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A Racial Divide

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we are still caught in a racial divide when it comes to the treatment of our people and unjust actions of those who are supposed to act on our behalf. This week, I learned that an eleven year old child was suspended from school because, while she was changing clothes for P. E. class, she supposedly left the curtains cracked on another girl. There were only girls in the dressing room. This Black young girl was taken to the office and questioned by the assistant principal, School

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NCDP Chair says party gearing up for 2016

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

One year from this week, North Carolina will elect a new governor and US senator, while the nation will elect a new president.

North Carolina Democratic Party Chairwoman Patsy Keever has been gearing up for those battles, in addition to electing more Democrats statewide to the NC General Assembly to at least weaken the Republican stranglehold there of both houses. Thanks to redistricting, being able to reclaim the majority may be a stretch in the conceivable future, but replacing several seats with Democrats seems doable as long as fundraising remains steady, and party loyalists of varying factions come together to focus on winning, as opposed to fighting each other.

"From my purview, I'm very excited," Keever told The Wilmington Journal several weeks ago when asked how the 2016 election year was shaping up. "I think we're going to have excellent candidates. The thing that will change our lives here in North Carolina more than anything else is if we can elect a governor, and then elect either four more members in the [state] House, or five more members in the [NC] Senate so that it would give the [Democratic] governor a veto-proof number."

"We still won't have the majority, still may not be able to pass all of the laws we would like to, but at least we can stop the egregious legislation that's coming out of Raleigh now," the NCDP chairwoman continued.

Part of Keever's excitement stems from the improving financial picture. Under previous NCDP Chairman Randy Voller, donations virtually dried up when moderate Democrats who traditionally contributed to the state party coffers stopped writing checks to protest Voller more progressive direction. The contribution checkoff on state tax returns was also ended by the GOP legislature,. Cutting off another traditional source of revenues. It wasn't long before there was talk of

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NCDP CHAIR PATSY KEEVER

HANDS ON!

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YOUNG LADY ENGAGES IN EXPERIMENT.

STEM Fair held at Brigade Boys & Girls Club

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Wilmington's Brigade Boys & Girls Club and U.S. Cellular partnered together for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Fair on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. The activities provided covered a wide range of STEM topics which proved be engaging, hands-on and just plain fun! U.S. Cellular employees implemented various STEM experiments including; Invisible Ink, Garden-in-a-Glove, My Genes Bracelet and Fingerprint Station to name a few.

Wilmington's U.S. Cellular has invested $15,000 in the Brigade Boys & Girls Clubs to enhance the learning experience of our youth through STEM educational programs. This donation is part of U.S. Cellular's $1.25 million national commitment to Boys & Girls Clubs of America and National 4-H Council.

"As a wireless company with national coverage driven by innovative technology, it's a natural fit that we focus on STEM programming as it helps develops students interest in the sciences and molds our future leaders in the technology field," says Jeremy Taylor, director of sales for U.S. Cellular in eastern North Carolina. "We are excited to continue our partnership with Brigade Boys & Girls Club and are thrilled to see them use our

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EXCLUSIVE

Forsyth County Clerk of Courts office, others sued in alleged fraud case

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE WINSTON SALEM CHRONICLE

SPECIAL FROM
THE WINSTON SALEM CHRONICLE

The estate of a deceased African-American retired nurse is suing the Forsyth County Office of Clerk of Superior Courts, several local attorneys, and two insurance companies, alleging "a pattern and practice of fraudulent acts taking place..." that resulted in the loss of over $1.4 million in the deceased woman's assets, The Winston-Salem Chronicle first reported two weeks ago.

The lawsuit, filed Oct. 20th in Forsyth County Superior Court by attorney Reginald D. Alston of Winston-Salem, on behalf of the estate of Mary Thompson through administrator Calvin Brannon, her brother, is asking for compensatory and punitive damages from seven defendants, some in excess of $25,000 each.

This case, if successful, could point to an alleged pattern of questionable practices in the Forsyth County Clerk of Superior Courts Office involving various clerks in the Special Proceedings and Estate Departments, where allegedly otherwise competent people were being erroneously, and illegally deemed incompetent and "funneled to personal and estate guardians for personal gain," sources say.

Several other alleged cases are currently being investigated.

In North Carolina, state statutes mandate that when an adult is legally determined to lack the mental and/or physical capabilities to care for themselves and their finances, they are, after a "special

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Governor McCrory and Historical Commission endorse planning for African American memorial

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

RALEIGH- Governor Pat McCrory has announced that the North Carolina Historical Commission voted unanimously to proceed with planning a memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol to commemorate the contributions of African Americans to the life of the state.

"We must begin to tell the story of the great contributions African Americans have made to North Carolina," Governor McCrory said. "This memorial will not only commemorate an important part of our history, it will inspire future generations to make history of their own that will contribute to the fabric of our great state."

The vote came following a recommendation of Governor McCrory to Natural and Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Kluttz. The endorsement follows a 2010 study of monuments both inside and outside the Capitol and concurrent recommendations for developing additional memorials.

"I am thrilled that the contributions of African Americans will be recognized on the Capitol grounds," said Kluttz. "I am proud that our governor took the lead in this long, overdue initiative."

The Historical Commission joins the African American Heritage Commission in seeking to fully represent the diversity of North Carolina's history. Those backing the proposal commend the work of the North Carolina Freedom Monument Project and seek to complement, not supplant, its ambitious plan for a public art project two blocks northeast of the Capitol.

The planning committee will consist of three members of the North Carolina Historical Commission and three members of the African American Heritage Commission, and led by Historical Commission Chair

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donation to benefit New Hanover County students."

Established in 1896, the Brigade Boys & Girls Club is the oldest club in North Carolina and has been on the forefront of youth development since its inception. The Club works with young people from disadvantaged economic, social and family circumstances in New Hanover, Pender and Onslow Counties and helps ensure that the community's children have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures.

KEEVER

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the party actually selling off its historic Hillsborough Street headquarters just to make ends meet.

Keever, then party vice chair, promised when she ran to succeed Voller that she would attract her more moderate followers back to the fold, and aggressively rebuild the party's war chest in preparation for the pivotal 2016 elections.

Apparently that's happening.

"Many of our donors are coming back onboard, and the atmosphere is very positive," Keever says. "And I'm very please."

Indeed her election as chair quieted some of the party infighting, but certainly not all. The African-American Caucus, an autonomous auxiliary of the NCDP, has had raging infighting for the past several months, and may see more after its current leader, Willie Fleming of Charlotte, steps down Nov. 14th, and a new head is elected.

In addition, with African-Americans comprising upward of fifty percent of the Democratic base in North Carolina, there are many that accuse the party of traditionally taking the black vote for granted, and not giving black candidates for major or statewide offices the same kind of support that white candidates get.

Still, Chairwoman Keever says with the primary election date now moved up from May to March, fielding the best team to challenge Republicans' Governor Pat McCrory's and US Sen. Richard Burr, and making sure that a Democrat takes the reins of the White House from outgoing President Barack Obama, is everyone's priority in the party, whether they get along with each other or not.

People realize that we all have to be in this together," Chairwoman Keever says, "and we can't afford the internal conflicts."

"This is about relationship building, this is about raising money, having good candidates, ensuring that our rural counties have the same support our urban counties do. It's a togetherness thing, and everybody realizes that it's going to take all of us," Keever added, "And that's what we're working on."

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proceedings" hearing by the county Clerk of Courts Office, appointed a general guardian or an estate guardian (either a person, agency or corporation that petitions the Clerk) to oversee whatever personal affairs deemed necessary until such time that adult is capable to regain control.

It is during these quasi-judicial special proceedings hearings that sworn testimony is taken from all interested parties to present evidence, and legally determine if the adult in question is indeed incompetent, and in need of assistance from a guardian appointed by the Clerk.

Those involved usually include a legal representative for the adult (otherwise known as a guardian ad litem, appointed by the Clerk), a medical expert to determine the level of competence after examination, any "next of kin" who may oppose the claim of incompetency, and the person who has made application to become that adult's guardian, whose duties are defined by law, especially in matters of health and finances.

According to the lawsuit, in March 2007, retired nurse and businesswoman Mary Thompson "...was free to live and manage her own affairs... until her niece, through "...the misuse" of the woman's business power of attorney, "...deceptively placed Thompson" in a Kernersville nursing facility, even though she had "... no [legal] authority" over Ms. Thompson's health care.

The suit further alleges that the niece knew of Thompson's $1.4 million in assets in Forsyth and Rowan counties, in addition to various monthly Social Security and retirement payments. Thompson moved to revoke the business power of attorney to stop her niece from further unauthorized action, but in April 2007, the niece filed for a special proceeding in the Forsyth Clerk of Courts Office to have her aunt "...declared incompetent coupled with a request that [the niece] be declared the guardian of [Thompson's] estate."

The suit states that even though Thompson's "next of kin" - Brannon and his sister, Carolyn Davis --were notified of the niece's guardianship application and no medical evidence proving incompetence was ever presented, Thompson was declared incompetent by the Clerk's Office on May 3, 2007 per a later discovered signed document , something her two siblings knew nothing of until six months later because they were never informed of a rescheduled special proceeding in the matter.

Years later, that Clerk of Court ruling was deemed "legally inoperative" by the state Court of Appeals in February 2014 because there was no record of the mandated special proceeding taking place with the next of kin present; and the May 3, 2007 document declaring Thompson incompetent was never filed stamped, again as legally required in order to prove that it was properly entered into the court record.

Thus, Mary Thompson should not have been declared legally incompetent, the appellate court said, and all actions thereafter were invalid.

But the allegations didn't stop there.

The suit then alleges that inexplicably, an attorney named Bryan Thompson (no relation to Mary Thompson), who documents show has been appointed guardian in many other incompetency cases listed in Forsyth County Court records, had someone in the Forsyth Clerk of Courts Office to, "...sign [an estate] guardianship appointment in his favor on May 1, 2007 without giving notice to Mary Thompson and her next of kin as it is required..." by state statutes. The suit further claims that atty. Thompson knew that his "...guardianship appointment in his favor was fictitious...[and] used it to fraudulently obtain possession and control over the assets of Mary Thompson in May of 2007."

