



AARON MCCRAE

MCCRAE PASSES

The community is mourning the passing of its beloved Aaron McCrae. Aaron was the first African American to integrate the public schools of New Hanover County. At presstime, funeral arrangements were incomplete.

Coming UP in THE COMMUNITY



CAPTAIN RON JOHNSON

PEACEMAKER'S CONFERENCE INVITES PUBLIC FOR FRIDAY SESSION

Wilmington Police Department invites the public to be a part of the 3rd Annual Peacemaker's Conference scheduled for October 8th & 9th at Grace United Methodist Church at 401 Grace Street. This year's keynote speaker will be Captain Ron Johnson of the Missouri Highway Patrol. Captain Johnson lead protest security in Ferguson, Missouri in 2014 after the Michael Brown shooting. Captain Johnson will be speaking at 2:00 pm on Friday, October 9th at the closing session of the conference. Seating is limited. Those who are interested in attending are asked to stop by the WPD at 615 Bess Street and pick up a free ticket. Tickets are required to attend the public session.

The Peacemaker's Conference is held each year for clergy and law enforcement across the state to discuss strategies to keeping peace in our communities. To register for the entire conference call the WPD's Public Affairs Office at 910-341-4608.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

BIG PROBLEMS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, etc, we are at a crossroad here in Brunswick County. It doesn't matter whether we are Democratic, Republican, or Independent. There are big problems facing us in this County. We have very little help from our elected officials,

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SCANDALS PLAGUE GOV. MCCRORY'S ADMINISTRATION

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With just over a year to go before North Carolina voters head back to the polls to determine who will occupy the Governor's Mansion for the next term, the last thing the incumbent Republican governor needs is another scandal.

And yet, once again, the administration of Gov. Pat McCrory is once again rocked by allegations of impropriety, this time from a federal grand jury reportedly looking into no-bid big-ticket contracts at the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services given to people close to then DHHS Secretary

Aldona Wos. Wos resigned her office in August in the midst of constant controversy during her tenure, saying that she needed to spend more time with her family. Gov. McCrory literally teared up during her press conference announcing her departure.

Published reports indicate federal subpoenas have been issued to DHHS since last July requesting records "pursuant to a criminal investigation."

The US Attorney's office is reportedly gathering evidence about high-priced contracts paid to former state Auditor Les Merritt; former DHHS chief of staff Thomas L. Adams; and Joe Hauck, who was a senior advisor

to Sec. Wos, and had worked for her husband's company.

Also targeted is Angeline Sligh, who reportedly managed the state Medicaid program, but is accused of hiring friends and allegedly wasting money.

Gov. McCrory originally appointed Wos as secretary based on their close friendship, and that fact that she was one of his major fundraisers during in campaign.

The DHHS investigation news came on the heels of the sudden resignation of Secretary Tony Tata of the NC Dept. of Transportation in August. Tata told the media in July that he was leaving to have more time with his family and more fully pur-

sue his writing career. But within weeks of Tata's departure came reports that during his time serving in the military, Tata was investigated for at least two incidents of adultery when he was married, and also for a document in his child support case that was later determined to be a forgery.

In all since taking office in January 2013, Gov. McCrory has had four Cabinet secretaries to leave under a cloud during his first term in office. And it doesn't help that

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BOMB SCARE AT WILMINGTON JOURNAL

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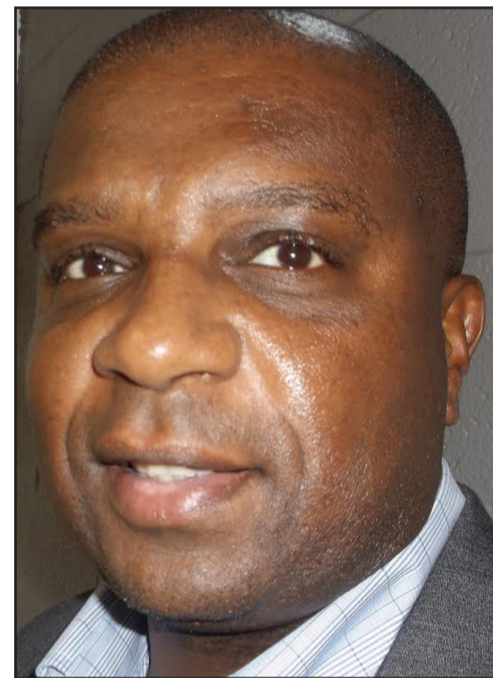
This Wednesday, there was a bomb scare at *The Wilmington Journal*. When staff arrived at work, 1970's music was coming from the newspaper vending machine in front of *The Journal*. Staff took a look at the vending machine and saw a radio type devise inside the vending machine. The item had wires hanging out from it and the radio cord was pulled through the box and connected to a plug on the side of a building. Law enforcement was then called. The bomb squad (photo above) determined that the device was a radio (photo right). The community and staff are not taking this occurrence lightly considering that there have been many, many threats to *The Journal*, especially during the 50s, 60s and 70s and finally the bombing of the building in 1973.

*The Journal* will publish a full story next week. One faithful supporter, Linda Pearce Thomas has penned a commentary about the occurrence which can be found on page 5 of this edition.

*The Journal* thanks Mrs. Thomas and the many supporters who voiced their concerns. *The Journal*



asks for your continued prayers as we serve you in the fight for justice. It is *The Journal's* intent to forever be an advocate for our community.



DARREN ALLISON

Brigade Boys & Girls Club welcomes a new CEO

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Brigade Boys & Girls Club is excited and pleased to announce Mr. Darren Allison as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Darren Allison comes to the Brigade with a wealth of management, team-building and leadership experience having served as an Officer and helicopter pilot in the United States Marine Corps for fifteen years. Darren is a champion for children and servant-leadership in the community. In addition to his duties as CEO, Darren is a volunteer Guardian ad Litem, a court-appointed child-advocate in New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender County North Carolina. Darren stated "I am excited to start a new phase in my life within the Brigade Boys & Girls Club

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James H. Faison, Jr. passes at age 88

COMPILED BY STAFF

James H. Faison, Jr., community leader and educator, passed on September 21, 2015. Wake services were held at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Point on Friday, September 25. Funeral services were held at Williston Middle School Auditorium in Wilmington on Saturday, September 26, 2015 with his son, James H. Faison, III, Pastor and District Court Judge, delivering the eulogy.

His obituary reads as follows: James H. Faison, Jr., son of the late James H. Faison, Sr. and Fannie Moore Faison (Bessie Faison/stepmother), born on October 2, 1926 went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on September 21, 2015.

As a youngster, he attended New Hanover County Schools, and graduated from Williston Industrial High School in 1946. James immediately enlisted in the United States Army and served in Japan under

the command of General Douglas MacArthur. Upon completing his first tour of duty, James matriculated to A&T College (now North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University) where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts. Motivated by patriotism and inspired by the camaraderie of his fellow cadets, James reenlisted in

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JAMES H. FAISON, JR.





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and they have shown no concern as far as coming up with solutions to the everyday problems we face. No matter which party with which you identify, you are going to have to speak up for your rights and beliefs to the people of the party of your choice. We are slowly being moved out to one side or the other, as the Jews were in the days of Hitler. This is not a time to be fooled by random talk or a polished party people who only care about their power in the party or how they can rule over the people around them. We must make a decision that includes all the people around us, decisions that will cause those who have good jobs or high level positions to reach back and help those who are less fortunate. I need to have

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Republican leaders in the NC General Assembly, which finally concluded its extended long legislative session this week after months of haggling over the budget, have done their best to belittle McCrory, showing that he has no sway over even over those of his own party.  
 And then there are the alleged scandals that involved the governor himself.  
 Last January, Gerrick Brenner, executive director for Progress North Carolina Action, a progressive nonprofit advocacy group, filed a complaint alleging "unethical con-

duct and potential statutory violations" against Gov. McCrory with the State Ethics Commission, the body that ensures that public and elected state officials comply with the State Government Ethics Act.  
 In his 54-page complaint, Brenner alleged that Gov. McCrory failed to disclose all of his financial and personal interests as required by law on his Statement of Economic Interest form, starting when he vied for governor in 2008.  
 Brenner alleged that McCrory failed to disclose that he held over \$10,000 in Duke Energy stock, and that any action McCrory took (or didn't take) when Duke

Energy spilled coal ash into the Dan River in February 2014 immediately provided a conflict of interest for the governor.  
 Indeed McCrory's attorney conceded that the governor sold his stock after bad publicity surrounding the coal ash spill.  
 Brenner also alleged that almost a month after being sworn into office in January 2013, the governor "...continued serving as Director of a publicly traded corporation, Tree.com, a mortgage brokerage company regulated by the State of North Carolina. When McCrory did resign, the Tree.com board gifted him his remaining unvested stock,

valued at over \$171,000, the first time the company ever did that.  
 Legal experts who have worked for the Securities and Exchange Commission told the press that the Tree.com gifting to McCrory, "...raises some significant ethical questions," Brenner's complaint notes. McCrory's later SEI filing failed to note the proceeds from the Tree.com gift. The governor said that's because he found the form "confusing," but did report the income on other parts of the form.  
 Brenner also alleged that the governor was a partner in his brother's company, even though he has denied such.

SEC filings for McCrory & Company LLC indeed list the governor as a partner with his brother Phillip, and McCrory failed to list income from that partnership on his ethics filings.  
 No doubt when the race for governor is officially declared and Gov. McCrory faces his Democratic opponent, charges about his administrations alleged ethical challenges will become a prime part of the campaign.  
 The governor's office says McCrory didn't do anything wrong, and any missed filings were the result of confusion. His political enemies on the left are to blame for the controversies.

