as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the registered holders of J.P. Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-CIBC17, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-CIBC17 ("Noteholder"), as evidenced by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated December 2, 2014 and filed for record December 3, 2014 in Book 5854 at Page 2797, New Hanover County Register of Deeds.

Because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina on October 22, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. all the following described real and personal property (including any improvements thereon) particularly described in the Deed of Trust, which property is being more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Property and/or Premises").

The Property shall be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust make any representations or warranties relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety condition existing in, on, at or relating to the Property, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are disclaimed. The sale will be made subject to all deeds of trust, liens and encumbrances, unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, assessments, leases and other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, no written leases for occupancy of the Property are being foreclosed and are expressly not subject to the foreclosure sale. The record owner of the Property not more than ten days prior to the date hereof is the Borrower.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 45-21.10 (b) and 25-9-604, any successful bidder may be required to deposit immediately upon the conclusion of the sale a cash deposit not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the interest to the Property or attempts to tender such deed and said bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided for in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.30(d) and (e). The purchaser of the Property shall pay for the revenue stamps on the Substitute Trustee's Deed and the Clerk's Commissions in the amount of \$.45 per \$100.00 of the purchase price (up to the maximum amount of \$500.00) required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §7A-308(a)(1). The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid. This sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This 25th day of August, 2015.

Andrew K. McVey, Substitute Trustee
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson PLLC
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EXHIBIT A - The Property

PARCEL 1
Being two parcels of land containing 39.29 acres of land known as Independence Mall, located in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.

Tract 1
Beginning at a point in the southern line of Oleander Drive (62.0 feet from its centerline) said point located South 57 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 175.00 feet, South 32 degrees 42 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 12.00 feet, South 57 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 632.00 feet from its intersection with the eastern line of Independence Boulevard (100' right of way), said beginning point being the eastern most corner of the Belk Tract, running thence from said beginning from said southern line of Oleander Drive South 57 degrees 19 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 208.36 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 197.92 feet to an existing iron pipe; thence South 57 degrees 14 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 119.56 feet to an existing iron pipe; thence South 32 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds West a distance of 55.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence North 57 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 230.21 feet to an "X" marking in the curb and gutter, thence South 32 degrees 45 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 304.50 feet to a PK nail, thence South 87 degrees 16 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 18.80 feet to a PK nail, thence South 02 degrees 43 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 520.00 feet to a PK nail, thence South 42 degrees 46 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 22.89 feet to a PK nail, thence South 27 degrees 15 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 309.00 feet to an existing nail, thence North 62 degrees 44 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 122.43 feet to a PK nail, thence North 32 degrees 44 minutes 05 seconds East a distance of 84.98 feet to an "X" marked in the curb and gutter, thence South 57 degrees 15 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 70.00 feet to a point (note property corner falls inside an existing tree), thence with the western line of Lincoln Forest Section C as shown on map recorded at Map Book 11, Page 07 of the New Hanover County Registry, South 32 degrees 42 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 343.37 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 118, thence along the western line of Lot 118 and 119 South 39 degrees 31 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 165.16 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence South 39 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 148.60 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence South 39 degrees 45 minutes 57 seconds West a distance of 191.09 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence with said southern line South 46 degrees 51 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 179.25 feet to an existing iron pipe in the western line of Fordham Road, thence with said western line South 45 degrees 56 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 230.25 feet to an existing iron pipe at the intersection of the western line of said Fordham Road with the extension of the northern line of Gillette Drive (60' right of way), thence North 46 degrees 48 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 284.64 feet to the point of curvature of a curve having a radius of 602.96 feet to an arc of 402.88 feet, curve to the left, thence North 65 degrees 55 minutes 18 seconds West a chord distance of 395.43 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence North 85 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 299.52 feet to an existing iron pipe in the eastern line of Independence Boulevard (100' right of way); thence with said eastern line North 04 degrees 54 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 1105.85 feet to a PK nail, thence with the line of said Belk Tract the following courses and distances: South 84 degrees 21 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 200.00 feet, North 02 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 80.00 feet, South 87 degrees 14 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 186.65 feet, North 27 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 190.85 feet, North 62 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 414.04 feet, South 27 degrees 14 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 190.84 feet, North 32 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 606.66 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 38.27 acres, more or less.

