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**KNOW
THE NEW
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BY BERNEST HEWETT
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Voter education classes and seminars! This is what we hear all around us! We hear of faith based seminars, sponsored by neutral or independent voters. Regardless to who sponsors the "get-out-to-vote" seminars in your area of the county, you need to attend. There will be at least two or three in

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WHAT IS THE NC NAACP LAWSUIT AGAINST VOTER ID?

BY CASH MICHAELS
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The plaintiffs' pre-trial brief in the voter identification lawsuit being heard in federal court in Winston-Salem this week, alleges that Republican lawmakers amended the strict 2013 voter ID law last summer just prior to the first federal trial because "...the State recognized that ...there was no evidence of in-person voter fraud in North Carolina, thus undermining the purported justification for the law."

The lawsuit goes on to charge that "...the statute stood to impose enormous and disproportionate burdens on minorities once it went into effect in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the 14th and 15th Amendments of the Constitution."

That lawsuit, NC NAACP v. Gov. Pat McCrory, challenges the Republican governor and the GOP-led state

Legislature over passage of the 2013 voter photo identification law, which originally only required a government-issued photo ID to vote in the state. It also seeks to stop implementation before the upcoming March 15th primaries.

Because of last minute changes to the law last June, voters will be required to show a government-issued photo identification at the polls to cast a ballot, unless they have a "reasonable impediment declaration" for not having one, which didn't exist before. In that case, they would be required to fill out a form, then show some form of identification like a utility bill, verifying their name and address, in order to then cast a provisional or substitute ballot.

What has not widely been reported is that that declaration can be chal-

lenged by another voter in that county, and the county board of elections can disallow the provisional ballot cast as a result if it determines the excuse for not having a photo ID to be false.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs - the NC NAACP, the League of Women Voters of North Carolina, and the US Justice Dept. - maintain in their brief that, "The rationale for North Carolina originally enacting a photo ID requirement was to deter in-person voter fraud. But allowing those without such ID to vote simply by signing a "reasonable impediment" affidavit would seem to undermine that justification, particularly against an evidentiary background of no in-person voter fraud in North Carolina and the increased tax dollars that North Carolina taxpayers will need to spend implementing this

law. Against that background, one must question what North Carolina's real motivation is in continuing to insist on imposing a photo ID law at all."

The brief goes on to allege that the reasonable impediment requirement effectively creates a barrier for African-Americans and Hispanics to constitutionally exercise their right to vote, because they're more likely than whites not to have a government-issued identification, like a driver's license. That, plaintiffs' attorneys say, is a violation of Section 2 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which prohibits the state from "imposing or applying any electoral practice which results in a denial or abridgement..." of the right of any citizen to vote based on race or color.

"Moreover, the North Carolina leg-

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CELEBRATING THE DREAM



DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM

A celebration of American creativity

BY JUANITA HARPER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Countywide CDC Humanities and Arts Committee consisting of five counties (Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender) will present the DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM February 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm Kenan Auditorium UNCW Campus, Wilmington, NC in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, and Black History Month. The committee has invited the five county 9th grade public school arts students to a performance/workshop with the company. This performance is "A Celebration of American Creativity and Honoring the Legacies of Innovative Visionary Leadership".

September 29, 2015 commemorated the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act. Signed into law on September 29, 1965, the act called for the creation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) as separate, independent agencies, the culmination of a movement calling for the federal government to invest in culture.

Dance Theatre of Harlem (DTH) is an American professional ballet company and school based in Harlem,

New York City. It was founded in 1969 by Arthur Mitchell, who was the first African-American principal dancer at New York City Ballet. The DTH is renowned both as "the first black classical ballet company", and "the first major ballet company to prioritize black dancers". In 1993 the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts honored Mr. Mitchell for his lifelong accomplishments and extraordinary talents he gave to the nation. Dance Theatre of Harlem Company has 14 dancers who will perform an eclectic drama. The Dance Theatre of Harlem promotes empowerment through the arts and includes community engagement through educational activities for audiences.

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For tickets information the community can go to celebratingthedream.org, UNCW Kenan Auditorium Box Office or call Countywide CDC office 910-619-6295.



MAYOR CHRIS REY

**Mayor Chris Rey
tells why he's
running for
U.S. Senate**

Editor's note - Because of the large number of African Americans running for state and national offices during the 2016 primary, The Journal will focus on these candidates so that our readers will know more about them.

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Spring Lake Mayor Chris Rey sees what the impact of Washington, D.C. policies have on families and citizens in his town every day. That's why he wants to become North Carolina's next U.S. senator; so that he can go to Congress, and be a voice for those families, and advocate for policies that help them move forward, he says.