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and look forward to working with the staff, Board of Directors and community to serve more children. I am fortunate to be joining such a respected organization that makes a true difference in the lives of our children".  
 Darren is a combat veteran and has flown numerous missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Lebanon. He has worked

extensively throughout Southeast Asia, leading goodwill missions and bi-lateral engagements with the partner nations of Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, and Indonesia. While on active duty, Darren taught as an adjunct professor for the Marine Corps University's Expeditionary Warfare School Distance Education Program.  
 Darren holds a B.S. degree in Airway Science from Hampton University, a

Masters of Military Studies degree with a concentration in Leadership, Military History, and Operational Art from Marine Corps University, Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA. Darren is currently a graduate student at the UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Government Master's of Public Administration program, with a focus in Non-Profit Leadership. Darren holds a certificate in Project Management from the UNC-

Wilmington. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Aviation Flight School in Pensacola, Florida.  
 Darren is married to Danielle Huntley of Lakewood, Washington. They are the proud parents of two children Marcellos and Jerica. They reside in Wilmington, North Carolina.  
 Established in 1896, the Brigade Boys & Girls Club is the oldest club in North Carolina and has been on the forefront of youth develop-

ment 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.  
 For more information about the Brigade Boys & Girls Club, visit www.brigadebgc.org.

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military service as a Commissioned Officer through the college Army Reserved Officer Training Corp program. By 1954, James fulfilled his military service, and received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant.

Institute, Mr. Faison became one of twelve professionals selected throughout the country to conduct an in-depth study of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) at Texas A&M University in 1972 and 1973. Through that assignment, he also earned several hours toward a doctorate degree. While continuing to serve as an instructor, Mr. Faison was appointed to serve as the Cape Fear Technical Institute's Safety Officer in 1974.

spent teaching occupational education at D.C. Virgo Middle School. Mr. Faison retired in 1989 after serving 27 years as a career educator. Despite his retirement, his service to the public continued in several capacities. He volunteered as an instructor at the Pender County Corrections Center for several years. He served on several governmental and civic organization boards in New Hanover and Pender Counties. James was also appointed by the Pender County Democratic Party to serve an unexpired term as County Commissioner. He also served as Chairman of the Pender County Democratic Party for approximately 10 years.

death by the love of his life, Mary R. Faison, to whom he was married for 59 years before her departure in December 2014. He leaves to cherish his memory: son, James H. Faison, III (Angela) Pastor and District Court Judge; granddaughter, Christa G. Faison; surviving sister, Colethia M. Faison; and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.  
 Memorial donations may be made to the Williston Senior High School Alumni Association; James H. Faison, Jr. and Mary R. Faison Scholarship Fund c/o the Pender County NAACP; New Hanover NAACP; and Cape Fear Community College Foundation.

*much needed paid summer workshops for his teachers. After he had successfully completed his probationary period as director, he was denied tenure. The board of education and like-minded central office personnel did not want a Black man to have that position. Like all brave and dedicated men, he took them to court and won. The racist board of education still refused to place him in the director's chair. They demoted him three levels: from director; principal and assistant principal to teacher but still had to pay him director's pay. Mr. Faison returned to the classroom and continued to be the excellent teacher he was. Now my friend won the Triple Crown. He was the first Black to be a director; the highest paid teacher in the county and now moving into a mansion in a 100% integrated place called Heaven!!! Rest in Peace, my Brother!!!*

In 1962, after serving several years as an insurance agent with the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, Mr. Faison began his career in education as a teacher. He first taught at West Pender Elementary School in Pender County, North Carolina, and also served as a Boy Scouts leader. He later served as a local PTA President at Rocky Point Elementary School and emerged as a community leader. Shortly thereafter, he returned to his high school alma mater as the industrial arts teacher. He also served as sports announcer and served in other capacities until the doors of the great Williston Senior High School closed in 1968.

In 1977, Mr. Faison became the first African American to serve as Director of Vocational Education in New Hanover County. He served in that capacity until 1983. At that time, New Hanover County was the ninth largest LEA (Local Education Agency) in the state. Inspired by the vision of M. S. Rock Sanders, State Coordinator for Vocational Education, Mr. Faison authored the first curriculum for a vocational education initiative for minority students in New Hanover County. That initiative expanded and merged with similar programs in neighboring school districts. That program later acquired the name ROCAME (Region O Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering). ROCAME was established for the purpose of emphasizing exposure of minority students to the field of engineering. ROCAME also provided vocational training and scholarship opportunities to minority students in Region O. Region O consisted of five county schools systems (New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick, Columbus, and Whiteville City schools). Since its inception, ROCAME has been supported by a consortium of industrial companies consisting of Corning Glass, DuPont, General Electric, Babcock & Wilcox, and Diamond Shamrock.

As a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Pender County, Deacon Faison served as Chairman of the Deacons Ministry for over 30 years and as a member of the Male Choir. Deacon Faison also served in the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association as instructor for the Ministers and Deacons Union from 1986 until his retirement in 2015. He served as President of the Sunday School Convention, and Chairman of the Founders Day Committee until 2015.

**TRIBUTES TO MR. FAISON**  
*The Ultimate Vocational Director*  
 In my over twenty seven years teaching vocation education in New Hanover County Schools, I had five directors. Mr. James Faison Jr. stood head and shoulders above all of them. He was a hands-on director who provided all teachers with the supplies and tools needed to teach our students. He always put money in his budget for

**James Hankins-Retired Vocational Teacher**  
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In 1968, Mr. Faison became the first fulltime African American instructor at Cape Technical Institute (now Cape Fear Community College), and taught trade related courses, such as drafting, physics, math, communication skills, and job interview techniques. He was among the team of pioneering instructors who prepared local students for employment with industries locating to the Cape Fear area. Among those industries were General Electric, DuPont, Corning Glass, Babcock and Wilcock, and Hercules.

The last four years of his professional career were of the time will help us keep the others down." A White slave owner and business man put this plan in place over one hundred years ago, and it is still working. It's time to break the plan. *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

He received numerous awards and recognition for his faithful service recognized as a pioneer for education and justice for all. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.  
 Deacon Faison was always willing to share his wisdom with all who would listen. He was often selected to serve as the guest speaker for many events. During his great oratorical presentations, his baritone voice permeated the hearts of listeners with words of encouragement, love and admonition, reminding us all that..."Tis one life, will soon be passed, but only what is done for Christ will last."  
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While on staff at Cape Fear Technical Institute, Mr. Faison obtained a Masters Degree in Industrial Education from North Carolina State University in 1970. Also during his tenure as an instructor at the

this was a shameful waste of money. We have a Board of County Commissioners who refused to let two Black men who own land and gave it to a company to build houses and go through with a deal because it was said that it looked suspicious. According to them, it "didn't look good" for this to take place. Then they let "one of their own" who denied having anything to do with a company of which he was a part get a million plus dollars from suspicious means. This is the kind of elected officials we now have. I wonder why a code of conduct and ethics was adopted. It still hasn't affected anyone except two Black men. Maybe that's what its for, to control those people. "If we can confuse them, if we give one or two of them good jobs, if we allow some to live in good houses then we can keep them under control. Those that are up most

of the time will help us keep the others down." A White slave owner and business man put this plan in place over one hundred years ago, and it is still working. It's time to break the plan. *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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**CHARLOTTE BANK FINED \$21 MILLION IN RACE DISCRIMINATION CASE**

[CHARLOTTE] A regional bank found to have discriminated against black and Latino customers by allegedly overcharging them on auto loan interest, will now pay \$18 million in penalties, according to published reports. Fifth Third Bank, which has its headquarters in Cincinnati but maintains a branch in Charlotte, reached agreement with the US Dept. of Justice to repay affected customers of



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color, some of whom were reportedly overcharged at least \$200.00 in interest payments between January 2010 and September 2015. The bank was also ordered to pay an additional \$3 million to customers who were deceptively sold "debt protection" products without ever agreeing to purchase them.

**VOTER ID CASE CLEARED FOR TRIAL AFTER 2016 ELECTIONS**

[RALEIGH] A Wake Superior Court judge has ruled that despite recent modifications by state lawmakers to North Carolina's voter ID law, there are still outstanding issues surrounding the statute, and therefore a lawsuit against the state can proceed to trial.

However Superior Court Judge Michael Morgan added that the case cannot be litigated until after the 2016 presidential elections. Lawmakers wanted the lawsuit dismissed, but Judge Morgan disagreed, saying that though some of the restrictions had been eased, a photo ID was ultimately still required to vote, meaning that the core issue remained. Judge Morgan wants an assessment of how the voter ID either works, or fails to do so, which is why he ruled for the case to go to court after its implementation.

**ST. AUG FIRES HEAD FALCONS FOOTBALL COACH MORAND**

[RALEIGH] After a two-week administrative suspension, St.

Augustine's University announced Wednesday that it has fired Head Falcons Football Coach Michael Morand. Athletics Director George Williams said in a statement that after a review, "...the university has found it necessary to proceed in a different direction." It was never disclosed why Morand was placed on leave, or what issues were involved. Running backs Coach Tim Chavous has now been selected to run the team.

**NC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. CEO ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

[DURHAM] James H. Speed, Jr., president/CEO of Durham-based NC Mutual Life

Insurance Co., has announced that he will step down from that post by the end of the year, but will remain on the company's board of directors. The 116-year-old NC Mutual is the nation's oldest and largest black-owned insurance company. Speed, who has led the company since 2003, will be succeeded by current Senior Vice President Michael L. Lawrence, who joined the company in 2012. Lawrence also serves as chief financial officer.

**BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU WALK; IT'S SNAKE SEASON**

[GREENSBORO] If you constantly work in your garden, or enjoy walking through the wooded areas near your home,

be forewarned that you're not alone. It is mating season for snakes for at least the next month, and while most experts say the overwhelming majority of snake species in North Carolina are nonpoisonous, copperhead snakes can generally be found across the state, and will bite. Most snakes do not like being in populated areas, and will generally slither off when humans approach, but if you step on one or accidentally get bitten on your hand or leg, experts say got immediately to the emergency room for treatment. There were at least 107 snake bites in Mecklenburg County alone last year.

**COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS**

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*Reflections*

James H. Faison, Jr. was a "Man on a Mission". His mission was to serve humanity to the best of his ability; and this he did.

Jim was a motivator, a challenger, and a servant of God. He made certain that all whom he met felt uplifted. This educator was truly a

man for all seasons. He will be tremendously missed by all who knew him.

Euripides, the Greek writer of drama, in his play entitled, "Temenidae" made this statement: "When good men die, their goodness does not perish." Jim's legacy continues.....