Tract 2
Beginning at the intersection of the southern line of Oleander Drive (100' right of way) with the western line of Fordham Road (60' right of way) running thence from said being, along the western line of Fordham Road South 32 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West a distance of 195.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, the eastern most corner of the Sears Tract, thence with the northern line of said tract North 57 degrees 16 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 228.00 feet to an existing iron pipe; thence with the eastern line of said tract North 32 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 195.00 feet to an existing iron pipe in the southern line of Oleander Drive, thence with said southern line South 57 degrees 16 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 228.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.02 acres, more or less.

Together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Restrictions, reservation of easements and conditions contained in instrument recorded in Book 3022, Page 450, New Hanover County Registry.

Together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Restrictions, reservation of easements and conditions contained in instrument recorded in Book 3022, Page 450, New Hanover County Registry.

Together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Multi-Party Development and Operation and Reciprocal Easement Agreement between Independence Mall Associates and Belk-Berry Co. of Wilmington, NC, Inc. recorded in Book 1123, Page 1491, New Hanover County Registry. Amendment recorded in Book 1129, Page 634.

Further, together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Two-Party Construction, Operation and Reciprocal Agreement between Independence Mall Associates and Belk-Berry Co. of Wilmington, NC, Inc. recorded in Book 1123, Page 1491, New Hanover County Registry. Amendment recorded in Book 1129, Page 634.

Further, together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Two-Party Construction, Operation and Reciprocal Agreement recorded in Book 1129, Page 645.

PARCEL 2
Commence at an existing concrete monument located in the centerline of Fordham Road at its intersection with the centerline of Sweetbriar Road; thence along and with the centerline of Fordham Road South 43 degrees 14 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 30.00 feet to point, thence North 46 degrees 45 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 30.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, the Point of Beginning, thence along and with the south line at a 30' drainage and utility easement, as the same is shown on Map 11 Page 07 of the New Hanover County Registry, with a curve to the left (arc=317.70 feet, radius=475.43 feet) North 65 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds West a chord distance of 312.00 feet to an iron pipe, thence North 85 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 277.89 feet to an iron pipe in the east right of way of Independence Boulevard (100' public right of way), thence along and with the east right of way line of Independence Boulevard North 04 degrees 54 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 610.69 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the south line of the Independence Mall Tract (Map Book 18 Page 58) South 85 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 299.52 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the south right of way line of the Independence Mall Tract with a curve to the right (arc=402.88 feet, radius=602.96 feet) South 65 degrees 55 minutes 18 seconds East a chord distance of 395.43 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the south line of the Independence Mall Tract South 46 degrees 48 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 284.64 feet to an existing iron pipe in the west right of way line of Fordham Road, thence along and with the west right of way line of Fordham Road South 45 degrees 01 minutes 18 seconds west a distance of 60.08 to a point on a power pole, thence along and with the north line of Lot 119-A, Lincoln Forest Extension (Map Book 11, Page 07) North 46 degrees 45 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 175.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the west line of Lincoln Forest Extension (Map Book 11, Page 07) South 31 degrees 11 minutes 13 seconds West a distance of 131.81 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the South line of Lincoln Forest Extension (Map Book 11, Page 07) and the north line of a 30' drainage and utility easement (Map Book 11 Page 07) with a curve to the right (arc=150.04 feet, radius 505.43 feet) South 54 degrees 59 minutes 38 seconds East a chord distance of 148.98 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the west right of way line of Fordham Road South 42 degrees 52 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 29.85 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 8.83 acres, more or less.