"There's a specific perspective that's missing from Washington, DC," says Mayor Rey, one of four Democratic candidates competing in the March 15th US senatorial

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Oscar diversity struggle heats up as civil rights leaders request meeting with Academy

Leaders want a 'Memorandum of Understanding' to assure lasting change this time

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Three leading civil rights organizations are requesting a meeting with the trustees of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and other film industry leaders in the wake of a lily White slate of actor nominees for

the upcoming Oscars.

The National Urban League, the National Action Network and the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, this week, released a statement expressing their intent to get directly involved in order to speed up the process for justice and equality in the movie industry, which draws more than a billion dollars from the Black community.

The statement, released Jan. 26, says the groups will request a meeting with the Academy's board members and other industry leaders "where we will present a clear and specific blueprint for moving forward, and outline our plan to hold the Academy accountable....It seems that the Academy's board of trustees believes diversity is a problem that will resolve itself. The nominations

show otherwise. We will be requesting a meeting with the Academy's board members and other industry leaders."

The statement was released by the three organizational presidents, Marc Morial of NUL, Al Sharpton of NAN and Melanie Campbell of the NCBCP.

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your area. We need change! Go out to at least two of these meetings and find out all about this new Voter ID system being used in this upcoming election.

We need to put aside the television, put away the telephone, and go to the seminars so that we will be able to make changes in the election process. We, as a people, poor, Black, elderly, disadvantaged in whatever way we may be, must learn as much about this system as possible because our votes count too. We must use our votes to make the changes in our society that are good for all people, not just some!

Not all of us are rich or very powerful but we all have a vote, and with teaching comes learning, and with learning comes knowledge. Thus we become educated on the process. We must not be left behind when learning is free! We must move to keep up with change! Our faith has brought us out of the darkness of the past! If we use that faith to cause us to move toward knowledge, we shall overcome!!

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

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It points to the fact that the issue goes beyond entertainment awards, but also involves economic parity.

"African-Americans attend the movies on average more often than whites, spending more than \$1.1 billion annually on movie tickets," they quote a report credited to the Los Angeles Times.

In an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire, this week, Morial says he is aware of statements from Academy President Cheryl Boone Isaacs, who said that the Academy's 51-member board announced on Friday that it will double the number of women and diverse members of the Academy by 2020, among other concessions.

"The Academy is going to lead and not wait for the industry to catch up," Isaacs



NUL President Marc Morial, above, has issued a joint statement with the Rev. Al Sharpton and Melanie Campbell, requesting a meeting with the Academy to force a clear and workable plan for lasting equality in Oscar nominations.

said in a statement. "These new measures regarding governance and voting will have

an immediate impact and begin the process of significantly changing the membership composition."

But, those concessions are not enough, Morial says. "The changes are not enough and they're not fast enough and also there's no mechanism built in to ensure that the Academy will follow through on their commitments."

He pointed to the fact that promises were previously made with no results.

"They've made commitments in the past. There have been promises in the past by Hollywood and there's simply been no follow through," Morial said. "I don't know if they're serious."

Morial says the leaders are looking to establish a mechanism that will assure results this time.

"They need a monitor, they need accountability, they need a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that if they

make commitments, they're going to come through."

Stating that the 2020 goal is much too long, he said, "I think the changes to the Oscars nominating process needs to take place more quickly."

The statement from the three organizations says the issue will not be easy to resolve.

"A lack of diversity in the entertainment industry is a complex issue without a simple solution. We are well-aware the problem neither begins nor ends with awards nominations. But the overwhelmingly White, male, and older membership of the Academy dismally fails to reflect the vibrant creative filmmaking community. Award nominations translate into box-office success, and the potential for box-office success determines which projects are greenlighted," the statement said.

The statement by the three organizations adds fuel to an already raging controversy. The NAACP also released a statement blasting the Academy last week. Also in response to the Oscars lack of diversity, key Black entertainers have announced they are boycotting the event. They include filmmaker Spike Lee and Jada Pinkett Smith, wife of actor Will Smith, who also announced his boycott. They are calling on African-Americans across the country to also boycott the awards, which will be hosted by comedian Chris Rock Feb. 28.

Morial stressed that the controversy means much more than just racial equality in the entertainment field.

"It goes to the fabric of Hollywood. And it's through movies and television that people see their world, their community and themselves," he said. "It's where role models are mined."