Also of note, according to the suit, atty. Thompson was erroneously appointed guardian to Mary Thompson on May 1, 2007, even though the Clerk's Order of Incompetency was not issued until May 3, 2007, which is legally impossible since incompetency must be legally established first prior all guardianship appointments.

The suit also contends that the appointed guardian ad litem who was supposed to represent the legal interests of Mary Thompson, attorney Fred Flynt, "failed" to act in any way to protect her legal rights.

Calvin Brannon, Thompson's brother representing her next of kin, filed motions in March 2012 declaring that attorney Bryan Thompson's guardianship was invalid, but a Superior Court judge ruled that Clerk of Court Susan Frye was proper in denying those motions.

The February 2014 NC Court of Appeals ruling reversed the Superior Court judge's order, finding that all of attorney Thompson actions regarding the estate of Mary Thompson "...were without legal authority." But in October 2014, Mary Thompson died, and attorney Bryan Thompson, according to the estate lawsuit, "...did not return the assets that he took by fraud from Mary Thompson valued at $1,486,415.49."

Brannon's lawsuit seeks all of his sister's assets returned to the estate, and holds liable attorney Thompson; Office of the Clerk of Court; guardian ad litem Fred Flynt; along with two insurance companies on the bond issued to protect Mary Thompson's assets as required by law; and two other attorneys for their alleged roles in what the suit maintains was a case of fraud.

In an article on the lawsuit appearing in *The Winston-Salem Journal* last week, Forsyth Clerk of Court Susan Frye countered that her office "did nothing illegal."

"Everything was handled in a professional manner," Frye told the W-S Journal last Monday. "And all laws have been followed. There was no fraud."

An attorney for Bryan Thompson told the paper that his actions were "...accounted for and approved by the court."

The Justice Department and HUD announce new juvenile re-entry assistance program

New re-entry program aims to reduce barriers to public housing, employment and educational opportunities

WASHINGTON - In an effort to reduce barriers for justice-involved youth, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today announced a new Juvenile Re-Entry Assistance Program: a $1.7 million initiative to help Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and legal assistance organizations address challenges to housing and employment among justice-involved individuals.

Through the Juvenile Re-entry Assistance Program (JRAP), DOJ and HUD are working collaboratively to help individuals that have paid their debt to society rehabilitate and reintegrate back into their communities. This program specifically excludes those who are convicted of making methamphetamine drugs, sex offenses or domestic violence.

"The Department of Justice is committed to giving justice-involved youth the tools they need to become productive members of society," said Attorney General Loretta Lynch. "Providing meaningful support through housing opportunities, prevention programs and other critical services is vital to our ongoing efforts to reduce recidivism, promote public safety and foster positive results in communities across the country."

Additionally, HUD announced updated public housing arrests guidance to PHAs regarding the use of arrests in determining who can live in HUD-assisted properties. The Guidance outlines that arrest records may not be the sole basis for denying admission, terminating assistance or evicting tenants; and reiterates that HUD does not require PHAs and owners to adopt "One Strike" policies and includes best practices and models of success from PHAs across the nation.

HUD Secretary Julián Castro made these announcements this week in Chicago as part of the Obama Administration's criminal justice and reentry incentive.

"Life is about second chances and offering young people an opportunity to turn away from their mistakes and get back on the right path," said Secretary Castro. "These grants will allow Public Housing Authorities to help these young people to reach their potential and begin to contribute to their own communities."

Having a juvenile or a criminal record can severely limit a person's ability to seek higher education, find good employment, or secure affordable housing. Today, there are nearly 55,000 individuals under age 21 in juvenile justice facilities. These consequences create unnecessary barriers to economic opportunity and productivity, and President Obama and members of his Cabinet continue to take impactful steps to ensure those exiting the justice system become productive, law-abiding citizens.

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Resource Officer, and the teacher. She was then suspended from school for a week. Something is wrong with this. I find that this all was done without parents' being present.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2015, a court case, involving charges of corruption against Deputy Joe Cherry, a deputy with the Brunswick County Sheriff Department, was scheduled to be heard. Allegations have been made against Deputy Cherry that include court lying to justify false arrests and seeking convictions on "trumped up" charges, all in the name of serving in the "line of duty." The trial, however, by request of Assistant District Attorney Chris Thomas, has been postponed to a later date and time which will be announced at a later date.

I mention these stories to make people aware that hatred is still very much alive. It is not dead, and it has become more and more up front and straightforward in the last six years. We must stay alert, stay educated on whom we elect to office, pray that we will not go any further backward in race relations. We must move ahead, Brunswick County. We must not get caught up with fancy words or election "pay offs" with the devil himself. Now let's move away from him by committing to get up and vote, educate our youth, talk with adults to make sure they understand.

We, our School System, Legislature, Sheriff Department, etc. must move together in order to succeed. What, or where, next?

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

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FORMER JCSU TRUSTEE LAUNCHES "NO-CONFIDENCE" VOTE CAMPAIGN

STATE BRIEFS

[CHARLOTTE] An alumnus of Johnson C.. Smith University has launched a "Vote of No - Confidence Petition Campaign" against the HBCU's trustee board chairman and the school's president. Talmadge Fair, who identifies himself as a current member of the JCSU Trustee Board, says he seeks to remove Chairman Monroe Miller and President Ronald Carter, "...and others from their administrative/fiduciary responsibilities." Fair alleges that both leaders have failed to "...detail [JCSU's] financial and academic state. Chairman Miller ha issued a statement in response saying, "We regret that Talmadge Fair, a former member of the Johnson C. Smith University Board of Trustees, has chosen to start this petition. Johnson C. Smith University has made significant progress over the past seven years. Our work is paying dividends as we attract the attention and funding of major foundations and corporations."

ALUMNI GROUP SUES SHAW CHAIRMAN, FORMER CHAIR

[RALEIGH] Shaw Alumnus and Friends, Inc. has filed a federal lawsuit against current Shaw University Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Bell, and his predecessor, former Chairman Willie Gary, alleging that the pair steered school contracts to their relatives, mishandled selection of presidents, and essentially put the HBCU in a perilous financial situation. The suit seeks more than $75,000 in damages. Neither Bell or Gary have responded to the suits by press time.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN HOWARD COBLE DIES, 84

[GREENSBORO] Former NC Congressman Howard Coble (R-NC-6), died late Tuesday in Greensboro, according to his family. Coble, 84, had been hospitalized in September having complications with skin cancer treatment. Coble spent 30 years in in office, having been elected to Congress in 1984. He retired last January. Gov. McCrory order all flags flown at half-mast in Rep. Coble's honor.

EUGENICS VICTIMS RECEIVE SECOND STATE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS

[RALEIGH] Over 200 eugenics victims have been sent a second $15,000 payment from the state from the $10 million fund the NC Legislature established in 2013. Those victims were forcibly sterilized by the state during the 1930's through the 1970's after they were falsely labeled as mentally ill. North Carolina sterilized approximately 7,600 poor blacks and whites during that period. Former Gov. Mike Easley apologized to the survivors in 2002, and former Gov. Beverly Perdue pushed the NC General Assembly to compensate them.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

PLAN FOR A PUBLIC ART PROJECT TWO BLOCKS NORTHEAST OF THE CAPITOL

CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMORIAL

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Millie Barbee.

The committee is charged with site selection and identification of one or more designers to be placed before the Historical Commission for final selection. Assisting the committee will be Michael Hill, supervisor of historical research, and Michelle Lanier, director of the African American Heritage Commission.

The first step will be identification of a suitable space on the State Capitol grounds with consideration of the northwest, southwest and southeast corners. The Vietnam Memorial occupies the northeast corner and offers the prime model for scale.

As to thematic elements, the 2010 study included the results of hearings and other public input. A host of potential subjects will be made known to prospective designers. The North Carolina Arts Council will assist in the development of a call for entries. The first meeting of the planning committee is set for January 2016.

The North Carolina Historical Commission, African American Heritage Commission and North Carolina Arts Council are administered by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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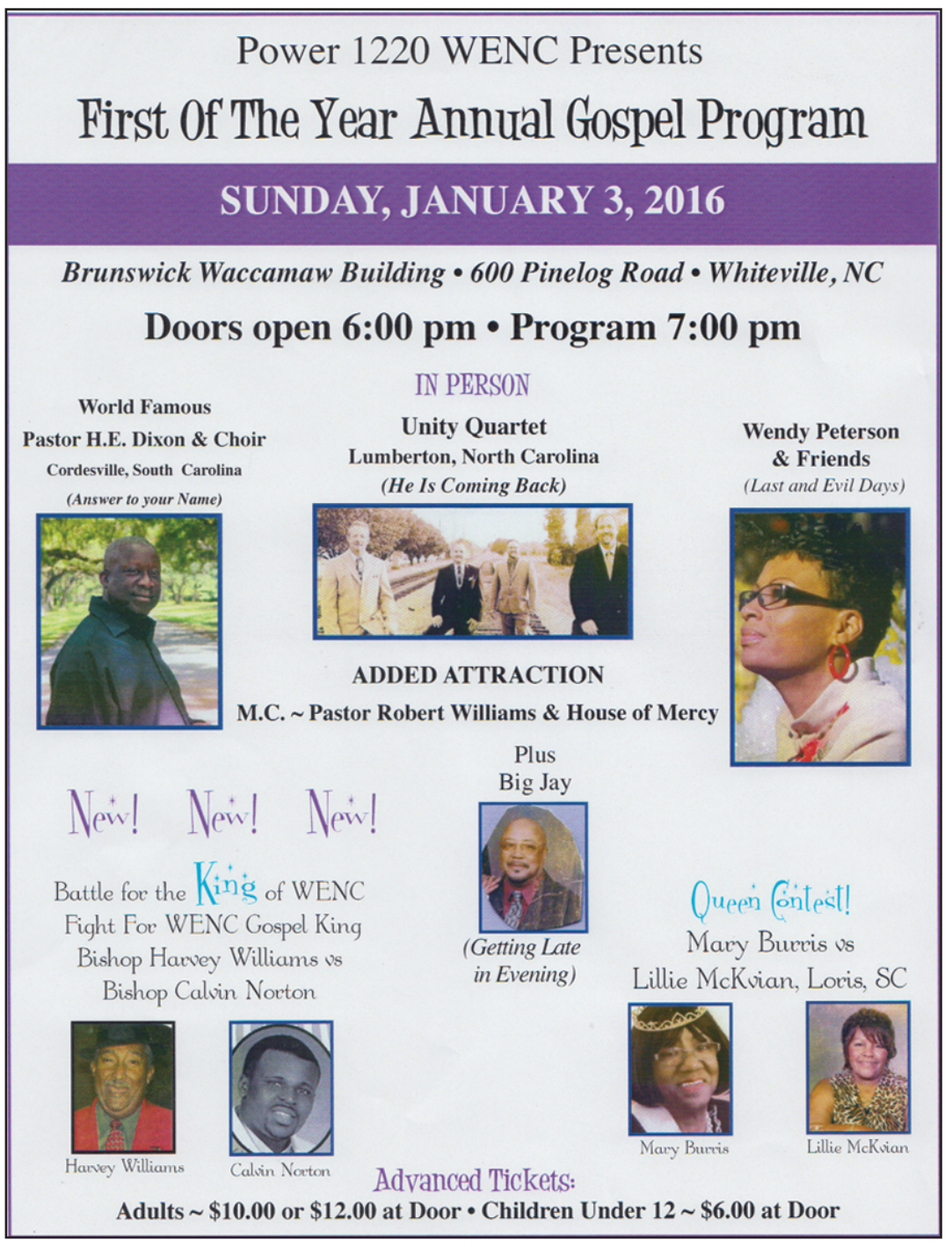