**Bertha Boykin Todd-Retired Educator**

Tribute to James Faison  
James Faison was a man

of integrity, insight and inspiration. His integrity was beyond reproach. You could always count on him to do the right thing at the right time in the right way. His insight was sought by many, and his advice was always sound and resourceful.

He was an inspiration to others-whether in their education, their vocation or their spiritual walk with the Lord. I will never forget his traveling to my hometown of

Lumberton to deliver the invocation at a celebration of my first ten years in Congress, which was also my 50th birthday. He would always go the extra mile to help a friend and-in doing so-would bless others as well.

Indeed, not only Pender County, but also all of southeastern North Carolina, has lost a giant of a man and a leader who touched many lives through his integrity, insight and inspiration. He

will be missed, but we rejoice that he is now in glory with our Heavenly Father.

**Former Congressman Mike McIntyre**

Grandpa,  
You're a warm and caring person,  
You're as priceless as can be.  
You've always made me feel so good.  
Through the love you've given me.  
You've always been an

influence,  
You've been there as I've grown.  
You've always been so thoughtful.  
Through all the years I've known.  
You're more than just a Grandpa,  
You're a special person, too.  
Please remember,  
Grandpa,  
I'll always love you.  
Your Granddaughter,  
Christa



**If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit.”**  
**--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**

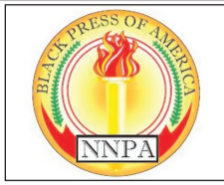


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### Teaching our dollars to make sense

When Donald Trump first spoke about his intentions to run for president and called out Mexicans and Hispanics in general, here's what happened. Yes, there were protests in the streets by Latinos who felt they had been insulted by Trump, but further action was taken, not by Latinos but by corporations.



James Clingman

According to an article by Sarah Berger, with the *International Business Times*, "[Macy's] said they would no longer carry Trump's menswear collection, which featured shirts, ties and watches." Further, "Macy's is not alone: NBCUniversal, Univision, mattress maker Serta and other companies have also cut ties with Trump...The broken deals point to the growing influence of Hispanic consumers in the United States. As the Latino demographic in the U.S. rapidly increases, so does their buying power, and businesses are starting to realize that value."

Economics raises its head again, doesn't it? Macy's was not boycotted; it was not targeted by Latinos in any way. Why did they feel obliged to cut ties with Trump when he dissed Hispanics? A better question is: "Why haven't we seen companies take any corresponding action on behalf of Black people? Remember the Indianapolis incident earlier this year, when corporations threatened to move their companies out of that city if the law that "discriminated" against gay people was not changed? It took about 24 hours for it to be changed.

John Crawford was killed in a Walmart for holding a BB gun, 12 year-old Tamir Rice was killed in two seconds for holding a toy gun, Eric Garner was choked to death on national and TV after saying "Why do you keep bothering me?" and Sandra Bland was arrested and died three days later because she failed to signal a lane change and was smoking in her own car. Did any corporations make threats against anyone on their behalf?

Macy's and the others punished Trump without being asked to do so, because they respect the \$1.5 billion buying power of Hispanics. That's it, plain and simple. "But annual Black buying power is \$1.2 trillion, Jim; why are we ignored?"

Major corps with whom we spend much of that \$1.2 trillion each year have, a "deprived indifference" to our plight, as Bob Law says. They do not respond to our issues in the same way because there is no price to pay for not doing so. We get slapped upside the head by politicians and our big bad NAACP tells us to take a 1,000-mile walk. One of our children gets shot down or beat down and NAN says "Let's 'maach' on Washington."

A young Black man is killed in a Walmart and our "leaders" rally in front of that store - for a day. Our unemployment is at an all-time high, despite the "great economy" they say we are in, and the National Urban League writes a report each year telling us how bad things are for Black America. Our voting rights are being discarded, our HBCU's are losing millions because of Parent-Plus Loan changes, we are ignored and taken for granted by both political parties, and Black politicians like John Lewis tell us to vote our way out of our problems.

It's no wonder we don't get the same respect and support as other groups. The ways we respond to negative issues allow the mistreatment we get from others. Take the "Black Lives Matter" mantra. Of course our lives matter and it makes no difference if others have a problem with our saying it. But we have some Black folks who are trying to gain acceptance from others and trying to make others feel comfortable with us by adding to the phrase, "All lives matter," which is obvious to most people anyway. Saying and acting upon the fact that Black lives matter "less" than all other lives is important, but we must act appropriately upon what we say.

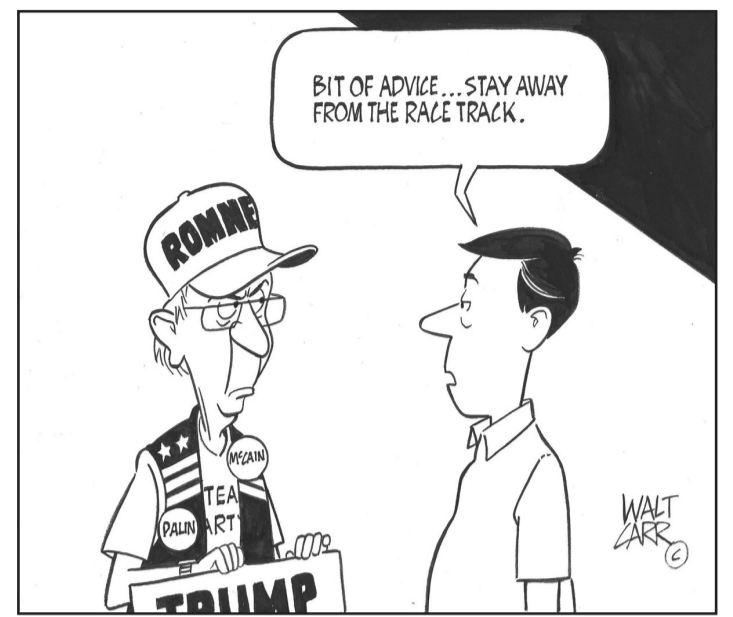
Carlos Santiago, president and chief strategist of Santiago Solutions Group said, "Latino customers represent an opportunity for Macy's to grow its business model...Macy's Hispanic base of buyers is significant and growing while the 'non-Hispanic' is declining slowly. They (Macy's) have to protect their growing loyal base just as their competitors like Nordstrom, JC Penney's, Target and Walmart are. In this race to capture the new growth, a change in public image is worth millions of dollars in goodwill and loyalty."

The appropriate response to those who transgress against us must be grounded in economics. We spend money at Macy's, as well as many other corporations. Why have they not spoken and acted on our behalf? As I have written many times, until we are serious about gaining the support of those with whom we do business, they will ignore our plight and take our dollars for granted.

Our economic response must be "Black Dollars Matter!" And we must teach our dollars how to make more sense.

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## Visual Voice



## Your Voice

### Too Little! Too late!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Matters of Opinion Ben Carson's ugly hypocrisy

From the moment he surfaced in 2013 as White conservatives' latest "Great Black Hope," Ben Carson has made any number of offensive remarks typical of the conservative commentary of the Obama years.



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But early last week, apparently goaded by a GOP presidential primary that's set a cesspool-level standard for expressions of bigotry and callousness, Carson released what is undoubtedly his greatest hit: He said a Muslim American should not be president of the United States.

"I would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation. I absolutely would not agree with that," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Reminded that Article 6 of the

Constitution explicitly demands there be no religious qualification to hold "any office or public trust in the United States," Carson doubled down that Americans should "not put people at the leadership of our country whose faith might interfere with carrying out the duties of the Constitution."

Carson apparently didn't see the irony in the fact that he, a candidate for the nation's highest office, was declaring he'd put his personal beliefs above the Constitution.

The blowback for that idiocy was so scorching that at week's end Carson tried to gin up a "new" controversy to push his blatant appeal to bigotry into the background: he resorted to the old Black-conservative stand-by of claiming that the GOP had done a better job riding American society of racism than the Democratic Party.

But we can't afford to ignore just how despicable Carson's gambit was. For one thing, just what kind of Muslim-

American individual does Ben Carson think would surface as a potential candidate for the presidency?

We don't have to guess. We have plenty of "real" Americans of the past and present to tell us what our future Muslim-American candidate will be like: Like John F. Kennedy, who broke the barrier against Catholic candidates running for the presidency; or like Colin Powell; or Condoleezza Rice; or Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor; or her colleague, Ruth Bader Ginsburg; or Barack or Michelle Obama; or, yes, like Ben Carson. In other words, our future Muslim-American candidate will have followed a very traditional route to spectacular high achievement - and have shown along the way he or she is "twice as good" as his or her non-Muslim American peers.

Of course, Carson knows this. But his despicable comment is perfectly in keeping with his record of pandering to

the worst attitudes that infect the GOP electorate, especially those White evangelicals who use his Black face and their shared reactionary attitudes masquerading as religious belief to shield their many prejudices from view.

That noxious combination is the basis of Carson's appeal. It's certainly not his policy prescriptions for domestic or foreign-policy matters. Despite having been in the presidency-seeking game for two years, the grasp he's displayed of those issues is laughable. Carson, like Donald Trump, can get away with this because a huge number of GOP voters have shown they care far less about the issues than about who can best spout the "politically correct" extremist ideology.

Carson's trashing of Muslim Americans is, of course, the more despicable because he's a Black American who, growing

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## Pope Francis should not canonize Junipero Serra

Pope Francis' visit to Cuba and the United States has been an auspicious journey. The Pope has visited Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York City. It is amazing to see the crowds form in each city for just a glimpse of the Pope. Early one morning,



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I spotted swarms of young people headed to the White House, white balloons in hand, with hopes of only being in the Pope's presence.

People seem to love this Pope because of his humility and compassion. He has said that people should love their LGBT neighbors. He has lifted up the poor and been an advocate for climate change. A self-identified immigrant, he has asked for compassion for immigrants. While he has not retreated from entrenched Catholic theology, he has offered a compassion that may return lapsed Catholics to the church.