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islature's knowledge of the photo ID requirement's disproportionate burdens on African Americans, its elimination of forms of ID originally included in the bill, and the absence of any credible (much less substantial) legislative rationale, all show that the legislature enacted the statute at least in part to make it harder to vote and to deter minority voters in violation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments," the brief maintains. "The law's subsequent amendment does not ameliorate its prohibited intent. And even if this Court concludes that the legislature lacked discriminatory intent in enacting [the statute] the requirement remains unlawful because it produces discriminatory results and burdens the

right to vote in ways that, as has been established in the record, are not outweighed by any substantial State purpose."

As evidence of the law's discriminatory effect, the brief presents statistics showing that blacks are more likely not to have photo ID than whites, and they also have more trouble obtaining that identification as well.

In their defense, attorneys for Gov. McCrory and the state Legislature maintain that the reasonable impediment declaration requirement they adopted for North Carolina is very similar to the one which they say passed muster in South Carolina. Plaintiffs' attorneys disagree, saying that North Carolina's provision is based on Section 2 of the VRA, and not Section 5, as is South Carolina's.

Plaintiffs also alleged that state lawmakers knew that the

voter ID law would have a disproportionately discriminatory affect on African-American voters, but went ahead and enacted it anyway. That is a violation of the 14th and 15th amendments to the US Constitution.

"The evidence in this case supports a finding of discriminatory purpose," the brief says. "The record demonstrates that in enacting [the statute], the North Carolina General Assembly was responding to increased political power among African American and Latino voters by making changes in the State's election law to limit that power and prevent minority voters from threatening the prospects of the political party then in control of the General Assembly."

This week's trial is expected to last 5-7 days, depending on the amount of testimony from both sides. Thus far, witnesses

for the plaintiffs have testified as to how they've had trouble securing documented evidence

to qualify for photo ID, and how blacks are least likely to have the required ID.

REY

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primary to face Republican incumbent Sen. Richard Burr in the Nov. 8th general election. Rey says that many of the senators there currently may indeed be committed to fighting for the little guy, but they don't know what it means to live paycheck-to-paycheck, or be threatened with the prospect of having their utilities turned off. He says he can dutifully represent that perspective there, because average North Carolinians deserve a fighter.

"I get it, because I see it every day as a mayor," he says. Rey was first elected mayor in 2011 after defeating a 30-year incumbent that many said was unbeatable. But "with a new vision," Rey won the seat with 76 percent of the vote. And he won reelection unopposed.

Mayor Rey takes pride in leading Spring Lake ahead of the national curve, making one of the first municipalities after he was elected to adopt the "Ban the Box" policy, which allows fair consideration of ex-felons who apply for jobs during the initial application process without revealing their criminal history until a later interview. Rey is also proud of the fact that Spring Lake was one of the first municipalities to secure body cameras for its police officers, something very much in the news now amid many controversial police shootings nationwide.

These are just some of the examples of how, as a public servant, Chris Rey says he's stayed in touch with the needs of the people who have elected him, and "what's happening on the ground." He vows to take that same dedication, and "everyday perspective" with him when he's elected to the US Senate.

Rey says he sees the two top issues that must be dealt with effectively in Congress as being national security and generating more jobs. Rey touts his fifteen years in the military, primarily working in the area of cyber-security, as an advantage that no other senator will have. He spent over four years after graduating law

school writing cyber-security policy for the US Defense Dept, he says, so keeping America safe against cyber-terrorism would be a priority.

But then working diligently to help create more jobs for average Americans who deserve the opportunity to earn a decent wage and feed their families is also a key focus, the mayor says. It's seeing the struggles every day of Spring Lake citizens, and what they must do to make ends meet that inspires Rey, he says, to fight for them. That's why, if elected senator, Rey says he would be perhaps the only voice bringing that "every day perspective" and "innovative spirit" to the office, and the Senate floor.

Mayor Rey also wants to address veterans' issues, especially with many military personnel coming back from war. He says he wants to make sure that the proper services and resources are there for them and their families.

The environment and women's health are also key issues Rey says he sees as priorities.

All of those things are important to me as I move forward with this Democratic nomination," he says.

Rey was born in the US Virgin Islands, raised by his grandmother, a special education teacher who took him in when he was one year-old. At the urging of Rey's uncle, a military man who was also a father-figure for young Chris, the family moved to Spring Lake when he was nine, where he attended school.

"My grandmother was the person who poured into me the values of hard work. She told me, "No one is going to give you anything...it's going to be up to you to bear down and make it happen."

Rey became a track and field All-American, attended East Carolina University, and later joined the military.

Rey is happily married with three children.

"I believe that I am better prepared than my current three Democratic opponents," Mayor Rey said, "and would serve the people of North Carolina a lot better than [Sen. Burr] is because when I become senator, I want to be

able to serve all of the people of North Carolina, not just the privileged few."