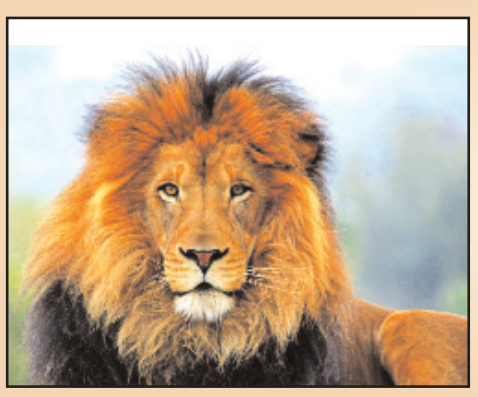

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GUEST EDITORIAL

CHILDWATCH

Be part of the solution, not the problem

(George Curry Media)

School children don't need one more "Officer Slam," as some students referred to the White South Carolina school resource officer who this week shamed the nation with his violent ejection of a 16-year-old Black female student from her classroomfor a nonviolent offense.

Marian W. Edelman

A very welcome counter narrative took place when a White female police officer in Washington, D.C. after diffusing a potentially volatile conflict between two groups of Black teens, then charmed with a "dance off" a defiant teen-age girl who had refused to leave. Any parent who has gone through the challenges of adolescence could only admire the quick thinking and agile footwork of the D.C. police officer.

The last thing children need is violent assaults in schools that ought to be safe havens, and a suspension, expulsion and arrest to blot their school records and push them closer to the prison pipeline. And the very last thing children need is out-of-control adults using violence as a way of resolving differences.

I am often asked what's wrong with our children and I almost always answer: Adults are what's wrong. We tell our children to control themselves while slapping and spanking and ejecting them violently in our homes, childcare centers, schools, detention facilities and prisons. Adults tell children to be honest while lying and cheating and not to be violent while marketing and glorifying violence.

I urge every parent, adult, educator, faith and public leader to conduct a personal audit to determine whether we are contributing to the crisis our children face or to the solutions they urgently need. And if we are not a part of the solution, we are a part of the problem and need to do better.

Our children don't need or expect us to be perfect. They do need and expect us to be honest, to admit and correct our mistakes, and to share our struggles about the meanings and responsibilities of faith, parenthood, citizenship, and life. Before we can pull up the moral weeds of violence, materialism, and greed in our society that are strangling so many of our young, we must pull up the moral weeds in our own backyards and educational institutions.

• If we are not supporting a child we brought into the world as a father or mother with attention, time, love, discipline, and the teaching of values, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution;

•If we are abusing tobacco, alcohol or other drugs while telling our children not to, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution;

•If we have unlocked and loaded guns in our home and cars, and rely on them to feel safe and powerful, and don't stand up to those who market guns to our children and to those who kill our children with guns, or glamorize violence as fun, entertaining, and normal, then we are part of the problem rather than the solution;

•If we profess to be people of faith and send rather than take our children to worship and religious education services, and believe that the Sermon on the Mount, Ten Commandments, the Koran, or whatever religious beliefs we hold, pertain only to one-day worship but not to Monday through Sunday home, professional, and political life, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution;

•If we tell, snicker, or wink at racial, gender, religious, or ethnic jokes or engage in or acquiesce in any practices intended to diminish rather than enhance other human beings, then we are part of the problem rather than the solution;

•If we think being American is about how much we can get rather than about how much we can give and share to help all our children get a healthy, fair, and safe start in life, and sucessful transition to college and productive work then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution;

•If we or our organizations are spending more money on alcohol and entertainment than on scholarships, books, tutoring, rites of passage, and mentoring programs for youths, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution;

•If we'd rather talk the talk than walk the walk to the voting booths, school board meetings, political forums, PTA, congregation and community meetings to organize community and political support on all sides of the aisle for our children, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution;

•If we are not voting and holding political leaders at every level and in every party accountable for investing relative pennies in quality early childhood opportunities, education, housing for homeless children and jobs - jobs with dignity and decent wages - and billions in the military budget, and for cutting investments for poor mothers and children while protecting massive government welfare for rich farmers and over-paid corporate executives, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution.

Be part of the solution, not the problem.

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

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Meat and cigarettes

Thank you to the World Health Organization for having the courage to speak truth to power: meat, like cigarettes and asbestos, does cause cancer! No U.S. health agency would ever say this for fear of losing Congressional funding.

The World Cancer Research Fund and a number of other international health agencies have been advising for years that meat consumption raises the risk of colon and other forms of cancer, but the WHO panel was actually able to determine a causal effect.

The 630-page report was drafted by a panel of 22 experts from ten countries who reviewed 800 studies of the link between meat and cancer. These included animal experiments, studies of human diet and health, and research into cellular processes that cause cancer.

The panel's conclusions evoked strong responses, with obvious resistance from the meat industry and calls for warning labels, akin to those mandated for cigarettes, from environmental groups.

Cancer of the colon is expected to kill nearly 50,000 Americans this year, mostly through a self-inflicted diet. Fortunately, annual per capita U.S. meat consumption has dropped by 15% from a high of 121 pounds in 2002, as consumers switch to healthier, more convenient, and tastier plant-based alternatives.

Sincerely,

Trenton Stockman
Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

What you should never do for an abusive boss

Having survived several abusive bosses I was intrigued when my wife mentioned that there was a study on abusive bosses re-ported in *The Washington Post.* What struck me was the hypothesis of the researchers to that effect that "…acts of compassion and empathy – assisting bad bosses by going above and beyond, helping with heavy workloads even when not asked," would help lessen future rude or abusive behavior.

Bill Fletcher

My jaw dropped. What on Earth could have led them to believe such a thing? Needless to say their hypothesis was disproven. In fact, their study found that such behavior had no impact on improving a situation with an abusive boss. One of the architects of the study suggested that the actual finding clashed with common sense. Really? It seemed to me that their hypothesis clashed with common sense.

Abusive bosses are among the worst experiences of a worker in a workplace. They introduce unpredictable terror. One day everything seems fine and then the next moment one worker or the other is the subject of berating, frequently for no apparent reason. Everyone is forced to creep around the workplace in order to either avoid the boss or so as not to upset the boss.

I have had experiences with two sorts of abusive bosses. The first is the substance abuser. This is the person who is addicted to alcohol and/or drugs and their abuse is directly related to this addiction. Their abuse may be unpredictable or, in other cases, very predictable, e.g., knowing that in the afternoon the boss will be drinking and that is when to stay away. No matter what good you do as the worker, the substance abuser boss cares not, or quickly forgets the good work. They may regularly target a particular worker for abuse, leading other workers to believe that they are 'safe' as long as the worker who is bullied remains the target. Instead of any solidarity, the worker-victim is left on their own.

The other abusive boss I have experienced is where the boss is very insecure and wants to ensure that no one outshines them. In one work situation in which I found myself, my boss wanted to always be the smartest person in the room. To the extent to which s/he believed that someone else might be as smart (or smarter!!), they went on the warpath against that worker, doing all that they could to demean the worker with the objective of ultimately forcing them out.

The question is what can one do. If you are a member of a labor union you can frequently file charges against such a boss for contract violations. But if you are not in a union, the behavior of a boss is much more difficult to address. In my experience the behavior CAN change when those to whom the boss is accountable become fed up, be they his/her superiors or those who have elected him/her. Regardless, in such situations, you as the worker and the victim of the boss's abuse must find allies. The pain of facing this alone is crushing, and leads many people to question themselves and their own integrity. This is a moment when you really need the support and solidarity of your co-workers.

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We need to stop calling the cops on our students

Richland County Senior Deputy Sheriff Ben Fields seemed to think the only way he could get a young black girl out of her seat was to fling her across the room. His brutal attack on her was filmed by one of her classmates, and it's a good thing he documented the incident. It was said that the young lady punched the officer before Eddie Robinson, Jr. started taping, but he indicates that she was quiet and simply refused to get out of her seat. He said she had only taken her phone out for a minute and "she didn't do anything wrong".

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

On Wednesday, October 28, Sheriff Leon Lott announced that Fields had been fired because his behavior was inconsistent with the training he had. But in response to a question at the press conference he held, he reported that Fields did not feel remorseful, that he was sorry the incident happened, but he was "just trying to do his job." Not only did he brutalize a young girl, but he also arrested another young woman who simply asserted that the officer was wrong to treat her classmate so roughly. No other student said a word, and they were perhaps frightened to speak up.