One of the tasks the Pope has taken on, however is to canonize Junipero Serra, the

Franciscan friar who established Spanish missions throughout California. He had direct involvement in the establishment of at least nine of the 21 missions. Junipero Serra is hailed by many, and was beautified by Pope John Paul II in 1988. Beautification is last step before sainthood, and canonizing Junipero Serra on U.S. soil may be important. At the same time, it is fair to ask what kind of man the compassionate Pope Francis is canonizing and whether Junipero Serra's sainthood is a celebration for some and a curse for others.

In order to establish Spanish missions in California, Junipero Serra had to "Christianize" the Native American population. On one hand, Junipero Serra protected native women, "saving" them from Spanish troops by locking them up at night.

On the other hand, it is documented that Junipero Serra condoned, and even imposed, brutality to native people. Native Americans were enslaved, whipped, and flogged. They were forced into labor, and they were severely abused. Their culture was suppressed. And though Junipero Serra was perceived to want Native Americans to be treated fairly, he also adhered to the belief that Native American people were inferior to Europeans.

From his compassionate base, and in this trip through the Americas, Pope Francis has acknowledged sins against

the indigenous populations when he travelled to Bolivia earlier this year: Why, then, would he canonize a man who committed far too many sins against the Native American people in California? Does the Pope accept the notion that Catholicism must go hand-in-hand with colonization? Does he accept the oppression that came with the "saving of souls?"

Native American activists and others who believe in freedom are absolutely right to raise questions about the mixed messages this supposedly progressive Pope is putting out there. Can a "saint" enthusiastically participate in the destruction of a culture and still be deified? Some will say that Junipero Serra should be viewed in context, but that is tantamount to saying that it is okay to revere the leaders of the slave-loving (and Black-inferiority embracing) Confederacy. While this Latin American-born Pope may find some regional fealty with Junipero Serra, why would a man who eschews oppression choose to lift up an oppressor?

Let me inject my personal history here. I was raised Catholic, was baptized, received Communion, and attended weekly masses until I was in my early teens. Then, my political education revealed that Catholics were the colonizers of Africa, Latin America, Mexico and California. Understanding

the role the church played in the oppression of Black people, I told my mom that I would never go to church again (not). I attended Boston College, a Jesuit college, but never missed an opportunity to talk about Catholic oppression and colonialism. Today, I mostly attend mass when I am at home in San Francisco and hanging with my mom. Only because my brain is warped do I look at chalices and wonder how many people had to be sold to produce the jewel-studded chalices, or how many offerings had to be diverted to the victims of sexual predators.

Tens of thousands of Catholics came together to celebrate Pope Francis. If these Catholics embraced the expressed spirit of Pope Francis, though, they'd rail against the canonization of Junipero Serra, a savage oppressor. Even as I appreciate the context of the 18th century work of Junipero Serra, I am not sure this work should be lauded.

Pope Francis, the compassionate Catholic, has expressed scant sympathy for the Native American people Junipero Serra oppressed. I am not surprised, but disappointed, by the hypocrisy.

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up when many White Americans didn't consider Blacks deserving of citizenship, gained fame by recording several remarkable "the-first-Black-to..." achievements. Now, parroting the racists of the past, he declares an entire American group doesn't meet his definition of "real" Americans.

That Trump and Carson top the pecking order of the GOP presidential primary is a measure of how advanced the disintegration of the respectability of the Republican Party has

become - a fact underscored by last week's surprise announcement from House Speaker John Boehner that he'll resign entirely from Congress next month. Boehner's decision headed off a move to topple him by the most extreme members of the House's Republican Party majority - Representatives who think as Ben Carson does.

Finally, Carson's bigotry also illuminates what that White-created political identity called "Black conservatism" really is: a tinny reflection of their masters' voices. His words show there's nothing within so-called Black conservatism that reflects the fundamental lesson

Black Americans have drawn from the long, heroic Black freedom struggle: That is that you cannot with any degree of integrity claim liberty for your kind while denying it to others who are different.

His ugly hypocrisy proves that Ben Carson does truly reflect his White-conservative supporters. But that doesn't mean he's an "Oreo." No, indeed. Ben Carson's problem is not that he's "white" on the inside. His problem is that he's White-racist on the inside.

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**CURRY'S COMMENTS**

**Jeb Bush is wrong about Blacks wanting 'Free Stuff'**

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush thinks he can become president of the United States if Republicans can double their share of the Black vote in several key states. But he, like his GOP comrades, is demonstrating how not to accomplish that goal.

Bush's latest failure came last week when he continued a long-time Republican tradition of trying to portray African Americans as addicted to welfare and government hand-outs. He was speaking at the East Cooper Republican Women's Club annual Shrimp Dinner in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

According to the Washington Post, this is what happened:

"Look around this room," a man told Bush, who spoke to a mostly white crowd. "How many black faces do you see? How are you going to include them and get them to vote for you?" asked the man, who was white.

"Bush pointed to his record on school choice and said that if Republicans could double their share of the black vote, they would win the swing states of Ohio and Virginia."

Then Bush uttered this clunker: "Our message is one of hope and aspiration. It isn't one of division and get in line and we'll take care of you with free stuff. Our message is one that is uplifting - that says you can achieve earned success."

To paraphrase GOP icon Ronald Reagan, "There you Republicans go again."

In the 2012 presidential election, Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee, made an eerily similar remark at a Montana fundraiser. He said, "I want people to know what I stand for and if I don't stand for what they want, go vote for someone else, that's just fine. But I hope people understand this, your friends who like Obamacare, you remind them of this, if they want more stuff from government tell them to go vote for the other guy - more free stuff."

Ronald Reagan framed the "free stuff" in the form of welfare. He frequently lamented "welfare queens," which was a way to indirectly exploit racial anxieties. Yet his son, Michael Reagan, had the temerity to argue two years into the Obama administration "...The past two years have made one thing clear: Ronald Reagan was a far better friend to black Americans than Barack Obama has been."

In fact, as I wrote earlier in this space, Reagan was one of the nation's worst presidents on civil rights. Among other things, he moved to invalidate voluntary affirmative action programs and school desegregation plans, vetoed the Civil Rights Restoration Act and tried to undermine the independence of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by firing three of its members.

Another Republican, Richard M. Nixon, railed against Blacks and Jews in a 1973 taped conversation with his secretary, Rose Mary Woods.

Nixon said, "Bill Rogers has got - to his credit it's a decent feeling - but somewhat sort of a blind spot on the black thing because he's been in New York," Nixon said. "He says well, 'They are coming along, and that after all they are going to strengthen our country in the end because they are strong physically and some of them are smart.' So forth and so on.

"My own view is I think he's right if you're talking in terms of 500 years," he said. "I think it's wrong if you're talking in terms of 50 years. What has to happen is they have to be, frankly, inbred. And, you just, that's the only thing that's going to do it, Rose."

In a May 13, 1971 conversation with top aides John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, Nixon said:

"We're going to [put] more of these little Negro bastards on the welfare rolls at \$2,400 a family - let people like [New York Sen.] Pat Moynihan ... believe in all that crap. But I don't believe in it. Work, work - throw 'em off the rolls. That's the key ... I have the greatest affection for [blacks], but I know they're not going to make it for 500 years. They aren't. You know it, too. The Mexicans are a different cup of tea. They have a heritage. At the present time they steal, they're dishonest, but they do have some concept of family life. They don't live like a bunch of dogs, which the Negroes do live like."

It's not just the anti-Black sentiments expressed in words that are troubling about Republicans - it's their actions as well.

According to the NAACP legislative report card, no Republican in the House or Senate earned a grade above an "F" when voting on issues deemed important to African Americans. That's far more damaging than the ignorant words that have been spouted for years. We'll take positive action over "free stuff" any day of the week.

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Fortunately for them, however, Trump will not be president of the United States. Unfortunately, however, other Republican presidential hopefuls are mimicking his audacious and bigoted posturing because his followers are giving so much credence to this cartoon of an ugly American.

Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, and Mike Huckabee may not be stoking the fires of the exact same bigoted causes, but they are ramping up their rhetoric to approximate Trump's level of demagoguery. Just as George Wallace and both Senators Byrd relied on a strategy of saying the "N-word" louder than anyone else, this new breed of bigoted politicians base their strategies on attacking liberal targets of opportunity with more vigor than anyone else. And while there are varying degrees of bigotry among the Republican field of presidential candidates, they all seem to be willing to have the country self-destruct rather than give in to its liberalization.

During the past seven years, most of them have urged their followers to reject the Affordable Care Act, with little regard for the fact that many of them cannot pay for basic med-

ical needs. These Republican candidates have called upon their followers to oppose an increase in the minimum wage, despite the fact that many of those supporters are low-wage earners. They ask conservatives to join them in opposing the multilateral nuclear deal with Iran, even though the sons and daughters of those conservatives might bleed on the battlefields of any ensuing war. And, of course, they oppose extending equal rights to the LGBT community, while many of their backers have family members and loved ones who are in the LGBT community.

They are urging their followers to go over the cliff and pull the rest of America over behind them.

For those of us who refuse to swallow the venom of the likes of Trump, Cruz, Huckabee and Paul, we have a pressing obligation. We must do all that is necessary to prevent the forces of self-destruction from taking hold. We must not allow a group of hysterical bigots to determine the future of America. We must stand against those who are taken by a type of self-destructive madness and would throw America over a political cliff to drown in a sea of hatred and despair.

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**Who will now take up the mantle?**

I can only imagine what it must have been like, for those who are in American and members of the Roman Catholic Church, to have seen your religious leader, touch the lives of so many, in such biblical and meaningful ways.



Rev. Alonzo Braggs

To relieve, by an example for us and before us, the teachings of the Master Teacher, of love, humility, good neighbor, and forgiveness, as one of the most profound manners, a Christian can carry out the "Great Commission". Pope Francis did just this in a week! No

one should be able to conclude that this was some demonstration or show, but by conviction I believe he shared what was in his heart, as he was called to witness to the masses without boundaries or prejudices.