"I want to be able to represent all of the people, and make sure that the laws that are coming down out of Washington, DC impact us all positively."

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with Mission Health System in Asheville says finding the motivation to quit comes down to very personal reasons. Research ranks the state fourth-lowest for out of pocket costs for smoking, but experts warn it is no bargain in terms of the state's overall health.

AAC AND HISPANIC - NCDP CAUCUS FORUM FRIDAY

[RALEIGH] The African-American and Hispanic Caucuses of the North Carolina Democratic Party will be sponsoring a candidates forum Friday, Jan.

29th, 78 p.m. at the Goodwin House, 220 Hillsborough Street in downtown Raleigh. Democratic candidates for governor and US Senate have been invited to participate.

BORROWING FOR THE FUTURE: NONPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR CONNECT NC BOND

[RALEIGH] In the March 15 primary, North Carolina voters will weigh in on the Connect NC bond referendum, which would provide \$2 billion in funding for the

UNC system, community colleges, National Guard, state parks and water and sewer systems. While there are supporters in both parties, opponents argue against placing the state in further debt.

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Attorney General Lynch: 'We Still Have a Long Way to Go to Reach the Promised Land'

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY EDITOR IN CHIEF OF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - U. S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, giving one among thousands of speeches commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this year, says, when it comes to racial justice, America Has a 'long way to go to reach the Promised Land'.

Pulling from Dr. King's "I See the Promised Land" speech, delivered in Memphis April 3, the day before he was assassinated, Lynch - America's chief law enforcement officer - told an audience at the Department of Justice's (DOJ) salute to King what the DOJ is doing to bring racial progress. She called for everyone to "recommit ourselves" to do their part.

"This is all vital work and the scope and the pace of our efforts on behalf of justice and civil rights demonstrate how far we've come in the last half-century. But it is clear, even now, that we still have a long way to go to reach the promised land that Dr. King described," Lynch said. "And that every one of us must be committed to do our part. After all, as Dr. King knew well - and as all of you here in this room understand - there is nothing inevitable about progress. There is nothing foreordained about our advancement."

In that speech, Dr. King reflected on the nonviolent struggle to win the Civil and Voting Rights Acts and he marveled at the people around the world who were continuing to demand freedom.

In the famous ending to the speech, he said, "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the Promised Land." Lynch, America's first

Black woman attorney general, succeed the first Black Attorney General Eric Holder on June 17, 2015 - only seven months ago. She took office during a tumultuous period marked by protests against police for shootings of unarmed Blacks, a struggle to maintain voting rights and continuing economic inequalities.

Honoring Dr. King, she listed actions by the Department of Justice, dating back to the beginning of the Obama administration, that have been aimed to further Dr. King's vision for justice. She said:

- We are vigorously defending every citizen's right to vote, using every legal tool available to us to enforce the Voting Rights Act in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in Shelby County.

- As well - since 2009, our Civil Rights Division has filed more criminal civil rights cases and prosecuted and convicted more defendants on hate crimes charges, than at any other point in the department's history.

- We're working to ensure civil rights in criminal justice, in part by promoting trust and strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the communities we serve.

- And we're playing a leading role in this administration's drive to reform our criminal justice system, especially through our ongoing work to reduce recidivism and improve reentry outcomes.

- We've also joined with the Departments of Education, Labor and Housing and Urban Development to launch innovative programs in a number of areas, from making Pell grants available to some incarcerated individuals to helping local jurisdictions with record-cleaning and expungement, so that every American returning home has the chance to contribute to their communities and make a new life for themselves.

But, the DOJ is only build-

ing on the successes of others, Lynch pointed out. A guest of the attorney general, civil rights pillar Dorie Ann Ladner, a stalwart in the Freedom Riders and SNCC - who helped to organize the March on Washington and marched from Selma to Montgomery - looked on as she spoke.

"The progress that we celebrate today was made possible because of brave Americans like her. I am able to stand before you here because she marched there," Lynch said. "Because the heroes of the Civil Rights Movement were willing to raise their voices, to risk their safety and even to lose their lives, we live in a nation where segregation no longer receives the sanction of law and where no person can lawfully be denied the right to vote simply because of their race," she said. "The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 continue to stand as landmarks in our nation's history - monuments to our values and to the extraordinary progress that we have made together."

She concluded that in order to truly honor the legacy of Dr. King all year long, their example must be followed by never giving up until the "Promised Land" is realized.