Where are our women's organizations? Where are our African American and civil rights organizations? Or our African American educators? Granted, this is just a few days after the fact and perhaps some of these folks will speak up eventually. Perhaps they are waiting to hear "the facts", but as Sheriff Lott said there was no excuse for a young lady to be dragged in the way that she was.

Sheriff Lott said his community, a suburb of state capital Columbia, South Carolina, was an "orderly" community. He said there were no marches, no confrontation, because "that is not how we do things here." While the Sheriff did the right thing by firing Ben Fields, his own attitude could stand some adjusting, and perhaps a march might be a way to express dissatisfaction at his approach (and that of the school system). In his press conference, he said that Fields' behavior was inappropriate, but he basically blamed the young lady for her plight.

While civil rights leaders routinely turn it out when black men are beaten or killed, far fewer seem to care about what happens to black women. From the time that video hit the airwaves there ought to have been cries of outrage (and perhaps they are coming). Ben Fields' actions should not simply be called "unacceptable" but also criminal.

Why did the school call the police anyway? From what I understand, the young lady was not making noise or disrupting class. She failed to comply with a request regarding her cell phone (some say she was asked to put it away, others said she was asked for the phone). Either way, the penalty for noncompliance should not have been arrest.

Last year, the Department of Education released a report that showed that African American and Latino students were suspended or expelled far more frequently than their white counterparts, often getting a different level of punishment for the same offense. Some of the suspensions and expulsions even happen at the preschool level – meaning that three and four year old children are being kicked out of school simply because they are little children (who frequently misbehave).

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, around 43% of our nation's public schools had police officers on their grounds during the 2013-2014 school year, including 63% of middle schools and 64% of high schools. Why are officers of the law on school grounds? How often is their behavior inappropriate? It is unlikely that is the first time former officer Ben Fields behaved so badly toward a student. Indeed, the student who was arrested for speaking up (he said she was disruptive) indicated that Fields had a bad reputation. He was the subject of at least two complaints for excessive force.

While Fields has been fired, he needs to be held accountable, sued. But the bigger picture is the criminalization of our young people by arresting them (leaving them with a criminal record) for minor offenses. Where are the voices lifted to protect a young woman whose simply "no" earns her a brutal beating? Where are the women, the civil rights leaders, the others who often have something to say? Are they silent because this is a girl? The two young women who were arrested need to be lifted up and affirmed by the African American community and that sheriff's office needs to be confronted by the community. Sheriff Lott was gratified because there was no marching. There needs to be.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Convene a national commission on race and poverty

(George Curry Media)

When the Founders wrote the Constitution, Blacks were considered three-fifths human. In a compromise at the constitutional convention, the Constitution was written to allow slave states to count each slave as three-fifths of a person for the purposes of the census and for elections. Slaves couldn't vote, but they could increase the population and thus the representation of slave states.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

We've come a long way since then. The Civil War - the most brutal in the nation's history - ended slavery. The Civil Rights Movement ended segregation and gave African Americans the right to vote.

But we still have a long way to go. It used to be said that Blacks carried twice the burden of Whites. Unemployment rates among African Americans are generally twice those of Whites. Poverty is nearly three times that of Whites. Homeownership is about 60 percent that of Whites.

In critical ways, African Americans rank even lower. The typical African-American household, for example, has about 1/10 the wealth of the typical White household, a disparity that has tripled over the past decade.

Now a study by the New York Times documents what we know to be true: Driving while black is dangerous. African Americans are significantly more likely to be pulled over while driving for traffic violations than whites. When pulled over, they are twice as likely to be searched, even though police are far more likely to find drugs and weapons in the searches of Whites than Blacks.

In Chicago, Blacks are five times more likely to be searched when stopped than White drivers, even though the police are less likely to find contraband when searching them.

Part of the reason, police argue, is that African Americans are more likely to live in impoverished neighborhoods. As the Washington Post reported, poor African Americans are 10 times more likely to live in high poverty census tracts than poor Whites. In Chicago, about 35 percent of poor African Americans live in poor neighborhoods while about 4 percent of Whites do.

Housing discrimination, zoning patterns, redlining by banks, public housing construction all combine to pen poor African Americans in poor neighborhoods. And then the police are assigned to patrol aggressively in what quickly become "high-crime districts." This is a recipe for tension, suspicion and violence. And as distrust rises, crimes go unsolved as residents don't trust the police enough to cooperate.

This is the "whereas": whereas racial disparity is clear and destructive. The real question is the "therefore": therefore we will act. Too often the complaint ends with the whereas and little or no attention and resources are devoted to the therefore.Therefore we need reform of our criminal injustice system. Better monitoring and training of police, who should live in the neighborhoods that they patrol.

But police reform is not sufficient. We need a transformation of housing policy to spread low-cost housing across metropolitan areas. We need aggressive enforcement of laws against redlining, a crackdown on banks and auto companies that target African Americans for the highest rate and trickiest loans. We need real investment to put people to work, to provide public transport that can take them to where the jobs are, and to give children a fair start from the beginning.

President Barack Obama is in Chicago this week at a gathering of police chiefs. It is important to keep pushing for police and criminal justice reforms, but the "therefore" must go far beyond. It is time to convene a National Commission on Race and Poverty to go beyond reporting on the whereas and start detailing the therefores.

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BLACKONOMICS

The dearth of Black media ownership

(George Curry Media)

In war, one of the first things the enemy does is destroy his adversary's ability to communicate within its ranks. Chaos likely ensues if a fighting force cannot communicate internally. Individual soldiers end up doing their own thing, left to their own devices; they make decisions based on their individual situations and in their individual interests.

James Clingman

This allows the enemy to come in and pick them off one by one, using false information and propaganda (Tokyo Rose), instilling fear of being captured or killed, or by making the individual feel abandoned and left with no hope of victory.

If the ability to communicate is maintained within a fighting force, it strengthens the group and provides confidence, assurance, and cohesion. Considering our penchant for soundbites, 140-character chirps, and listening to great speeches but not analyzing them and taking appropriate action, communication among Black folks has largely been reduced to little more than noise. And it's getting worse.

Black newspapers used to be our main communication organ, but as the demand for electronic access to news has increased, newspapers have nearly become obsolete in some circles. Books were also a great source of communication because they contain so much knowledge written by scholars, historians, educators, and activists; but now we are so intellectually lazy that books have become passé and just something to brag about having on our bookshelves. Now we rely on Twitter and Face Book for our news.

Newspapers, radio, Internet, and television are the four dominant means of communications today. Black people still own a few hundred newspapers, many of which are struggling from week to week because Black folks do not subscribe nor do Black businesses buy ads to any large degree.

Black ownership of radio stations has drastically decreased in the past 20 years. Aside from a couple of great Black-owned Internet wire services, "Black oriented" sites are not Black-owned; and two of the three longstanding Black magazines, *Essence* and *Ebony*, have been reduced to fashion and entertainment, leaving Black Enterprise to carry the load of informing Black folks on economic issues. (I don't mean to overlook other Black periodicals; I know they are out there getting the word out as best they can.)

Now let's look at television. According to an article in TV News Check, June 27, 2014, written by Doug Halonen, "Whites owned 1,070 full-power commercial TV stations in 2013, up 14% from the 935 they owned in 2011. Racial minorities owned 41 of the U.S.'s 1,386 full-power commercial TV stations in 2013, up 32% from the thirty-one they owned in 2011 - but only nine of those stations were owned by African Americans during 2013, down 18% from the eleven they owned two years previously, according to a study of station ownership released by the FCC..."

The FCC report also found that "Asians owned nineteen full-power TV stations in 2013, up 73% from the eleven they owned in 2011. Hispanics or Latinos owned forty-two full power TV stations in 2013, up 8% from the thirty-nine they owned in 2011."

I guess I could end this article right here, but without application, knowledge and information are without effect. The obvious point here is the necessity for Black people to own more communications outlets in order to control and disseminate pertinent information to Black people. How? Establish syndicates that could purchase more outlets; form an alliance of affluent and conscious Blacks to purchase communications outlets and produce programs to empower rather than dumb-down *Black people*.

Increase support of Black-owned media and their advertisers by Black consumers; leverage the support of Black readers, listeners, and viewers of Black media by insisting on more than just mind-numbing idiotic portrayals of Black

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The GOP's willing suspension of belief

(George Curry Media)

Two recent reports on very different topics in last week's New York Times tell us a great deal about the terrible state of today's Republican Party - if we factor in the psychological device that makes watching movies and television and reading fiction and science fiction so enjoyable.

Lee A. Daniels

One news story examines the research scientists from the U.S. and other countries are conducting on the melting of the Greenland ice sheet. The other describes the recent appearance of some new conservative political action committees, or PACs, whose apparent primary goal is really only enriching those who run them. Critics call them "scam PACs."

The device that unites these stories in terms of considering the GOP is human beings' willingness to suspend disbelief. Usually, that phrase refers to just the offerings of the entertainment industry - to accepting things in the film comedy or drama or novels that we well know in real life would range from unlikely to impossible because we just want to enjoy ourselves.

But the Republican Party has been reminding us for the last seven years that use of a willing suspension of disbelief can, in real life, be a political weapon with very negative consequences - as illustrated by these newspaper articles.

The headline of the article on Greenland, a massive island located largely above the Artic Circle and 80 percent of which has been covered in ice for eons, fundamentally tells the tale.

"Greenland is melting away," it declares. "Scientists are documenting that the island's ice sheet is losing billions of tons of ice per year because of global warming. The resulting release of water into the Artic and North Atlantic oceans over the next several decades will by the end of the century help raise sea levels around the world, flooding coastal regions and cities "from New York to Bangladesh."

But, on the other hand, don't worry.

The Republican Party has it on good authority - its own rhetoric and that of the fossil fuels industry - that climate change is fiction cooked up by the worldwide scientific community with the aid of the Democratic Party. So, Republicans in Congress are trying to gut federal aid for research on climate change.