As a Methodist, I certainly could appreciate all of the order and liturgical settings, as I watched the various Masses being celebrated. As a retired veteran, I was also inspired, by the protocols of each official non-religious function. It called to my mind, the responsibility to serve the total community of Church and State, accordingly and appropriately. But I was most moved when I saw what I believe was Spirit led, when he disrupted the order of the day, stood boldly apart from the demands of personal security, stepped out of the

specificities of a year of planning, and took us to those, "Woman with the issue of blood moments". As a preacher with over 38 years of experience, I have not seen the likeness and I have traveled and lived in five continents.

At first I was awe struck, because of the reality of godly men and women, who allow the Holy Spirit, to lead them beyond the natural confines and parameters of rationale and reasoning. I was encouraged because I witnessed the embracing of a Christian, who saw God the same as I, but was gifted to simply tell another message, different from the one I tell, and yet keep alive that the Author is the same. I was impressed because I counted the hours logged for his ministry, and wondered about

even my own stewardship accountability. But finally, I was convicted and looked within to ask, have I done my part to touch the sick and feed the hungry, visit with those who are not liberated physically, or embrace those who are held captive by social ills, that may have ensnared their lives, whether by election or circumstance.

So while it is relevant to ask the question now, before the temperature drops and the fan-fare momentum ceases; who will take up the mantle from Pope Francis, and continue what he has for some begun, and others always done, I am more compelled to answer unwaveringly, let it begin with me!

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**A new breed of bigoted politicians**

Among the many windswept cliffs that stand guard on the shores of the island of Okinawa, one is known for its particularly gruesome history. "Suicide Cliff" is located on the southern portion of Okinawa. It is so named because thousands of Okinawans took their own lives at the site as American forces advanced across the island in 1945 during the last months of World War II.



Oscar H. Blayton

Twenty five years later, flying low over cliffside memorials honoring the dead of various towns and villages who perished there, I was struck by

the fact that so many people felt compelled to rush to their own destruction. I soon learned that for tactical reasons, and to further their own doomed war effort, the Japanese army had terrified Okinawan civilians with tales of extreme cruelties they should expect at the hands of the approaching Americans. The island's people had their minds manipulated to the point that many chose to kill themselves rather than fall into the hands of a ruthless enemy.

Eventually, the people of Okinawa came to realize that these were "useless deaths" as the Americans turned out not to be the monsters portrayed by the Japanese army.

In the years since viewing this tragic site, I learned it is not unusual for people to be manipulated into a mass hysteria that makes them act

against their own self-interest, or even to rush toward their own self-destruction. In this cycle of the U.S. presidential election, we have extraordinarily clear examples of the type of propaganda and demagoguery that leads to this type of madness.

Donald Trump is the poster child for destructive demagoguery. This bloviating bigot has pulled the Republican Party down to new lows and, in the process, dumbed down the national political discourse to a point where America is gnawing at its own flesh in an attempt to expel nonexistent horrors.

Echoing the likes of former Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama and the two Virginia senators, Harry F. Byrd Sr. and Harry F. Byrd Jr., Trump feeds his followers platters of noxious vitriol that are devoid of facts. In addition to demoniz-

ing Latinos and "Black Lives Matter" activists, Trump, a privileged White man who inherited his wealth from his father, once declared that the Pequot Indians "don't look like Indians to me." This is a person who feels so entitled that he can determine what America is and who Americans are.

Like the thousands who followed a manipulative Japanese army to their hurried end on Okinawa, individuals who flock to Trump's banner of bigotry and foolishness - eventually will see the senselessness of championing someone who makes extremely ill-considered pronouncements and whose campaign completely lacks sound policy ideas.

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**Bomb scare at The Wilmington Journal**

This Wednesday, there was a bomb scare at *The Wilmington Journal*. You probably didn't hear about it because the Police Department never gave it to the news media. You weren't the only person who didn't hear about it. The neighbors didn't know about it either and they were not told to evacuate at any time. The item, a radio with wires hanging out, was found inside the Newspaper Vending Machine Box beside *The Journal* building. The radio cord was pulled through the box and connected to a plug on the side of a building. At the time the owners arrived at the business, they could hear the radio playing and called the police. The block of 7th Street between Church and Nun Streets was blocked off by police cars. The neighbors were never told about the possibility of a bomb, which is similar to the parents of the students at a nearby school never being told of a threat at the school a week before when a student brought in a loaded gun. At one time, before the bomb squad robot examined the premises and, ultimately x-rayed the radio, nobody knew just what this item was and why it was left inside the paper box playing loudly. One theory from the police was a homeless person may have left it. Well, excuse me, but if I was a homeless person and had fifty cents, I certainly would not have used it to open the newspaper box to put my 1960's radio in and close the box to hear the music from inside the box. I would have,

number one, bought some food with the money and, number two, I would have sat it on top of the box or on the ground and played it and kept my fifty cents. I think it is entirely possible that someone, in the dark of night, placed it there.

I was upset on many levels about this. First, this building contains practically all the African American local history and should be considered practically hallowed ground.

Second, it has been bombed before and, in the present climate, it wasn't unreasonable to assume this was a bomb or a message to *The Journal* owners that it would be easy to blow them up if they had been their intention. There are a lot of angry people in this town. If you don't believe it, read the comments on [starnewsonline.com](http://starnewsonline.com) re the op-ed piece, "Rename Hugh MacRae Park".

I was upset because the police told the media is was no big deal. I know because I called them and they told me that's what they were told. There were no alerts that the neighbors could have seen on their phones; known something was afoot and gotten out of their houses on their own since nobody saw fit to inform them. The police there told me when I inquired about an evacuation that the people should just stay in the back of their houses. How were they supposed to know to do that if nobody had even told them about this possible threat?

Third, I was upset because Williston and Gregory were not notified about this possible

threat. I understand, if it had been a bomb, it may not have done any damage that far away, but nobody knew in the beginning what it was, so why not err on the side of caution? They are on lockdown when things happen farther away than this incident.

That brings me to the Black Lives Matter Movement and, yes, it is a movement. Did it not matter that that business, the workers, the neighbors, the school students were in possible danger Wednesday? Would the response have been the same in Forest Hills or the Historic District? Some people have the audacity to question why we are so upset. We are overreacting, they say. If we

just work hard and respect the various systems that are designed to control us, then, there won't be any question that black lives matter as much as any other kind of life. Unfortunately, that does not always work. Unless we are "yas suh massa" negroes, we are insolent negroes, prone to violence, who periodically have to be made to remember who's in charge.

Maybe the picture below shows the existence we should be willing to embrace and there'd be no trouble in the land.

LINDA PEARCE THOMAS WILMINGTON, NC





New Hanover County

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

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

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

Community Briefs

**Shred & Protect** will hold a document shredding - Protect yourself from identity theft by bringing your personal documents and records to be safely shredded at no cost to you on Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Wrightsville Beach Town.

**The Democratic Women of New Hanover County** will hold a special meeting on October 8th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Indochine, Wayne Dr. and Market St. in the garden Buddha Room. Registered Democratic men and women are invited. For additional information call 910-395-4502.

**The Wilmington Family YMCA** announces a season kickoff fundraising event for Girls on the Run & STRIDE on Sunday September 27th from 4:00pm until 6:00pm, (Doors Open at 3:30pm), at the Roland-Grise Middle School auditorium located at 4412 Lake Avenue.

**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.

Brunswick County

**Brunswick County Health Department and Sheriff's Animal Protective Services** will hold a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, October 3rd at the following locations:

- Leland Veterinarian Clinic, 508 Village Rd, Leland (910)-371-3440 8:00am-1:00pm
- Four Paws Veterinarian Hospital, 4320 Southport-Supply Rd, Southport (910)-457-7387 8:00am-12:00pm
- Brunswick forest veterinarian hospital, 1513 Brunswick Village rd, Leland (910)-777-2107 9:00am-12:00pm
- CapeSide Animal Hospital, 511 Olde Waterford Way Suite 105&106, Leland (910)- 383-2100 8:00am-6:00pm
- River Road Animal Hospital, 8593 River Road SE, Southport (910)-454-8910 9:00am-12:00pm
- Brunswick Sheriff's Animal Protective Services, 429 Green Swamp Rd, Supply (910)-754-8204 9:00am-12:00pm 1yr vaccines only
- Brunswick Animal Hospital, 948 Ocean Hwy, Supply (910)-754-8165 8:00am-12:00pm
- Oak Island Animal Hospital, 5520 E oak Island Dr, Oak Island (910)-287-7575 8:00am-12:00pm
- Southport animal hospital, 4955 Southport-supply rd, Southport (910)-457-5051 9:00am-12:00pm

**East Arcadia Town** will honor former Mayor Willie "Dunk" Dixon on Saturday, October 10th with a memorial banquet, "Town Day." Please contact Town Hall at 910-655-4388, Cathy Gregg at 910-619-2894 or Connie Jacobs at 910-655-5533.

Pender County

**The Joint Community Development Center** will hold The Rocky Point Harvest Festival/Parade/Car Show on Saturday, October 10th starting at 10:00 a.m. 17808 Hwy. 210, Rocky Point, NC. The center is seeking pageant participants, parade entries, entertainment, food and nonfood vendors. Please call 910-675-2609 for more information.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

A trip to Bennettsville, South Carolina

On September 13, 2015, the final arrangements were completed for the trip to Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Bennettsville, South Carolina. This visit happens once a year. With a lot of excitement, the adults and children were ready to get on the bus. There were minutes of silent prayer.

We rode the coach from Sunway Charter Bus, from Jacksonville, N. C. The motor coach operator was Ann Bender. She wanted everyone to be seated comfortably before leaving the parking lot. It is a two-hour drive from St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, N. C. to Bennettsville, SC. We were to stop only if there were an emergency.

When we arrived at the church in Bennettsville, S. C., several members met us outside. We were given the proper directions before we had a hearty breakfast. After breakfast, we followed the directions for Sunday School.

The lesson was taught in a very spiritual way and helped us gain a more understanding of life. The disciples of Christ we must follow in our daily lives. The spiritual feelings will always be a part of our daily life. The remembrance of the righteous is a blessing.

"Enter to worship and depart to serve. Let the Holy Spirit lead" was the theme. To lead means to show the way. In the sanctuary, we all were together and enjoyed a spiritual blessing. The worship leader was Sister Xandria Campbell. Sister Deyona Tillman led us in the responsive reading, entitled "The promise of the Holy Spirit." St. John Church Choir sang the hymn of praise, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart."