"We must recognize that their words and their deeds are not relics of history, but living challenges - calls to action that still echo in our hearts, urging us to continue their journey, to extend their cause and to realize their vision of a more just society - and a more beloved community," Lynch said. "His challenge - a challenge to a nation to live up to its defining principles - still echoes today. Indeed, it is the challenge of every generation to realize that the price of freedom is constant vigilance; to understand that while we cannot erase every dark prejudice from the heart of man, we can work to ensure that the angels of our better selves win the day."



Attorney General Loretta Lynch tells a Department of Justice audience how America must reach "the Promised Land".

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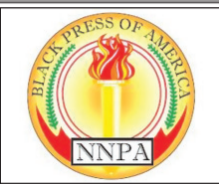
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Former cop Daniel Holtzclaw sentenced to 263 years

"Wrong is wrong: justice needs to be served," is a statement that my client Jannie Ligons made when she was interviewed shortly after Daniel Holtzclaw was found guilty of rape, forcible oral sodomy and other charges against 13 African-American women. Ligons, a 58-year old grandmother and day care worker with no criminal history, was one of the women sexually assaulted by Holtzclaw while he served as an Oklahoma City Police Officer. In 2014, Ligons made a complaint about Holtzclaw, which triggered a police investigation that ultimately led to his conviction. Last Thursday, a jury responded by sentencing him to 263 years in prison.



Benjamin L. Crump

Holtzclaw misused his position and authority as a police officer for at least 15 months while he sexually assaulted 13 African-American women. It is truly courageous that Ligons even came forward against him, because most victims of sexual assault never report their assault.

The case against Holtzclaw was by all counts ignored by mainstream media. Here, we had a police officer preying on African-American women in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Oklahoma City and no one was paying attention. From the moment Ligons filed a complaint against Holtzclaw to when Holtzclaw was indicted to when he sat down for trial in front of an all-white jury, the media did a disservice by refusing to inform America about what had been happening in Oklahoma City.

The role of the police department is to protect its citizens and property from criminal activity, enforce laws, and assist the prosecution in preparing cases against alleged criminals. However, there is an additional role and expectation where law enforcement should provide oversight and training to ensure that misconduct in their department does not occur. When it does happen, they have an obligation to investigate fully and ensure that there are real consequences. The crimes committed by Holtzclaw are too important to ignore. This man violated 13 women that he vowed to protect. In doing so, he also violated his badge and the trust that people within the community have placed in police.

In 2012, President Obama issued a proclamation stating, "It is up to all of us to ensure victims of sexual violence are not left to face these trials alone... We must do more to raise awareness about the realities of sexual assault; confront and change insensitive attitudes wherever they persist..." Two years later, the White House Council on Women and Girls issued a report entitled "Rape and Sexual Assault: A Renewed Call to Action." This report examined rape and sexual assault from numerous angles including the economic impact, campus sexual assaults, and the sexual assault of imprisoned men and women. But, it did not focus on the increasing complaints of sexual misconduct against arresting officers; nor did it discuss the underreporting of sexual misconduct and harassment that is endured by women working in law enforcement from their male counterparts and/or supervisors.

As citizens of this nation, we must ensure that mistreatment of women will not be tolerated, particularly while in the custody of law enforcement. Holtzclaw's victims ranged in age from 17 years old to 57 years old. In many ways, this case represented the 400 years of racism, oppression, and sexual assault African American women have always had to face. This was a victory not only for the OKC 13, but also for so many unknown victims of sexual assault. We were able to stop a serial rapist with a badge when everyone else ignored these Black women. My hope is that now this case will become an example for the rest of America and the world to follow.