According to the Times, the Republican chair of the House science committee has, among other actions designed to cripple federal funding on the topic, demanded the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration submit for examination more than six years of internal documents about the agency's measurement of climate change.

Think the House Republicans' Benghazi committee charade all over again, but this time on steroids.

Advocates of progressive policies will likely discern a chickens-coming-home-to-roost quality to the rise of the "scam PACs." They operate by twisting conservative voters' anger the GOP establishment stoked against President Obama and progressive issues into an indictment of the GOP leadership's failure to produce the "total victory" against them it had promised. Their e-mails to conservative voters - which deride the GOP leadership as RINOs (Republican in Name Only) - contain online petitions calling for action of some sort or other that supposedly furthers conservative movement goals, and an appeal for donations to the PAC.

But what the appeals don't say, according to the Times, is that the donations' "ultimate beneficiaries, records suggest, are the consultants who created the campaigns rather than the causes they are promoting." It appears that, generally speaking, less than 10 percent of the millions of dollars these PACs raise go to the politicians or the causes they claim to support.

The GOP's head-in-the-sand approach to the necessity of slowing the world's global warming -- driven partly by the creationist beliefs of its heavily evangelical voting base and by its being the party of the fossil fuels industry - is of a piece with what makes some significant number of GOP voters susceptible to the three-card-monte schemes of those running the new conservative scam PACs.

Both are partly a manifestation of a willing suspension of disbelief: On the one hand, the willingness to disbelieve the overwhelming weight of scientific evidence about the climactic danger facing humanity. And, on the other, the willingness to disbelieve that they could not and would not outmaneuver the man who rose to become the first Black president of the United States.

The GOP leadership's own willing suspension of disbelief is why, as recent polls show, conservative voters as well as the reactionaries they've sent to Congress are furious with them, and why Donald Trump and Ben Carson - who, having no loyalty at all to the Republican Party per se, are the real RINOs - are atop the polls of Republican voters. It's because Trump and Carson have promised they really will institute that longtime goal of the conservative movement: white conservative rule.

That that fantasy still fuels the conservative imagination also indicates how desperately the GOP remains a prisoner of a willing suspension of disbelief.

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Deceitful politicians want media to ignore their lies

(George Curry Media)

Politicians and would-be politicians running for president can't have it both ways: They can't filibuster while refusing to answer direct questions during televised debates and then complain about not having enough time to talk.

George Curry

Judging by the blatant lies they told during the recent CNBC debate, they should have far less time to talk. But politicians being politicians, they know how to play to the crowd while droning on and on with their carefully-crafted talking points that are as stale as last week's fish dinner.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Senator Ted Cruz of Texas - who were also standing near the end of the stage in the recent CNBC debate, as I am sure Donald Trump noticed - inflamed the Republican audience by attacking the journalists for their selection of questions. If these presidential wannabes want to play in the big leagues, they should understand that they don't get to determine which questions are asked of them.

Granted, some of the questions were tertiary, such as the one about whether fantasy football should be regulated, but at least early in the debate, the panel did a good job keeping the candidates in check and not letting them shout "answers" at will. John Harwood in particular did a masterful job not letting it become a runaway train.

For dramatic effect, some candidates looked directly at the camera while lying through their teeth. Here are some of the biggest whoopers on a night of many whoppers, according to FactCheck.org:

Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Florina: It is the height of hypocrisy for Mrs. Clinton to talk about being the first woman president, when every single policy she espouses, and every single policy of President Obama has been demonstrably bad for women. Ninety-two percent of the jobs lost during Barack Obama's first term belonged to women.

It is the height of hypocrisy for Florina to be such a brazen liar.

FactCheck.org stated, "And looking at the full four years of Obama's first term, both men and women gained jobs. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women gained 416,000 jobs in Obama's first term (about 32 percent of the overall job gains)."

And the growth continued in Obama's second term.

Ted Cruz made a similar claim: "Under Barack Obama and the big government economy, the median wage for women has dropped $733."

FactCheck.org: "Actually, the most recent breakdown from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers shows that for women the figure was $728 in the three months ending Sept. 30, up from $647 in the last three months of 2008, just before Obama first took office. That's an increase of $81 per week."

Donald Trump: "I am the only person in either campaign that's self-funding. I'm putting up 100 percent of my own money."

Not true, according to FactCheck.org: "Trump has spent about $1.9 million of his own money running for president, according to his October quarterly report to the Federal Election Commission. That includes a $1.8 million loan to his campaign, as well as in-kind contributions of nearly $104,000. But his campaign has spent more than $5.5 million to date, and the majority of that has come from campaign donors."

Dr. Ben Carson denied any involvement with Mannatech, a controversial nutritional supplement company.

Ben Carson: "I didn't have an involvement with them. That is total propaganda, and this is what happens in our society. Total propaganda.I did a couple of speeches for them. I do speeches for other people. They were paid speeches. It is absolutely absurd to say that I had any kind of a relationship with them.Do I take the product? Yes. I think it's a good product."

The charges are more than "propaganda."

The researchers state, "He admits to giving paid speeches for the company, but reports by the *Wall Street Journal* and the *National Review* have pointed out other connections as well going back at least a decade. For example, he participated in shooting several videos with or about the company; though the Wall Street Journal reported that Mannatech has removed those videos from its website, at least one video remains on YouTube as of this writing in which Carson touts the company's work and products."

There was also this exchange:

John Harwood: "The Tax Foundation, which was alluded to earlier, scored your tax plan and concluded that you give nearly twice as much of a gain in after-tax income to the top 1 percent as to people in the middle of the income scale. Since you're the champion of Americans living paycheck-to-paycheck, don't you have that backward?"

Marco Rubio: "No, that's - you're wrong. In fact, the largest after-tax gains is for the people at the lower end of the tax spectrum under my plan..."

But that wasn't the point. The question was about the middle class and on that score, FactCheck.org stated, "...That is what *the Tax Foundation found."*

The Republican presidential candidates don't need any more time to spread blatant lies.

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folks. These simple tactics could strengthen our lines of communications.

Accessibility, accountability, and acceptability are essential elements to a strong and relevant media presence within Black society. Our current position in that game is untenable and tenuous at best. In light of the fact that we have the financial wherewithal, collectively and individually, to purchase and support media outlets, it is intriguing how we seem to have settled for much less than we need.

Most of us understand and even admit we are in a war, behind enemy lines, and fighting for respect and empowerment. That being the case, why are we content with having our lines of communication controlled by others? If we are reluctant to acquire more conscious media outlets, the least we can do is hold those who purport to be "Black media" accountable by refusing to accept the trashy caricatures of Black people and the negative portrayals of Black life that bombard us every day.

Without control of communications an army is severely handicapped. We had better get rid of our negative channels of communications, shore up the positive ones, and create more of our own.

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Community Briefs

Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. with Phillipins 3: Ministries will be sponsoring a clothing and food drive November 2nd - November 20th. Items needed are non-perishable meal items (rice, pasta, sauce, veggies, instant potatoes, etc.) men's big and tall clothing and professional men and women's clothing. The drop off location is Jo Ann Carter Harrelson Building, 20 North 4th Street Suite 100, Wilmington, Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Contact Lauren Williams at 910-343-8469 or lauren@phoenixhometownhires.org for more information.

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.

Great Pumpkin Hunt will be held on Saturday, November 7th from 10:00 am - 1:00 p.m. at Maides Park, 1101 Manly St. Ages: 2-10 Cost: Free. In addition to the Great Pumpkin Hunt there will be arts & crafts, games, music, hay rides, dessert decorating and more. Call 34-.7867 for more information.

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

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

N.H.C.D. Party Wilmington Precint 29 will meet Monday, November 9th at Williston Middle School, 401 S. 10th St. at 6:45 p.m. Speakers will be Henry Brown (State Farm Insurance), Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley and UNCW Associate Professor Donyell Roseboro.

The New Hanover Chapter of NC Black Leadership Caucus will sponsor a community program entitled "1898 Massacre No We Will Never Forget" observing a tragic event in Wilmington's history. November 10th marks the date that the massacre took place. The event will include a presentation as to why reparations are important. The highlights of the new upcoming documentary "Wilmington On Fire" will also be presented . Reflections by Elizabeth Rivenbaugh and Tyronne Muhammed. The event is co-sponsored by Justice or Else LOC, *The Wilmington Journal* and Black Lives Matter. The event is free and open to the public. The event will take place at the Downtown/Main New Hanover County Public Library in the New Hanover Room on the third floor in Wilmington, NC.

The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level. The November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17th. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

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

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

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Family and Friends' Day Celebration at St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Verniece Stanley

St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, N. C., where the pastor is The Reverend Quan K. R. Stewart, held its Annual Family and Friends' day celebration on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

The bus from Bennettsville, S. C. arrived right on time, and we enjoyed a very healthful breakfast and a "get acquainted session" at the beginning of Sunday. The Sunday School lesson was taught by the Reverend Helen Smith Boynton, Assistant Pastor. Her well organized and well taught lesson will help increase our knowledge and help us grow as we continue our relationship with the Lord. It will help young people grow in the knowledge of the Lord even as they seek other educational opportunities. Through our continual study, we try every day to make the ways of life more simple and easier to understand.

At the beginning of the service, the Praise and Worship Team led the devotional service, after which the Call to Worship was brought by Pastor Stewart, and the processional was done by the Greater Saint James Baptist Church Choir. Sister Josephine Douglas read the Scripture, and we were led in prayer by Brother Allen Smith. Sister Cassie Daniels gave the Welcome Address and made everyone feel welcome. The following coming events were announced: November 1, 2015 - 4:00 p. m. - United Fellowship Service - Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church - Guest church in charge of service will be Friendship Holiness Church. November 21, 2015 - Senior Citizens' Luncheon - Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, N. C. This is another way in which we share true Christian love.

The guest preacher for Family and Friends' Day was The Reverend James E. Smith, Pastor, Greater Saint James Baptist Church, Bennettsville, S. C. The Reverend Smith is a life-long resident of Bennettsville, S. C. He attended the public schools of Marlboro County and graduated from Bennettsville High School. He furthered his education at Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College, Cheraw, S.C. and graduated with an Associate of Science Degree in industrial safety. He later completed his studies in criminal justice. He received a Bachelor's degree in human services from Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N C.