The Scripture was read by Lakenya Brown, and Deacon Prentis Smith gave the prayer: Another selection was sung by St. John Church Choir. It was a time of doing their very best in a feeling of being guided by another blessing.

Reverend Stephenson Ellerbe, Sr presented the speaker, who was Pastor Quan Stewart, of St. John Missionary Baptist Church. He spoke about making the right decision when it's the only thing possible. Work hard and support your family. Guide them to follow you in the right path of faith. Today, we are facing many situations that create problems we have never seen before. Floods, mud slides, and fires are very hard to control. There are millions of people that are homeless. These hard times can happen in our neighborhoods.

The Reverend James E. Smith, Pastor, Greater St. James Baptist Church, gave thanks to everyone from

Bolivia for their prayers, support, and love during the Homecoming Services. He indicated that it was because of us that the day was a success. He gave God the glory for opening up the windows of heaven and pouring us out blessings. He expressed His anticipation of seeing us all again in October.

*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.*



Verniece Stanley

NHCS celebrates Custodial Workers Recognition Day



NHCS CUSTODIAL STAFF AT A TRAINING SESSION

On Friday, October 2, 2015, New Hanover County Schools will show their appreciation to the district's 210 custodians in honor of Custodial Workers Recognition Day. This is a day set aside for all employees to show their appreciation for the custodians that work hard every day to keep their facilities clean.

When the day is complete for most employees, the NHCS custodial staff goes to work behind the scenes, cleaning our facilities to ensure that

faculty and students arrive the next day to an environment conducive to instruction and learning.

The job of a custodial worker is much more than cleaning classrooms, offices, and restrooms. During lockdowns, the custodians hurry to lock up exterior doors to ensure the safety of all those inside the building. During inclement weather, some custodians leave their families to setup shelter locations for the local community. When a child is

sick, a custodian is usually called on to clean up the aftermath and comfort the child. The custodians have many interactions with the students throughout the day, performing assignments such as unloading/loading students onto the buses, cafeteria duty, setting up for events and other occasions. The custodians help keep our buildings in good repair by submitting work orders for needed repairs, changing out light bulbs and changing filters in

HVAC systems. They assist with keeping buildings prepared for emergencies by completing monthly checks on fire extinguishers, emergency egress lighting and exit lights.

Our NHCS custodial staff wears many hats in order to keep our schools clean and safe. On Friday, October 2, 2015, please take the time to say "thank you" for the fine job that they are doing. Share your appreciation on Twitter #nhcsCustodialWorkerDay @NewHanoverCoSch.

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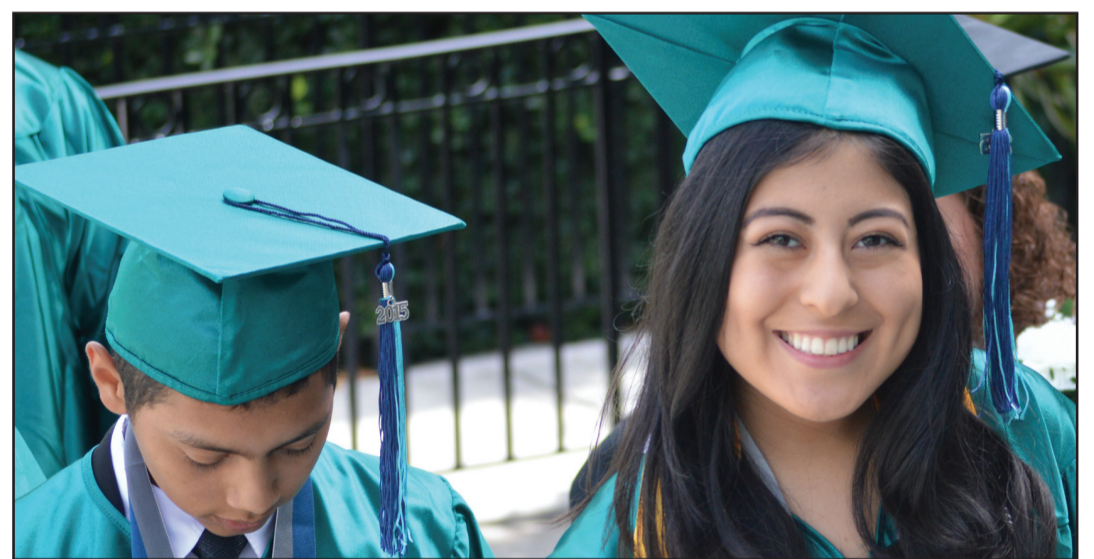
Delonte O'Mar Brunson "Mr. VIP" Sunrise- October 5th, 1981 Sunset- April 8th, 2010

It has been five long years since you were taken from us, it seems like only yesterday, but seems like an eternity without you. Your beautiful smile, although we see it in pictures, it's truly missed. You gave meaning to every lifeyou touched and you certainly touched many.

We love you and miss you "Delonte" with all of our broken hearts, and always will.

Happy Birthday "Gone but never forgotten" "Your loving family" The Brunsons

NHCS Early Colleges to be honored for achieving 100 Percent graduation rates



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New Hanover County Schools is proud to announce that Isaac Bear Early College and Wilmington Early College High Schools will be honored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for achieving 100 percent graduation rates for the 2014-2015 school

year. Isaac Bear principal MaryPaul Beall and Wilmington Early College principal Regina Wooten will attend a special luncheon and recognition ceremony with NHCS Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, in Durham, North Carolina. State

Superintendent Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson will present both schools with distinction awards for their outstanding graduation rates. This is the fourth consecutive year that Isaac Bear has achieved this distinction and the first year for Wilmington Early College.

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**Theodore Formey**

Theodore Formey died Friday, Sept. 25, 2015 in New York. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Bethel AME Church, Northwest Community. Burial in the Northwest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**James A. Bryant, Jr.**

James A. Bryant, Jr. died Friday, September 25, 2015 at Autumn Care of Myrtle Grove. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday at Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**Dominique Grady**

Dominique Grady died Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Vidant Medical Center, Greenville, NC. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 2015 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial in Summerville Church Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**Master Karmon R. Jones**

Master Karmon R. Jones age 8, died Sunday, September 27, 2015 at home. Funeral services will be 12:00 noon Friday, October 2, 2015 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**John Rush Jr.**

John Rush Jr. died Friday at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at Union MB Church. Burial in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**YaWanda Doe and Dariya Doe**

YaWanda Doe and Infant Dariya Doe, age 1, died Sunday, September 27, 2015. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw Son's Funeral Home.

**Jessie Mae Hurskins**

Jessie Mae Hurskins, 83, of Wilmington died Monday September 21, 2015 at NorthChase Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 26th at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Wilmington. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

GOD, in His flawless wisdom quietly called Jessie Mae Hurskins unto Himself on Monday September 21, 2015 at Britthaven Rehabilitation Center,

Wilmington, NC Mother Hurskins was born on July 13, 1932, to the late Richard Marshall, Sr. and Mary Eliza Marshall. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Hurskins, Sr., her twin brother, Jack Marshall, and her grandson, Sherman Biffle, III.

She attended Higgins High School in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and later began her service in domestic work, making her contribution to society.

Mother Hurskins confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized at New Bethel Baptist Church, Clarksdale, MS. under the Pastorage of Reverend Mayes. She enjoyed singing on the choir and doing missionary work-visiting the sick and aiding the elderly.

Mother Hurskins moved to Wilmington in 2004 to be close to her daughter, Sister Christine King, due to her health problems. She attended Faith Temple Church of God in Christ and later on joined the church. Her favorite hymn was "I Know The Lord Will Make A Way".

Leaving to cherish her memory are: Two daughters; Christine (James) King of Wilmington, NC and Georgia Ann (Sherman) Biffle of Virginia Beach, VA; step-son, Eddie James Hurskins of Clarksdale, MS; one sister, Bessie Lou (Rudolph) Sanders of Houston, TX; six grandchildren: Shawndra (Jimmy) Underwood, James King, III, Steven King, Christopher King, Lamar Biffle, Shermelle Biffle and six great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Etta Marshall, Clarksdale, MS; nieces and nephews; Lana (David) Williams, Betty Lou (Roy) Syk, Sandra (Maurice) Jones, Marilyn Bounds, Diane Marshall, Jack Marshall, Jr., all of Clarksdale, MS, Benny Spanks, Atlanta, GA, Ginger Marshall, Richard Marshal III, Lana Marshall, and Linda Marshall all of Oxnard, CA, Linda, Mary Dorothy, and Jim Long, all of Chicago, III, Ralph, Demerits, Earnestine Sanders all of Houston, TX, and other relatives and friends. A Davis Funeral Home Service.

**Marguerite Pugh**

Marguerite Pugh, 61, of Wilmington, died Sunday September 13th. Funeral services were held on Thursday September 17, 2015 at Mt. Nebo MBC. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Marguerite Pugh entered this world chosen of God to become a visible rose in His garden on August 3, 1954 to her proud parents, the late Samuel Pugh and the late Margaret Toney-Darden

Marguerite was reared with the support of a loving family. She received her education in New Hanover County Schools.

Marguerite always had time to devote to those she loved. She possessed the ability to love without conditions. She was known for her comfort, courage, and strength.

Being from a Christian home environment, she realized the need of a personal relationship with God and became affiliated with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.

A gentle life came to an end on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Marguerite Pugh entered the mansion that was prepared for her many years ago.

Marguerite's Memories shall be cherished by the lives she touched and loved: Son, Samuel Jermaine Pugh; Grandchildren, Ny-Quan, Ty-Quan, Amoni. Mazardi, Corteer, and Kermello; Uncles, Timothy Pugh (Minnie) of Wilmington, NC and John L. Toney of Scottsdale, AZ.; Aunts, Janie Grady of Ellenville, GA, Bertha Forden of Wilmington, NC, and Jessie Daniels (Cesar) of Wilmington, NC; A host of cousins, other relatives and friends. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Betty Jo Jackson Cowan**


Betty Jo Jackson Cowan, 62, of Southport, died Sept. 24th at her residence. Funeral services were held 11 am Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, Southport. Burial followed in Northwood Cemetery. A Davis Funeral Home service.