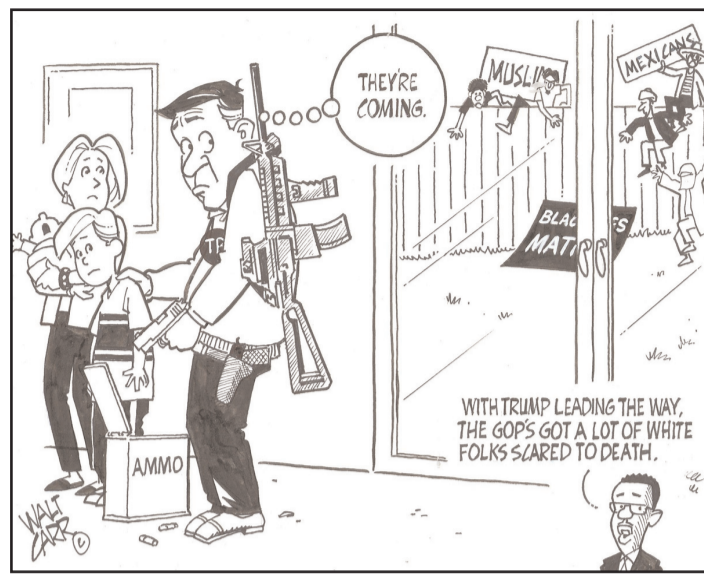
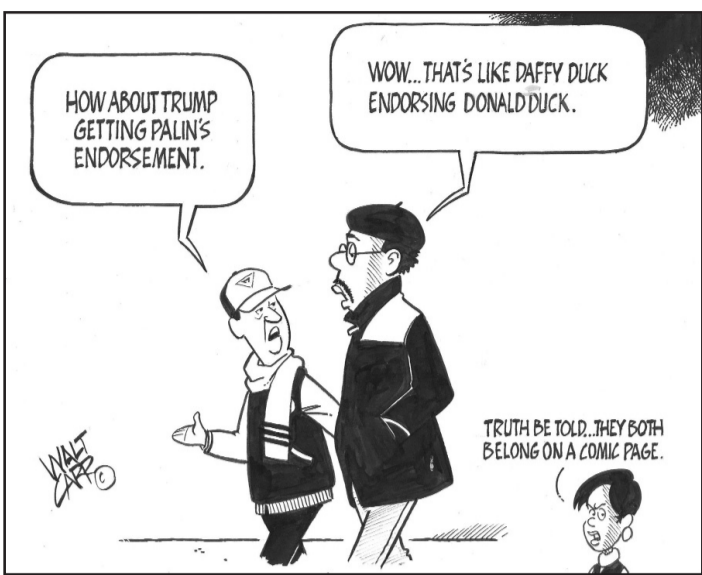
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Benjamin Crump represented five of the 13 women involved in the Daniel Holtzclaw case. This photo was taken during a press conference about the shooting death of Michael Brown and police violence in the U.S. at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

TO BE EQUAL

Tuning out: Why I will not watch the Oscars

(Via George Curry Media)

"The Academy has a problem. It's a problem that needs to be solved... For 20 opportunities to celebrate actors of color; actresses of color; to be missed last year is one thing; for that to happen again this year is unforgivable. This institution doesn't reflect its president... I am an Academy member and it doesn't reflect me, and it doesn't reflect this nation."

- David Oyelowo, actor

It turns out that Hollywood does, in fact, love a sequel. For the second straight year, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences - the organization behind Hollywood's biggest and splashiest awards show - failed to nominate a single actor or actress of color in the lead and supporting acting categories.

This year, when pay equity and gender equality were as much a Hollywood narrative as anything screened in local movie theaters, women earned more Oscar nominations (up almost 24 percent versus 21 per-

cent in each of the last two years), but they were shut out from the best cinematography and best director categories - again.

In a nation as diverse as ours, an Oscars ceremony that neither recognizes nor includes the vast artistic talent and contributions of women and people of color is a white-washed fiction that would better serve us as the premise of a sci-fi feature and not as a mirror of our multicultural reality.

While my role is not to question the cinematic credentials of the academy's 6,291 voting members, I do question how it is that in a season that produced critically-acclaimed films such as "Beasts of No Nation," which stars Idris Elba as an African warlord; the N.W.A biopic "Straight Outta Compton" and "Creed," the latest installment in the iconic "Rocky" franchise, there were no Black screenwriters, directors, composers, cinematographers or actors to be found whose contributions deserved academy recognition.

Ironically enough, two films helmed by either Black actors and/or directors - "Creed" and "Compton" - were recognized by the academy, but their sole nominations were denied to people of color; with Sylvester Stallone receiving a best supporting actor nod for his role in "Creed" and writers of

"Compton" receiving a nomination for best original screenplay.

A lot of ink has been spilled citing the composition of the academy and its role in travesties like this year's copycat lock out of talent from communities of color. A much-cited 2012 survey of the academy by the Los Angeles Times highlights the crux of the problem: the academy's members are 94 percent White, 77 percent male, and an average age of 63 - hardly representative of the diversity we see in the streets and increasingly on our TV screens.

There was a push for more inclusion after last year's infamous snub of the civil rights movie "Selma," with a record 322 invitations sent to join the academy. The list of invitees included fewer than 20 new African-American members, close to 14 Asian and Pacific Islander members and a handful of Latin Americans, according to The Wrap, an industry-insider magazine.

Here are a few more statistics you should also take into consideration. In its most recent study, the Bunche Center at UCLA found that film studio heads were 94 percent White and 100 percent male and that film studio senior management was 92 percent White and 83 percent male. The problem is two-fold.