He has been married for 33 years and 11 months to the former Miss Tawaka M. McRae. They are the proud parents of three wonderful children: Marlon, Croshonda, and Kendrick. They also have four beautiful grandchildren: Jamaiya, Marlon, Jr., Cazauria, and Nariah.

He is very active in the community of Bennettsville and Marlboro County. He supports the public schools by lending his time and assistance to whatever their needs are. He is a member of many local, state, and national organizations.

The Reverend Smith preach a dynamic sermon, and, overall, we had a glorious time in the Lord. We thank everyone for the support you gave us. for another Annual Family and Friends' Day.

On another note, on last Tuesday afternoon, out on Old Ocean Highway (17), I saw a large Confederate flag, attached to an old model vehicle. It was being flown high and with great "pride." We live peacefully with our White neighbors out on Randolph Road. I am asking again that those who must feel they must display this symbol of hate to go elsewhere and do so. We want to keep the peaceful relationship we enjoy with Whites growing in our neighborhood.

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.

Red Cross encourages blood donations to help ensure a sufficient supply throughout the holidays

(Nov. 2, 2015) - The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood to help ensure a sufficient blood supply throughout the holiday season.

A seasonal decline in donations often occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors get busy with family gatherings and travel. However, patients don't get a holiday vacation from needing lifesaving transfusions. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Lorie Alwes remembers her father being called often to give blood - even on holidays. He had type O negative blood, the universal blood type. "One time it was in the middle of Thanksgiving dinner and off he went without hesitation," she recalls. "He explained to us kids that his blood was used in emergency situations and could possibly save another life."

Years later, Alwes learned that she also has type O negative blood. She has since donated whenever needed and has encouraged her 17-year-old son to carry on the lifesaving family tradition that was so important to his grandfather.

Donors with all blood types are needed, and especially those with types O negative, B negative, A negative and AB. All those who come to donate Nov. 25-29 will get a Red Cross mixing spoon and celebrity chef recipe set, while supplies last.

To make an appointment to donate blood, people can download the Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

American Red Cross Blood Donation Center:
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Blood donation hours
Monday: 1 - 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Second Sunday of the month: noon - 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:
Columbus County
•Whiteville
Nov. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Whiteville High School, 413 N. Lee St.
Johnston County
•Four Oaks
Nov. 16 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 346, 5626 U.S. Highway 301 S.
Smithfield
Nov. 20 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, 140 E. Market St.
New Hanover County
•Wilmington
Nov. 19 from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 2131 S. 17th. St.
Nov. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 2131 S. 17th. St.
Robeson County
•Pembroke
Nov. 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at University Center Lounge Building 19, 1 University Drive
Wayne County
•Dudley
Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Southern Wayne High School, 124 Walter Fulcher Road
•Goldsboro
Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Goldsboro High School, 910 E. Beech St.
Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Butterball Corporate, 501 N. Oak Forest Road
•Mount Olive
Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Pope Wellness Center, 634 Henderson St.
Nov. 24 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at Carver Elementary School, 400 Old Seven Spring Road

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

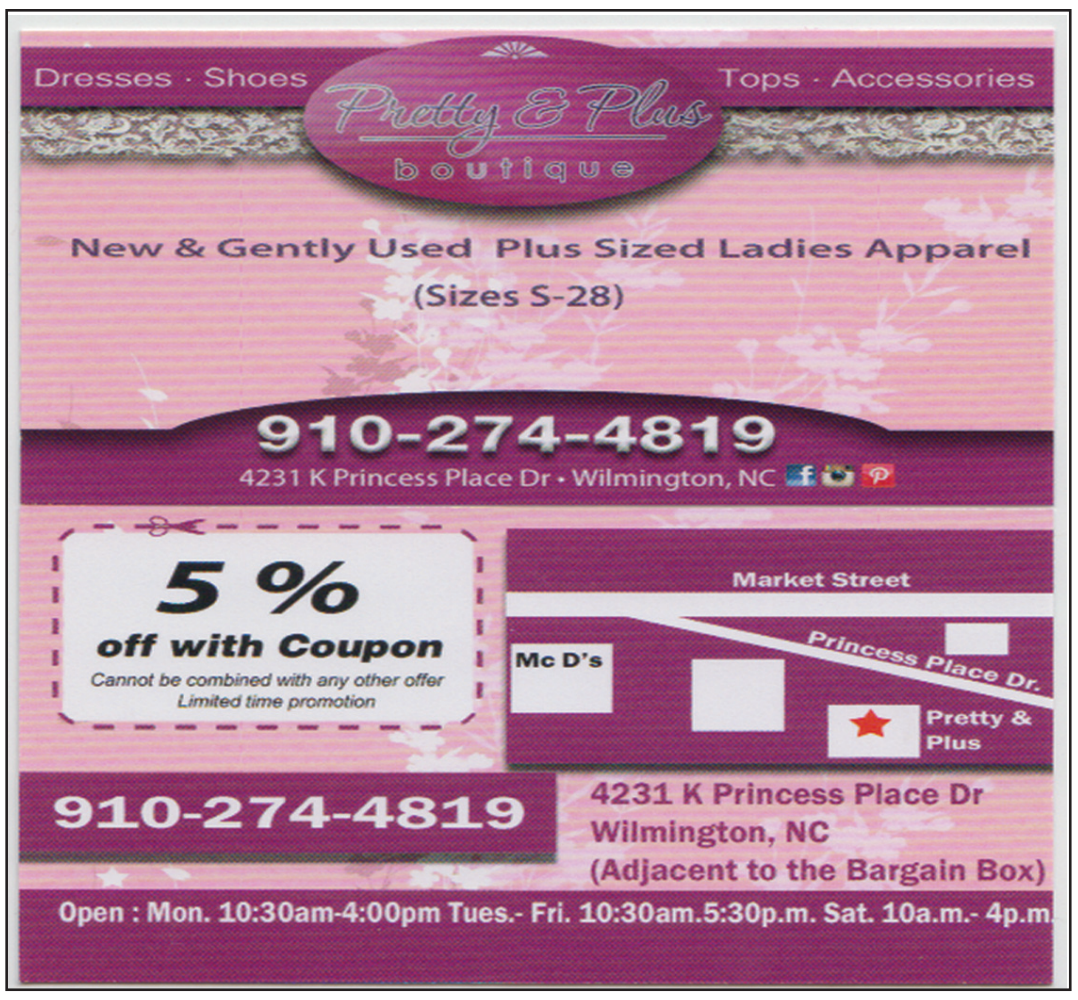
About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

100 turkey, stuffing cranberry sauce giveaway!

The Bolivia-Brunswick county chapter/NC Black Leadership Caucus will be donating to needy families with children, a Turkey, Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce to the first 100 families who sign up by calling 910 278 7245 between the hours of 12pm and 7pm to add your name to the list. The deadline to sign up is November 15,2015.

The Turkey donation will be Thursday November 19, 2015, at Walmart,1675 N Howe Street, Southport, NC between 4pm & 7pm. You must be present to receive the Turkey donation.



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Minister Debora Johnson

Minister Debora Johnson died Sunday, October 25, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Minister Debora Ann Johnson, daughter of the late Mary Johnson Winfield was born August 15, 1955, in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by a sister, Rosetta Baker. Debora accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior on January 20, 1988 and was baptized February 14, 1988 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Pastor Keith B. Wiley. In August 1996 she joined New Beginning Christian Church and continued her discipleship there until May 2010. She then joined New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church on July 18, 2010. She was licensed to preach the gospel on August 29, 2010 by her pastor Reverend Timothy Davis. Debora loved the Lord and served in several positions throughout all the churches she attended. Teaching Sunday School was something she loved. She served as a Sunday School Teacher and as Assistant Director of the Christian Education Department. Debora received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian Education in September 2007 at Westview Bible College and continued to study the Word. Her chosen theme for her life was: She would live and not die and proclaim the Word and Christ's mission. Debora served as secretary for United National Masons and OES, Inc. since 1980. She ministered to members all across the United States and Japan. Everyone respected her and called her constantly for advice.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Special mother, Evelyn Williams; godmother, Dr. Irene G. Van Travis; goddaughter, Monica Michelle Bowman; godson, Sharrod Johnson; siblings, Wilhelmina Johnson, Mary Sanders (Sam, Jr.), Annetta Winfield, Elitha Winfield, Sandra Winfield, Anthony Johnson, Eddie Johnson, Sr. (Patty), James Johnson, Zelda Wright, Melanie Ray, Elijah Williams, Rodney Williams (Janice), Perry Williams (Gwen), Frederick Williams and Anthony Nixon (Tawanda); aunts, Anita Reid Johnson and Brenda white; a host of very special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; three very special friends, Glenda Felder, Jesse Smith (Mike) and Minister Cheri Randall. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Doris Smith Holmes

Doris Smith Holmes died Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 32, 2015 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Doris was born on September 1, 1951 to the late Ernest Jordan and Estelle Smith Perkins. She is a 1970 graduate of John T. Hoggard High School. For several years she worked as a food service representative at Hoechst Celanese in Wilmington, North Carolina. For the past twenty years, she worked in the Environmental Services Department of New Hanover Regional Medical Center. On August 15, 2004 she joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Doris filled her life with work, loving her family, being a friend to many and being a comfort wherever she was needed. She was well known for her famous candied yams. She loved flowers and making people smile. Doris was a loving and compassionate person.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband of thirty-two years, Thomas Holmes, Jr.; three children, Elder Ricardo (Denise) Bennett, Sr. and Margo (Elder Franklin), King, Sr. and Thomas (Dawn Jefferson) Holmes, III; four brothers, Harlee (Brenda) Jordan, Frank (Sandra) Jordan, Dennis (Kay) Smith and Deacon Randolph Smith; eight Sisters, Reverend Ethal (Reverend Isaac) Holmes, Dorothy Jordan; Reverend Barbara Jordan, Josephine James, Thelma (Clyde) Hemmingway, Ernestine (Vincent) Waddell; Minister Marilyn, (Minister Sylvanias) Bloodworth; and Sarah Smith, all of Wilmington, North Carolina. The following siblings preceded Doris in death: Eddie Jordan, Ernest Jordan (JB), Ira Jordan, Hubert Jordan and Wilbert D. Smith. She is survived by seven grandchildren: Autumn Bennett, Charity Bennett, Ricardo Bennett, Jr., Franklin King, Jr., Taylor Kind and Carl Miles, all of Wilmington, NC, Arielle King of Mt. Vernon, NY; two aunts, Letha Smith of Wilmington, NC, and Lillie Mae Freeman of NY; one brother-in-law, Rennie Holmes of Wilmington, NC; sisters-in-law, Margaret Patricia Holmes of Wilmington, NC, Stelena Holmes of Jacksonville, NC and Faustina (Rev. RC) West of Burgaw, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren; a network of friends, the Birthday Club of the environmental Services Department of New Hanover Regional Medical Center. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Earl Jackson