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## New Hanover County

**Myrtle Grove First Born Church**, 6601 Caroline Beach Rd., will host their North-Western Diocese Assembly, October 6th- October 9th. The assembly will be presided by Bishop Alton A. Fain from Port Washington, Florida. There will be different speakers each night along with local praise teams. Call 910-395-4250 for more information.

Religious  
Briefs

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**, 701 S.12th St., will hold their Annual Prayer Night on Friday, October 2nd from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Also the Fall Revival from Monday, October 5th - Friday, October 9th.

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

**The Joint Ushers Ministry of First Baptist Missionary Church**, 520 North Fifth Avenue, will host a musical program on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 4:00 pm. Pastor Javon Hankins, accompanied by the St. Luke Sound Machine, and area choirs and groups will be on program.

## Bladen County

**The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church** congregation will be celebrating their 108th annual homecoming and Holy Communion on Sunday, October 4, 2015 with the morning message at 10:00 a.m. by Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin, pastor. Their celebrations continue at 3:30 p.m. with guests Pastor Rev. Andy Anderson, choir, ushers and congregation of Cedar Branch Missionary Baptist Church; Loris SC. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

## Brunswick County

**Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church** will hold their Youth Day Program on Sunday, October 4th at 3:30 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP  
Patience, a fruit of the spirit

BY FANNIE ALLEN  
AND SHELIA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! This is the day that the Lord has made and I will be glad in it! Our opening song was, "I Am Thine, O Lord." Draw me nearer, precious Lord, to thy precious precious bleeding side. Prayer was given by Fannie Allen. Our next song was, "No, Not One." There's truly not a friend like the lowly Jesus, and yet, no friend is so meek and lowly, no not one. What a beautiful devotional opening for our meeting this morning! Praise God!

Our speaker for today was Mrs. Mary Martin. Her topic was "Patience. This is truly a virtue of God. Pray for patience. Paul said, "Cloth yourself with patience." Job was also patient. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Waiting on God will always bring you peace. Patience hurts sometimes. We need patience in angry times. God has been patient with us. He has never given up on us. Thank

you, Mrs. Mary Martin, for that uplifting and inspiring message. Words of encouragement and comments were given. Cherry Pearson had an inspiring word from, "Too Busy Christian." Thanks a bunch! We all needed that!

The minutes were read by our secretary, Mildred Ellerby. It was then time for our "Callers." Gladys Taylor had the most members today. Thanks to all the callers and members that were present. Mrs. Anna Haskins gave us the sick report. We love you and thank you so much for your dedication and patient spirit. May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

Comments and remarks were made. Smiles were given by Mrs. Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter! Laughter is good for the soul. Our circle was formed. Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuilian. The meeting was then adjourned. To God Be the glory. Remember to pray for PATIENCE!

Forty-seven members were present.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## A night in a dumpster

My Fellow Seniors:

As I was taking my walk around the block this morning, I stopped by the Good Shepherd Center. The director was kind enough to give me a copy of their annual report. It's only twenty pages long, but I will be reading it for the rest of my life. This report reaffirmed my faith in humanity, and now I know this world is a good place in which to be.



Ruth Johnson

I would like to share with

you just one story from the report. It is called "A Night in a Dumpster." The man telling this story is a Vietnam War veteran. When he returned to the United States, he started hanging with the wrong crowd and drinking heavily. This caused him to lose his wife and his home. He went into rehab. in 1982 and was able to give up drinking completely. However, while pulling away from alcohol, he started using cocaine. On a cold winter night, as he was walking the streets, with no place to lay his head, he crawled into a dumpster. It was filled with bags of shredded paper, which felt like a pillow under his head. He had been going downhill for a long

time and now he had "hit rock bottom." There was no way to go but up. So he turned to God for help.

The next morning, he crawled out of the dumpster and asked a stranger for help. He was given directions to the Good Shepherd Center: He felt like the Lord was leading him towards a new life. He stayed at the Center for 110 days and then was transferred to a more structured program at the Ashley Center for Homeless Veterans. A short while after moving to Ashley, he was diagnosed with throat cancer. Because of his previous addictions, he had to go through grueling chemotherapy and radiation without any pain

medication. He could not speak for three months. but today he doesn't even have a scar on his neck. He is clean, sober, cancer free, and back home with his family.

This unnamed Veteran declared he was lifted out of the dumpster by the hand of God and then placed into the hands of the caring staff and volunteers of the Good Shepherd Center. If I might add a personal note: For ten years, "Katrina" was a depressing word for me, but, since I met the First Lady of the Good Shepherd Center, "Katrina" is a beautiful word!

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

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "I choose to serve God"

"N"o servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." St. Luke 16:13



Sylvia Hooper

Serve - To render obedience and worship to God

According to scripture, men have always been servants.

Before accepting Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, we were all servants to sin. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." Romans 6:16

"But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans

6:22,23

Jesus Christ our Savior, came in the form of a servant. He is The Chief Servant for every Christian to pattern after, and use as a role model of perfection. Philippians 2:7 spoke of Jesus Christ, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." There are many good men to use as patterns of servanthood, but each man at his best has some failure in his life. The man Jesus, was without sin and perfect in all his ways.

"But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." St. Matthew 20:26, 27, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." St. Mark 10:45

It is an honor and a privilege to be a servant of God! For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We then, who have been saved by grace, and not of works, lest any man should boast, should experience the joy of being a servant of God from the heart.

This should be done from a heart full of love and appreciation for salvation, deliverance, and everlasting life obtained from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, our new master.....

A servant's duty is to honor his master; to be obedient to his Word, and to be faithful. God the Father has promised blessings upon every obedient servant and great reward to every good and faithful servant.

A servant of God's manner of doing things should reflect the manner and behavior of his master. He is accountable to God to obey God's instructions for the way in which he lives as he serves. II Timothy 2:24,25,26, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient. In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves: if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

According to Ephesians 4:1, let every soul who sincerely seeks to serve God walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one

another in love: Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Let us walk by faith, walk in the light, and walk humbly with our God.

If we indeed choose to serve the Lord, let us be a witness, and give God the glory because He is Worthy of the honor!!! Tell Somebody!

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

## Strength and faith...Where do you get yours from?

BY CYNTHIA BROWN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Strength and faith... where do you get yours from? Speaking to a full house of members and visitors, Atty. Bernard McIntyre of Beaufort, S.C. challenged everyone to consider the source of their strength and faith as he joined St. Stephen A.M.E. Church as the sesquicentennial anniversary speaker. It was significant to hold the celebratory worship service on September 27th as this was also the day on which the cornerstone of the current edifice was laid.

A native of Rocky Point, N.C. Atty. Bernard McIntyre and his 10 siblings were raised by his mother, Hattie McIntyre in an environment of faith and prayer. Despite her limited education, she raised her children to derive their strength from their faith in God and to never be afraid to step out on faith. Accordingly, he developed a strong work ethic and applied this same principle to his academic studies. After graduating from now Burgaw High School, he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in History from UNC-Chapel Hill, the Master's degree in Public Administration from Clark-Atlanta University and the J. D. (Doctor of Jurisprudence) from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

He has practiced with Legal Services (aiding the poor), the Beaufort County Department of Social Services (aiding those in need) and later became senior partner in the law firm of Moss, Dore, Kuhn and McIntyre, P.A. In 1991, he established his own proprietorship of Bernard McIntyre Law Offices. He serves on numerous boards

and committees and is an active member of New Hope Christian Church and Omega Psi Phi fraternity. His "home" church in Rocky Point is St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

Using a scorecard similar to a sports event, he reminded all present that despite adversity, if we will just keep our faith (trust) in God, we will find our true strength. He further reminded everyone that each encounter with adversity will only yield a favorable score in our lives when we trust in God. Using the biblical account of David and Goliath as his sermon platform, he assured St. Stephen that the score is now St. Stephen "150" and the Giant (known as adversity) "0".

Splintered from the Front Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South (now Grace United Methodist Church), the original St. Stephen members established the church in 1865. Although their roots reached back to the earliest days of Methodism in Wilmington, they realized a need for a separate church in order to experience religious freedom at the end of the civil war.

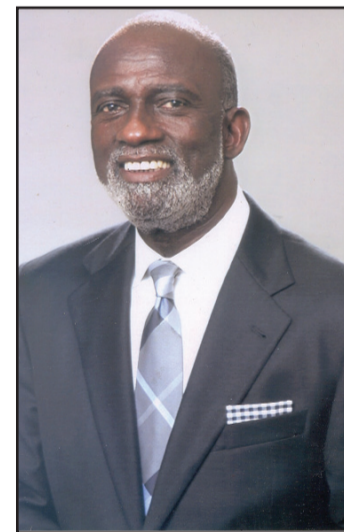
Front Street Methodist was originally established in the late 1700's under William Meredith, a Wesleyan Missionary who came to Wilmington from the West Indies. His style of preaching and ministering to the mostly enslaved Africans spiritually excited and encouraged them. It is probable that the Wesleyan anti-slavery beliefs also played a role in their enthusiasm about the denomination. Even when Meredith was jailed for preaching to the mostly black congregants, he continued to preach from his jail cell until he was released.

In just a few short years after establishing the church he died, but the church continued on. By 1844, the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South splintered from the Methodist Episcopal Church - a statement in part of its support for the institution of slavery. Although a majority of the membership, blacks in the Front Street Methodist Episcopal Church South congregation worshipped under the minority leadership of white ministers. This dichotomy of social policy and religious beliefs would soon reach a climax.

It was in 1865 when Fort Fisher and the city of Wilmington fell to Union forces that the black congregants had their first encounter with a black preacher - Rev. William Hammett Hunter, D.D., Chaplain to the U.S. Colored Troops. In awe and in excitement, their enthusiastic requests to hear him preach from the church pulpit were denied. The original request became a demand, and along with others, was ultimately reviewed and considered by government officials. The dispute escalated to then, U. S. President Andrew Johnson. While a response from the President was never received, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South upheld the church's denial of the black congregants' requests.