SAVE AND EXCEPT THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 2.87 ACRES +/- and shown as Tract A-1 on that map dated July, 2000, entitled "INDEPENDENCE MALL", by Michael Underwood and Associates, PA and recorded in Map Book 40, Page 19, New Hanover County Registry.

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TOGETHER WITH the Improvements, Equipment, Fixtures, Real Property, Personal Property, and any and all other personal property or other Property of every kind and nature owned by Borrower, now or hereafter acquired, as may be described as security for Noteholder in the Deed of Trust. The Personal Property may be inspected on October 16, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the mall management office at 3500 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, NC. Capitalized terms used herein, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the meaning as set forth in the Deed of Trust and Security Agreement.

October 8, 15, 2015

ADVICE

ASK ALMA with ALMA GILL



A wedding surprise

Dear Alma,
I'm so embarrassed. I feel just terrible. My cousin who still lives in the old neighborhood where we grew up asked me to help out with a wedding. She needed some extra hands at the reception. It was no biggie, I had done it before, so I said ok and didn't really think twice about it. We're close in age but went to two different high schools. So when I asked about the bride, she told me her name but it didn't ring a bell. My instructions were to show up at the wedding and reception ready to work. And that's what I did.
Low and behold I was completely shocked when I saw the groom. He was my high school best friend's husband. OMG, I had no idea! I heard that they'd had an awful breakup because he was having an affair, but that's all I knew. I didn't even know they were divorced. Anyway, there I was, stuck, assisting the event planner with a wedding that if I had had any idea who the groom was, I would not have been there. Honestly, I hadn't talked to this old friend in a long, long time. I left and went away to college and just lost touch. But I feel terrible. I'm sure she heard I was at the wedding and I hate that she probably thinks that I'm totally ok with him having an affair and then marrying the woman, but I'm not. I mean, whatever happened is none of my business, but more than that, I surely wouldn't have been a part of it had I know it was her ex-husband. What can I do to make it right with my friend?
Wedding Regretter

Drive to her house Mz. Minnie Mouse, early on a Sunday morning. People seem more relaxed early on Sunday morning. Take two cups of coffee, a homemade lemon glazed pound cake and a large piece of your heart. Tell her, straight up, "I had no idea she was marrying your husband." Explain how you were asked to be an extra hand at the reception, which turned into assisting with the wedding as well. Let her see your honesty. I can tell this is very important to you, otherwise you wouldn't care how she was feeling.

Fall on the knife, girl, and ask her to pull it out. You can put a bandage on yourself later. Accept whatever she throws at you. You deserve it. You wanna know why? Let me put it like this: If I offered you \$100,000 to jump out of a plane without a parachute, would you do it? I bet you said no. Just wait, you didn't let me finish. What if I told you, the plane was on the ground? Mhmm!! Life Lesson: Know all the facts before you make up your mind. You committed to this wedding before you had all the facts - really before you had any facts. When this happens, trust me, you open yourself up to making all kinds of mistakes. I applaud you for longing to apologize for this unexpected, unanticipated crash and burn.

After your apology over cake and coffee, give her a hug and say goodbye. Leave the leftover cake, don't make this visit long and drawn out. If you want to rekindle your friendship, devote attention to that another time. I respect you for finding it necessary to stand up and do what you feel is the right thing. Making amends when you've been imperfect. You're my kind of woman, you've got a good heart. I hope you can carve out some time for her. I suspect, right about now, she could use some belly laughs with a really good friend who knew her when.
Alma

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Cash in the Apple

By Cash Michaels



MAHALIA JACKSON CONCERT RETURNS - Two years ago I told you that one of the most exciting singers I've ever heard would be doing a free church concert of some of gospel singer Mahalia Jackson's greatest songs, and asked you to take the time to attend in support.

Well, many of you did, and you were not sorry. That opportunity is back again at Lincoln Park Holiness Church on Sunday, Oct. 25th at 4 p.m., and the same singer, vocalist Lynnette Barber, returns to give another great performance for the community.