Earl Jackson died Thursday, October 29, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Prayer and Bible Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Clifford Aikman

Clifford Aikman died Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Basilica Shrine of Saint Mary. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

David Jenkins

David Jenkins died Thursday, October 29, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist church, Winnabow, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ellen Batts

Ellen Batts died Monday, November 2, 2015 at her residence. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Calvin Jones

Calvin Jones died Monday, November 2, 2015 at Wilmington Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Cynthia Smith

Cynthia Smith died Monday, November 2, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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CFPB wins $531 million lawsuit against Corinthian Colleges

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
NNPA COLUMNIST

After more than a year of legal tap dancing by Corinthian Colleges, half a billion dollars or to be exact, $531,224,267 of financial justice has been ordered for students who attended the now-defunct private college. On October 27, a federal court issued a default judgment against the former institution for a predatory lending scheme that was as illegal as it was abusive.

Charlene Crowell

While the bankrupt Corinthian does not have the means to pay the judgment, the ruling should provide a basis for students attending the for-profit college to seek relief from the Department of Education for the debts they took out to attend a school of questionable value.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau sued Corinthian Colleges in September of 2014 for luring thousands of students into borrowing its high-cost, private label Genesis loans. More than 60 percent of Corinthian borrowers defaulted on these loans within three years. And — unlike other student loans – Corinthian required repayment to begin while students were enrolled. When the institution deemed it necessary, its staff assumed the role of debt collector as well.

According to the order issued by U.S. District Court's Judge Gary Feinerman, "From approximately March 2008 through July 2014, Corinthian created and marketed the Genesis loan program to students so that Corinthian could charge its students more in tuition than would be covered by Title IV funding from the United States Department of Education (ED). Corinthian did this because ED required schools like Corinthian to obtain at least 10 percent of their revenues from sources other than Title IV funds."

"Thus in order to continue receiving those funds, which was the main source of Corinthian's revenue," the order continues, "Corinthian burdened its students with this additional cost."

Corinthian's tuition costs were so high that an associate degree came with a price tag ranging from $33,000 to $43,000. The costs for a bachelor's degree ran higher from $60,000 to $75,000. Because of these high costs, students needed to borrow a combination of federal and private loans to cover expenses.

The investment students made in their education did not pay off. CFPB's lawsuit also accused Corinthian of bogus advertising that promised jobs and career services that never happened.

If you're like me, you're fuming at the thought of taxpayers footing the bill for a 'college' that gave its students more debt knowledge than marketable skills. Students of color disproportionately enroll in for-profit institutions like Corinthian compared to their white peers, who are more likely to attend either public or private, nonprofit schools.

Sensible people feel the hurt caused to students of color who were lured into these institutions and usually received no degree, no skills but tens of thousands of dollars in debt.

For several years Corinthian Colleges were among the nation's largest for-profit schools, operating under several brands — WyoTech, Heald College and Everest College.

Last year, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) released research that found how high-cost, for-profit colleges make millions each year by targeting students of color. Although for-profit colleges actually enroll only 13 percent of all college students, they account for nearly half of all student loan defaults.

"For profit colleges have positioned themselves as a means for traditionally underserved students of color to achieve educational success and thus to increase their ability to earn higher incomes, and build wealth," states the report. "If these schools do not engender better outcomes for their students and instead merely saddle students with debt, then the access these schools provide could prove to widen existing income and wealth gaps, rather than to narrow them."

"The Department of Education needs to act swiftly and robustly to provide relief to defrauded Corinthian students," said Whitney Barkley, CRL Policy Counsel. "The current system puts all the risk of fraud and financial harm on students and taxpayers. But fairness demands a remedy when a college has been conclusively found to have engaged in such widespread fraud."

"We all have much more work to do before current and past students who were hurt by Corinthian's illegal practices can be made whole," noted CFBP Director Richard Cordray. "We remain deeply concerned about risks facing student borrowers in the for-profit space and will continue to be vigilant in rooting out harmful practices."

Our quest for full financial justice continues….

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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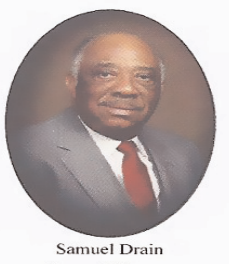

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New Hanover County

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

Religious Briefs

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

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

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut St., will present Soup for the Soul on Friday, November 13th. Doors open at 5;45 p.m. and program begins at 6:30 p.m. The program will include a theatrical play, "Something about the name Jesus," Saxophonist Darryl Murrill and a variety of soups.
For further information call 910-228-7178 or 910-520-5827.

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

Brunswick County

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

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

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

Circle of cottages or group home?

My Fellow Seniors:

You are not going to believe this, but, as soon as I turned in what I call "the last word on group homes," I received a letter from a man who is thinking of a similar project in New Bern. However, I believe they are thinking of a circle of cottages, instead of just one building, and that might be the way to go. What do you think?

Ruth Johnson

Nobody wants to live in a group home unless he or she already has one foot in the nursing home. In that case, everyone would rather live with a few close friends where they could make their own decisions about when to come and where to go and have help when they need it, privacy when they want it, and no financial worries forever.

So what do we really need, one group home for at-risk seniors or a circle of private homes in a new community? We already have senior housing in Wilmington, but my understanding is that they are all private. There is no one in charge in case someone needs help. In a group home, there would be someone to see that all needs are met.

Since a group home would keep a lot of people out of the nursing home, it's quite possible that the government would give us a grant, but that's not for me to say. The question is what do we really need, a group home created by several churches working together and making decisions or a new community with government money and regulations? They would take one third of your income, but you would have no financial problems forever. Obviously, a circle of cottages in open land sounds like a good place to retire, but how many people would be interested, and how would we help one another?

It's not about what we have nor where we live. it's about who we are and what we are willing to give. Talk it over at your next group meeting and keep in touch though *The Wilmington Journal.* This paper is the chain that links us together, and it shines a light in dark places.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

The Seed of Life

BY FANNIE ALLEN
AND SHELIA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! This is another day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and the be glad in it! It's a rainy day, but sunshine is in our hearts. Praise God! The opening song was, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." The prayer was given by Brother Cornell Sparrow. The next song was, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand." This ended our devotional part. Remarks were given by Minister Doris McQuillian.

Our speaker was Queen El. Her topic was "The Seed of Life." We go through nine lunar moons. We were all planted. The seed was planted in the "woman." It supplies our every need. God wants us to have loving and nourishing relationships. So let us continue to plant and supply the necessary things to have a wonderful production. What an awesome presentation! Thank you so much for the word. Remarks and comments were made. The sick report was given by different members. The Callers Report was made. Gladys Taylor and Mary Martin tied for having the most members today. Thanks to all the callers and members for being present.

We were surprisingly entertained by Pastor Wayne A. Johnson, of St. Stephens AME Church, on the organ. He favored us with "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," "Amazing Grace," "Halleluah," "The Lord Is Blessing Me," and "I Love To Tell the Story." What a marvelous delight and inspiration! To God be the glory! Thank you so much, Reverend Johnson, for taking out the time to share your talents of singing and playing the organ.

Announcements were made. "Smiles" were given by Mrs. Mary Martin. Thanks again for the laughter. "Smiles" were also given by Cherry Pearson. Prayer was given by Minister McQuillian. The meeting was then adjourned.

There were 37 members present.

Faith leaders gather in Wrightsville Beach to discuss immigration

As immigrants face difficult times, pastors commit to constructive dialogue

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NC – As the immigration-reform debate continues to heat up from the border with Mexico to Raleigh, faith leaders are coming together across the state to participate in interfaith events on immigration. The statewide clergy breakfast series on immigration, which is sponsored by the NC Council of Churches, examines both the theological and practical sides of the debate – all in the context of humanizing the struggles of immigrant communities.

"From Hostility to Hospitality: Immigration and People of Faith" will take place on Friday, November 6th at St. Therese Catholic Church (207 South Lumina Ave., Wrightsville Beach) from 9am-10:30 a.m. Philip Chryst, pastor of The Anchor Church, a missional church with a refugee ministry and representatives from Catholic Charities are speakers.

This event is especially relevant in light of Pope Francis' historic visit to the United States. His visit comes at a time when 60 million people are displaced globally, including more than 10 million Syrian refugees and tens of thousands of immigrant children and families held in detention in the United States—both of whom flee the violence, crime and extreme poverty of their home countries. Jennie Belle, one of the event organizers, states: "We are all children of God, regardless of our country of origin, and immigrants and refugees deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. It is imperative that the church heeds St. Francis' message of compassion for refugees and immigrants in order to put a halt to anti-immigrant legislation and push back against the anti-immigrant rhetoric that has dominated this election cycle." She says that this event will be a forum for honest questions and positive conversation among local colleagues, and everyone will walk away with additional resources and contacts. Everyone from the community who would like to learn more about refugees and immigrants is invited to attend.

Learn more about the NC Council of Churches (www.nccouncilofchurches.org) and the NC Religious Coalition for Justice for Immigrants (www.welcometheimmigrant.org).