The struggle to transform

the academy into a diverse body that thoughtfully contemplates and recognizes the work of communities who do not fit the cookie cutter mold is one that must take place within the academy, but change will remain elusive if there is no transformation of White male dominated studio system that decides what gets made - and perhaps most importantly, what doesn't get made. Major studios are not green-lighting the projects that reflect our nation and the few movies that are produced end up on the cutting room floor of the nomination process.

Like so many others, I am stunned by the shut out of people of color across most major awards categories for the second consecutive year. I will continue to add my voice to the public scrutiny necessary to keep this issue on Hollywood's front burner. And I will also be doing something else this year: I will ignore the Oscars. I am not an Academy Award member. I do not green-light films, nor do I direct them. But I do control what does - or doesn't - appear on my television screen. If we want Hollywood to tune in to our legitimate concerns and issues, I, for one, will be tuning out.

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BLACKONOMICS

The economics of water

(Via George Curry Media)

"Water, water, everywhere, and not a drop to drink." - Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

I can hear the backroom discussion now: "We can save money if we stop taking our drinking water from Lake Huron and start using water from the Flint River instead."

Those may not be the exact words, but the leaders of Flint, Mich., including the two recent emergency managers, City Council, the EPA, and the governor, have caused a catastrophe.

Money is the common theme among the perpetrators in Flint; it is always lurking in the shadows of the many problems facing Black and poor people. Now, in a city that is nearly 60 percent Black and has a 40 percent-plus poverty rate, money trumps life again. Money trumps the long-term effects on more than 8,000 children, many of whom will grow up suffering from the physical, cognitive, and emotional illnesses caused by lead poisoning. As one person said, "Everybody in the city has been poisoned, everybody."

Sophia A. McClennen wrote, on Salon.com, "The story of Flint is the story of what hap-

pens when profits are more important than people. What Michael Moore captured in his movie, "Roger and Me," was a clear prelude to what is happening [in Flint] today. First, Flint residents lost their jobs. Twenty-five years later they have lost their water and their health. There are ten dead...from Legionnaire's disease in Flint and countless others with serious illnesses from contaminated water."

Politicians are playing games with this emergency, and trying to garner votes from it. Remember Rahm Emmanuel's quote? "You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that is it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before." Where is the "opportunity" in this crisis? Was the slow response to this crisis really just an opportunity to get more money?

This is far from being about what political party is in charge. Some folks are blaming the Republican governor and some are blaming the city council, on which the Democrats hold a 7-1 majority. But so what? The damage is done; the important question is: "Now what?"

Many people have marshaled their forces to assist the people of Flint, first, by bringing water. The feds have granted a measly \$5 million to help but President Obama, who went to nearby Detroit but did not go to Flint, denied the request by the governor to declare the situation a "major disaster," which under law applies to natural disasters

and "certain other situations." Isn't this a "certain other situation?" Isn't it just as important as getting water to Katrina victims and providing healthcare for Flint's citizens?

It would be great to see our doctors, psychologists, attorneys, scientists, engineers, and technical personnel lend their talents to help, like we do in other countries. In light of this terrible situation, Flint is in need of all the services, assistance, contributions, and prayers that we can muster. By the way, so are the folks in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., where the citizens are suffering from all sorts of diseases and untimely deaths because of the still lingering effects of the BP oil spill.

The lawsuits will come and the money from the taxpayers' coffers will flow, money that could have been used to prevent the problem in the first place. The long-term health ramifications of lead poisoning are irreversible but sometimes manageable if the funds to do so are available. The state of Michigan, as it deals with myriad financial issues, will now have to pay billions for its neglect and lack of concern for poor people.

Beginning with Idlewild in 1912, Michigan has had issues with Black/White relationships, social/environmental justice, and economic progress, which provides a context from which to view Michigan's current predicament, Detroit and its recent economic woes notwithstanding.

In Benton Harbor, with a 90

percent Black population, Edward Pinkney was imprisoned for fighting for social and economic justice, another example of money trumping what is right. The NAACP abandoned brother Pinkney and opted, by its silence and lack of advocacy on his behalf, chose the path of least resistance, and who knows what they received from the Whirlpool Corporation in return for their silence? Once again, as it has throughout the nation, the NAACP manipulated the local election to get rid of Pinkney as president. He went to prison and Whirlpool got an NAACP award.

Three of the five great lakes - Michigan, Huron, and Erie - virtually surround Michigan. For folks in Flint to have to drink water from the Flint River in order to save money is reprehensible. "Water, water, everywhere, and not a drop to drink." To all of you "civil rights" advocates: What could be a greater "civil right" than having clean water to drink?