I've known Lynnette since she was a student at St. Augustine's College (now known as St. Augustine's University). She is a member of the Lincoln Park Holiness Church family in Raleigh, and as strong a Christian as Lynnette is, she is just as powerful a singer, which is why we asked her to sing the theme song for our award-winning documentary, "Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten."

If you want to both see and hear just how great Lynnette is, mark down Sunday, Oct. 25th, 4 p.m. at Lincoln Park Holiness Church. She will once again don a costume, and perform as gospel legend Mahalia Jackson, in concert. I've seen Lynnette's performance as Mahalia, and I'm here to tell you, it is more than a treat.

For more information call 919-673-6392 or contact Lynnette at lynbarber@yahoo.com. Trust me, you won't regret it.

THAT'S SO RAVEN - Well, she's done it again, and this time it took her father to help her clean it up. Actress, and now talk show hostess Raven Symone is once again licking her rhetorical wounds after running her smug, arrogant mouth about stuff she thinks she knows something about. After renouncing being called "African-American", and then agreeing with someone that Michelle Obama looks like a monkey, Raven has now resorted again to attacking her own people.

Last week on ABC's "The View", the latest job Raven is apparently trying desperately to lose, saying that she would discriminate and never hire someone with a "ghetto" name to work for her.

Needless to say, her online critics had a field day ripping poor Raven a new one for judging someone's capabilities only by their name alone. That wasn't surprising. Folks have become real tired on her tired nonsense.

But what was surprising was when Raven's own father chimed in, saying that his daughter had definitely crossed a line, and needed to grow up and realize that. He said he and his wife will always love Raven and support her, but there are times when she says some real "dumb s--."

Wow! When your pops goes public telling the world that you need to check yourself, that's deep. It's also embarrassing, so much that on Sunday, Raven took to her Facebook page, and issued a pseudo-apology. We say "pseudo" because while the statement had the feel of being contrite, nowhere could be found the words "I'm sorry."

Let's be real here. ABC television hired Raven for "The View" because they wanted to add enough spice to the program so that viewers would come back. So they actually want Raven to say dumb stuff. Just as long as she doesn't cross the line too many times.

I'd say homegirl is has actually been living on the other side of that line for some time now. The question is...home much longer can she do it?

UNCLE BEN - Speaking of saying "dumb s--", Republican presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson seems to enjoy doing exactly that, and getting away with it.

That's because the dumb stuff he's saying is for the benefit of the rock-ribbed conservatives who love his "I came up from the Detroit ghetto and became a world famous neurosurgeon" story.

Make no mistake, Ben Carson is a brilliant man as long as a scalpel is in his hand and he's in the operating room. But when he's telling the victims of the Oregon shooting massacre that they should have all rushed the gunmen, or tell folks that he once told a stickup man with a gun to go rob a Popeye's Restaurant instead, or tell folks that single mothers raise criminals, then one has to question just how sophisticated his knowledge base of the world really is, and if he has any business vying for the presidency.

But there is one thing I will say in defense...folks have been making fun about Dr. Carson's wife, Candy, and specifically her appearance. Mrs. Carson dresses in very plain attire, wears little makeup, and is as unexciting in every way as you can get. That's not a putdown on my part. That's her right, especially as a woman of faith.

But it troubles me that there are those who feel that because her husband is running for president, that makes her fair game for criticism about her appearance.

Well where I come from, if you have a problem with somebody, then feel free to go after them with all the zeal you can. Thus, my criticisms of Ben Carson. But his wife, who is not running for president, or anything else, should be left alone. Never attack a man's family, and especially his wife. It is cowardly, men and small-minded. It displays a lack of class and integrity. I don't care if you're a night club comedian, attacking a man's wife rhetorically is wrong.

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

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

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

Honoring Ray "Dr. Jocko" Henderson is honoring part of our proud history here in Raleigh's African-American community. Let's all do our part.

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

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

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

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