CBC recognizes the installation of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as the First African American leader of the U.S. Episcopal Church

PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY

WASHINGTON, D.C. - CBC Chairman G. K. Butterfield earlier this week released the following statement recognizing the installation of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as the first African American to lead the U.S. Episcopal Church.

"The Congressional Black Caucus commends Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on becoming the twenty-seventh Presiding Bishop, Primate, and Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and chair of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, which is the nation's 14th largest denomination. Presiding Bishop Curry becomes the first African American to hold the position, in what has been marked as a historic and momentous occasion for the nearly two million parishioners around the country.

"Previously the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of my home state of North Carolina and Bishop of Duke Chapel at Duke University, Presiding Bishop Curry was elected and overwhelmingly confirmed during the church's 78th General Convention, formally taking office on November 1, 2015, to serve a term of nine years.

"Presiding Bishop Curry has remained steadfast in his faith throughout the course of his priesthood and has long served as a pillar within the Episcopal community. Members of the CBC congratulate Presiding Bishop Curry and his family, and we pray that God continues to bless him in his faith and service to the ministry."

TELL SOMEBODY

"Remember the Poor"

"He that hat pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Proverbs 19:17

Remember- To call to mind

Sylvia Hooper

Most of us were not born with a silver spoon in our mouths; and many of us have to admit we came up on the rough side of the mountain. We have first hand knowledge of what it means to be poor. When we look out of the back door of our lives, even though, some of us were barefoot, raggedy and hungry, we made it! We wore hand me down shoes, clothing and lived in sub standard housing. We have not arrived, but we have survived! God has brought us out and now poverty is only a memory. That is especially why, we should remember the poor! But for the grace of God , there go I……..

Even though many of us are doing better than we ever have, there are too many of our brothers and sister, neighbors and friends still struggling to make it from day to day. There are people around us who are sick and cannot afford a doctor. They have no job, no insurance, and no medicine.

When the Love of God is in our hearts, we cannot ignore and overlook poverty. Not only should we talk about it, and look at it, we also need to do something about it!

Proverbs 28:7 says, He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." When we give, it should be done discreetly and with simplicity. God will bless you so much, you will not even miss whatever you gave away. We cannot shut up our bowels of compassion regarding the estate of the poor. God has blessed us; and our blessings are not for us alone. Some of it should be used for seed for our harvest, and some should be used to meet the need of others.

Giving to the poor is making a spiritual investment into the lives of others and our own heavenly bank account. THE Lord has promised rich rewards for those who remember the poor! "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Psalm 41:1 As Christian Believers, we need to stand up and be counted among those who are coming to the aid of the poor, including disaster victims. If we cannot go, we can always send our money to help get food, clothing or supplies needed for the poor. Prayer is not enough, because faith without works is dead! Before we do all of our personal spending, why not remember the poor, in the name of Jesus? Hear what Jesus said to his disciples concerning the treatment of the poor.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me. I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in or naked, and *clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:34-40*

Prayer: Lord , help me to remember the poor. Teach me to be sensitive to the needs around me, and willing to do my part to make things better. In Jesus's Name. Amen

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Beatrice Fullwood Roberts l**ate of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of January, 2016,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 22nd of October, 2015

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

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY

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

This the 22nd day of October, 2015.

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

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

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

The undersigned having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Robert E. Johnson, Sr.,** deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit the same to Fleather D. Thomas, III, Personal Representative, at the address set out below no later than (90) days from the first publication date of this Notice. This notice will be pleaded in bar of any payment or recovery of same which is not given prior to the 18th day of January 2016. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either addresses set out below.

This 22nd of October, 2015.

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.
2803 Market Street
Po Box 696
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October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

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

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

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

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

This, the 15th day of October, 2015

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

October 15, 22, 29, 2015

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. November 5, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Katharine S. Medlock,** deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of January, 2016,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of October, 2015

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

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Celese James** late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of January, 2016,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 22nd of October, 2015

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

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

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

The undersigned having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Ethel R. Farmer,** deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **27th day of January, 2016,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th of October, 2015.

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

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

This 21st of October, 2015.

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

October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This the 29th day of October, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
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Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
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October 29, Nov. 5, 12, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

This the 20th day of October, 2015.

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

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Louise Mary Parisi** late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of February, 2016,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.
This 5th of November, 2015

John M. Parisi, Executor
260 Sumac Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015

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AMBULANCE

Brunswick County is seeking proposals from qualified Vendors for the purchase of One (1), Type III, Class One (4 x 2), Configuration of an Ambulance. Sealed proposals must be received on or before **3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, December 4, 2015.** To obtain a copy of the RFP, please visit the County's website at www.brunswickcountync.gov or contact Phillip Britt at 910-754-8245 Ext. 1015, 910-770-3379, or phillip.britt@brunswickcountync.gov.

November 5, 2015

D. Evans Contracting, Inc. is seeking MBE/DBE Bid proposals for labor and/or Materials for drainage, traffic control, and suppliers for STORM DRAIN PIPE REPAIRS INJECTION GROUTING – VARIOUS LOCATIONS, PROJECT NUMBER: DRA-IH-1115 for City of Wilmington. Bids are due on or before 12:00 noon, 11/10/15. Contact Melissa@DEvansContracting.com or (910) 452-7819.

November 5, 2015

Intercoastal Marine, LLC. is accepting subcontractor and supplier bids for the City of Wilmington, Storm Drain Pipe Repairs Injection Grouting-Various locations, project#DRA-1H-1115 no later than 4:00 PM Nov. 9, 2015. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a bid but may not be limited to Drainage, Traffic Control, Suppliers and other items not specifically referenced herein. Reply to 910-675-9791(p),910-675-9796(f),estimating@imofnc.com or 6101 Diamond Shamrock Rd. Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

November 5, 2015

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

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

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: Divorce

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

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Cash in the Apple
By Cash Michaels

NEW"STAR TREK" IN JANUARY 2017 – Reports this week say in honor of the franchise's fiftieth anniversary, a new "Star Trek" series will premiere on CBS, which own the rights to all of the old series. The new show will premiere in January 2017, but here's the catch – only the first episode will air on CBS, and the subsequent episodes will stream on CBS All-Access, the online subscription service that screens many old TV series like "MacGyvyer" and the old "Hawaii Five-O," as well as many of current series like "The Good Wife." Is this where television is going, being used to promote pay TV services? We'll see.

ARROGANCE! – Last week, the big political news on the presidential wannabe stage was the firestorm of criticism aimed towards cable business channel CNBC following the Republican presidential debate. Apparently the top-rung candidates like Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson and Sen. Ted Cruz felt disrespected and manhandled by the three CNBC moderators' cute-by-half questions the candidates felt were designed to mock them, instead of bring out the best in them.

Now I've never moderated a presidential debate, and doubt that I ever will. But I have moderated political debate and forums in the past, so I know the job pretty well. And while I can honestly say that the bunch of GOP candidates currently running for the White House in 2016 are a bunch of crybabies looking for every advantage they can get to appear like they are truly great Americans deserving of our trust to lead, I can also add that CNBC screwed up that debate royally.

Let's first establish a simple historical fact – the Republican Party has always had a tense relationship with the mainstream media, primarily because the GOP has a hard time controlling the media, with an exception of Fox News, papers like The Washington Times, and numerous right-wing radio talk shows across the country. They want their message to go out unfettered, and Republicans don't like a lot of questions about what they did, or what they're doing afterwards.

To be fair, Democrats can be prickly about media scrutiny too, but they're a lot less anal retentive about it. Some say that's because most of the media are liberal Democrats. That indeed may be true, but just ask Pres. Obama, Hillary Clinton or Bill Clinton if they've gotten much of an easy media ride.

Still, Republicans have to do business with the mainstream media because that's where the majority of Americans are. So it's a shotgun wedding of sorts. And that's why all members of the media who engage ANY political candidates, let alone any political parties, have to know that they instantly have a target on their backs.

Politics 101 when dealing with the media – always be ready to blame the media for any and all problems when caught in a lie, or just being plain dumb. Any reporter who covers politics should know that they will be an instant scapegoat in case on controversy, but politicians have a survival instinct like known other, plus they could have a multitude of supporters, colleagues and a political party to back them up if things really get tight.

Like I said, all of the above is Politics 101, and I pity the poor political journalist who doesn't know this, or worse yet, understand it.

Apparently CNBC debate moderators John Harwood, Becky Quick and Carl Quintanilla didn't understand it. During the two-hour debate spectacle, which got clearly out of hand last week, all three dressed perfectly legitimate questions in very snarky tones and words that seem to indicate a profound disrespect for the presidential candidates.

Rule #1 – NEVER, but never exhibit a disrespect for the very process you're actually in control of, because that can only get you into trouble. As a moderator, you represent your news organization and the rules. You're expected to be professional and aboveboard. The candidates and their answers to tough questions are the reason and purpose for being there. Never forget that.

Rule #2 – PROTECT YOURSELF from any undue scrutiny by structuring and delivering your questions during the debate in a way that shifts the weight of the engagement on the candidate to answer.

"Gov. Christie, during your presidential campaign, you have said that if elected, you would run the most fiscally responsible administration in history. But currently in New Jersey where you are governor, critics there point to programs you initiated that are under investigation for tens of millions of wasted taxpayer dollars, according to state government reports. How do you square what's happening in the state that you currently govern, with what you have promised the American people?"

And then you shut up, allowing the viewer to immediately say to themselves, "Yeah governor, just how do you square your record of waste with what you promise if elected president? I want to hear this answer?

Now the only thing left for the candidate to do is either answer the question, or try to deny the premise of your question. But the candidate can't legitimately attack you since you asked a perfectly legitimate fact-based, but tough question.

That's the way it's done professionally, and the audience knows it. Always treat the candidate respectfully, always treat the process respectfully, even if the candidates are a bunch of thunderheads. Let the professionalism of your conduct and questions reveal just how idiot they are by not getting in the way of that assessment. Folks should be talking about how bad the answer is, not how bad the question was.

That didn't happen last week during the CNBC debate, and now that news network is paying for it with enough bad press to last a lifetime.

Politics 101 how has a poster child – the CNBC debate.

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