A temporary wooden structure was erected in 1867 at the site of the current edifice. In 1880, construction of the current edifice began to accommodate the rapidly growing congregation. By 1888, the construction was completed.

Through racial violence in 1898, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights movement in Wilmington, the church has



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stood. National and international clergy, government officials and educators and other lay persons have visited the city and addressed the citizens from the steps and the pulpit of St. Stephen. Through the vision of Rev. Dr. A. J. Wilson, the church added a 4-story annex over 100 years ago to provide educational, medical, recreational and social services during the era of segregation.

Today, despite changing demographics and decreases in membership, the church continues to serve the community through its collaboration with local nonprofits and ecumenical groups that serve those in need.

Other celebratory activities in the church during the month of September included a Heritage Tea on September 19th, a Heritage Camp for youth on September 12th and a special Grandparents' Day Worship service on September 13th. The church will release the first edition of its history book in October 2015 entitled Strength from our Past, Faith for our Future. To God be the Glory!

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This the 17th day of September, 2015.

Kay H. Swindell  
Executrix  
1514 Clifton Road  
Jacksonville, NC 28540  
Fields & Cooper, PLLC  
Attorneys at Law  
PO Box 4538  
Rocky Mount, NC 27803

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Richard C. Otto, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Richard C. Otto**, 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 **December 17, 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 10th day of September, 2015.

Janice V. Otto  
Executor of the Estate  
of Richard C. Otto  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Kevin J. O'Donovan**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 24th day of September, 2015

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

September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2015

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

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

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

September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2015

**Bid Request**

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE and HUB certified firms for "Currituck County Multi-use Path" bid in Corolla, Currituck County NC. Bid date is 10/6/15 10 am. There will be a pre-bid conference at 9:00 am on 10/2/15 at office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, NC 27949. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Dave. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
FILE NO. 15 E 1198**

Robert Lee Howard, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Elouise Hickman Howard**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 5725 Oleander Drive, Suite C-3, Wilmington, NC 28403 on or before the **16th day of December, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 17th day of September, 2015.

Robert Lee Howard, Executor  
c/o D. Robert Williams, Jr., Esq.  
Price & Williams, P.A.  
Attorneys at Law  
5725 Oleander Drive, Suite C-3  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
(910) 791-9422 phone  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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THE UNDERSIGNED, Nancy S. Garner, having qualified on the 3rd day of September, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate of **Thomas J. Garner, Jr.**, deceased this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said 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 **15th day of December, 2015**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 9th day of September, 2015

Nancy S. Garner, Administrator  
ESTATE OF THOMAS J. GARNER, JR.  
David Anderson, Esq.  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Dr.  
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September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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THE UNDERSIGNED, Richard M. Graves, having qualified on the 14th day of May, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate of **Andrea M. Graves**, deceased this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said 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 **15th day of December, 2015**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 9th day of September, 2015

RICHARD M. GRAVES,  
Administrator  
ESTATE OF WILLIAM BERNARD HUMPHREY, JR.  
David Anderson, Esq.  
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September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2015

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

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jimmy Robinson**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **5th day of January, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 24th of September, 2015.

Alexander D. Jackson, Executor  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Eugene E. Murphy**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of January, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of October, 2015  
Jeanne N. Murphy, Executrix  
Of the Estate of Eugene E. Murphy  
7407 Alestone Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Murchison, Taylor &  
Gibson, PLLC  
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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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Attorney Margaret Jennings, has been appointed as counsel for Kendra Bryant and she can be reached at 1501 S. Third Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, (910) 761-0850 or at mjennings@ec.r.com.

Attorney Jamie Getty, has been appointed as counsel for James Murphy and she can be reached at P.O. Box 4, Wilmington, NC 28402, (910) 763-2727 or at jgetty@bcklaw-firm.com.

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

This the 1st day of October, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.  
of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Doris Riggs Smith**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of January, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015

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

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

This 28th of September, 2015.

David E. Anderson, Esq.  
Administrator  
ESTATE OF MICHAEL R. ROSELLA, JR.  
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**Ex-Wife taking  
up too much time**

Dear Alma,

My husband was married very young, from the age of 20-22. The marriage was a disaster and they divorced without having a conversation or even seeing each other in court. He didn't contest it or show up to the court date. She recently found him on Facebook and asked if she could give him a call. When he came and asked me about it, I said it would be ok. My husband and I are very close; we have successful adult children, and a lovely grandchild. We are very active in our church. I said yes, because we've had a wonderful life, a happy and loving 25 years of marriage. I was ok with it at first, but lately they've been having long conversations on the phone and what I thought was going to be a one or two time thing, is still going on. He talks to her while I'm in the room. They seem to have a really good friendship building. My patience has run thin. I recently told him the conversations need to stop and he said no. She's not married, lives in another state, and has cancer. He says he wants to be there for her, but I don't think that's his place. I trust my husband but I don't trust her. I think she is lonely and just reminiscing about my husband. I know I opened this can of worms but what do I do to put the lid back on. Should I threaten to leave and give him an ultimatum?

**D.T.  
Tampa, Fla.**

TBT Tampa, it would never sit well with me to tell someone to leave a marriage of 25 years. What may be a deal breaker for one, might not be for another. What I will say is, you are not the number one woman in your husband's heart - right now. I know, I know, that's a handful of hurt to hold, but honesty is what you get while sitting in the Ask Alma Café, and you my dear took a seat.

First and foremost, don't ever offer an ultimatum, or you may find yourself unaccompanied. Giving an ultimatum to your partner is like offering a cold glass of pride and arrogance. The offer of "my way or the highway" doesn't give the other person a reasonable choice or viable option. You have one of two decisions to make. You can turn the other cheek and wait for this circus to pass through town, ('cause we both know it will), or you can start to do what's needed to regain your number one "I'm every woman-wife #1" status. The choice is up to you.

Since your husband was honest enough to bring this to your attention and ask for permission, I don't think these long talks are a threat to your marriage. As you mentioned, she's in one state and you guys live in another. When one takes the time to finalize, wrap up life lessons and loose ends over the years, it can be cathartic. I think he's trying to extend a more compassionate side of himself because she's ill. Don't fault him for that. Deal with him based on what he actually does, not what you've imagined him doing.

Mark my words, the rambles of reminiscing will begin to roll away, because at some point one of them will remember why they divorced in the first place. I anticipate that will be your husband. If you had asked me this question 20 years ago, I would have told you to tell him to get the steppin' but I know better now. Twenty-five years is a long time and as his wife, you've gotta dig in deep, do a better job of weathering this storm. Since it's the first real tsunami in your relationship, lay down some rules but don't grab your umbrella and run. Tell him what's on your mind, tell him how this situation makes you feel and ride it out. I've got a good feeling about your husband and I think he'll revert with a sack of sorries before you know it. Be prayerful, exercise your patience and rely on your faith.

You've invested 25 years of your life to this man and your family. Play to win in this game called marriage, and remember you've got a 25-year home field advantage!

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

**ADVICE**

*Cash in the Apple*



**By  
Cash  
Michaels**

**P O P E**  
FRANCIS - It seemed as if someone opened a national window for fresh air last week when His Holiness Pope Francis made his first visit ever to the United States, spreading love and good faith not only among his Catholic flock, but to anyone with eyes, ears and a heart.

Now I'm not Catholic (though I did attend Catholic school as a child and high school student back in Brooklyn), but my manner of faith in GOD didn't matter last week as I watched this good and humble man come with a simple message - "Let's all do better than we've been doing."

That message especially resonates here in America, where clearly we've lost our way. We've become the most cynical of nations, caring little about what happens to our brothers and sisters in poverty; allowing some public servants with badges, who are supposed to protect us, instead abuse us in hopes that no one with a video smartphone is watching; allowing rich people who haven't a tinker's clue as to how to govern to behave badly while running for the most powerful office in the world; allowing avowed racists to make our laws and determine public policy; and allow warmongers to use our brave men and women on our military like an ATM machine to stir up trouble all across the globe.

To have a man of peace and good sense to finally come to our shores last week embracing the poor and sick; telling us that GOD wants all of us to love one another; reaching out across religious boundaries to embrace and respect other faiths and customs; and calling for an end to all war, was truly a refreshing experience.

But what was even more refreshing, and indeed gratifying, was to see the people drawn to Pope Francis and his message of peace and love. If you watched any of it on television, there was no mistaking the spiritual hunger there was as hundreds of thousands of people came from across the world just to get a glimpse of a man who takes no shame in washing the feet of the poor and dispossessed. A man of GOD who says above all, the church should be a place of forgiveness and compassion. A safe place where all are welcomed to come, her the Word of GOD, and feel at peace with themselves and the world.

I was struck by the tears of joy the respect and reverence that everyone from the very old, to the very young, had for Pope Francis and hope he represented.

And all this old man asked for in return was for the world to love GOD, and to pray for him.

Now, you have to admire a 78-year-old man who had hip surgery for the kind of exhausting six-day schedule he maintained on his trip to Cuba, Washington, D.C., New York, and finally Philadelphia. As much as the rich and powerful wanted to hangout with Pope Francis, he instead wanted to spend time with the children and the poor. Touching them, praying with them, and blessing them was his main mission, and Pope Francis would not be deterred.

I will admit that I dreaded something going horribly wrong, that the hate and madness that we all know resides in our country would somehow mar what was otherwise a fairy tale visit full of magic and love. So I do thank GOD that nothing evil transpired, for not only would have that been tragic, but certainly embarrassing before the world that we couldn't even host a world leader of GOD without things going wrong.

So the historic visit of Pope Francis is now history, but the warmth of the man is still with us as he has made his way safely back home to the Vatican in Italy. We see already evidence that the pope's visit touched the hardened heart of Republican US House Speaker John Boehner, resulting in Boehner shocking the political world by announcing that he was stepping down at the end of this month, and leaving Congress altogether.

Too bad the power of the pope couldn't touch the darkened hearts of some of those Tea Party characters threatening to shut down the government. But you what, I'll take what little good I can get from Pope Francis' visit.

What a good man. I do pray for him, and wish him well in his service for GOD to humanity.

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

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