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Obama took 'Smarter' approach

With first light on January 16 came the stunning news: "Iran released Washington Post correspondent Jason Rezaian and three other detained Iranian Americans on Saturday in exchange for seven people imprisoned or charged in the United States," the Washington Post reported, "a swap linked to the imminent implementation of a landmark nuclear deal between Tehran and six world powers."

The article went on to say that Iran was also releasing a fifth American, a student detained in Tehran some months ago, separately from the exchange. The swap, according to an American official, was a "one-time arrangement because it was an opportunity to bring Americans home," should not be considered something that would "encourage this behavior in the future" by Iran, and that, while it was not directly related to the nuclear talks the U.S. and five other Western nations had successfully completed with Iran in July, the deal those talks produced "greatly accelerated talks about the prisoners."

U.S. officials emphasized that none of the Iranians held here were suspected of terrorist activities or violent crimes. Instead, they had been charged with or convicted

of violating trade sanctions against Iran or exporting technology that could be used to enhance Iran's military capabilities.

That gripping news was soon accompanied by two other striking announcements. The first was word that 10 U.S. Navy sailors, who had been taken prisoner by Iranian military earlier in the week when their small, lightly-armored patrol boats had mistakenly sailed into Iranian waters, had been released within a day of their capture.

The second, announced by President Obama himself, was that officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency had declared that Iran had met the requirements of the agreement reached with the U.S. and other major world powers last July to limit its efforts to build a full-scale nuclear program. That resulted in the automatic lifting of sanctions imposed by the United Nations, the European Union and the U.S.

Republicans, who had bitterly opposed the deal, belittled their Hollywood movies-derived macho-man fantasies of how they'd conduct foreign policy, and studiously avoided offering even a dollop of praise for the president, and his two foreign-policy chieftains, Secretary of State John F. Kerry and his predecessor, Hillary Clinton.

No one with half a brain would think American and Iranian officials will soon be gathering 'round the campfire singing "Kumbaya."

Obama made that clear the very next day when he announced that, even as the sanctions mentioned in the treaty have expired, other U.S. sanctions against Iran remain in force. Foreign policy and international trade experts said it would remain difficult for American companies to overcome "the complicated web of restrictions to doing business there."

But there's also no doubt the "Iranian crisis" that's been a significant feature of American foreign policy for four decades is now substantially less tense than it was. Now, both countries' interests are guarded by a powerful treaty and the pragmatic mutual interest in peace of both the U.S. and Iran - and a host of European and, less conspicuously, Middle Eastern nations.

In other words, one can describe the new arrangement in terms similar to those once used to define what came to be the wary, three-cornered Cold War relationship between the U.S., the Soviet Union, and China: "peaceful co-existence."

So, now we have another administration achievement that stands in sharp contrast to all those predictions by pundits - and boasts by Republicans - after the 2010 midterm elections of a doomed Obama administration. And the similarly confident declarations after the 2014 midterm elections, when the GOP gained numerical control of the Congress, that the president was facing a gloomy, ineffectual "lame

duck" end to his tenure in office. Perhaps we should retrospectively honor such predictions with the "silly goose" award.

There's no magic to President Obama's ability to see what was possible to achieve in reducing tensions with Iran and in other domestic and foreign policy matters and to get it done. Actually, he identified the fundamental ingredients of any president's ability to get things done in two brief passages in the State of the Union address he delivered just four days before the bombshell news about Iran.

First, in referencing past foreign-policy disasters in Vietnam and Iraq, he said American officials had to learn to take "a smarter approach, a patient and disciplined strategy that uses every element of our national power." And then, moments later, he stated that "American leadership in the 21st century is not a choice between ignoring the rest of the world ... and rebuilding whatever society is unraveling. Leadership means a wise application of military power and rallying the world behind causes that are right."

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

The Palins: 'Personal Responsibility' hypocrites

(George Curry Media)

Since former half-term Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin erupted on the national scene by telling everyone she could see Russia from her perch in Alaska, she has been lecturing everyone about accepting responsibility.

For example, speaking to Tea Party supporters in Nashville in 2010, Palin said, "My plan is quite simple. To support those who support the foundation of our country when it comes to the economy. It is free-market principles that reward hard work and personal responsibility."

As Professor Melissa Harris-Perry explained, the "language of personal responsibility is often a code language used against poor and minority communities."

For sure, accepting "personal responsibility" is not a trait of the Palin family. Take the latest family drama in the news - the arrest of Track Palin on Jan. 18 in Wasila, Alaska for domestic violence. According to formal complaints, the son of Senator John McCain's 2008 vice presidential running mate was charged with 4th degree assault and misconduct involving weapons.

According to the 3-page affidavit filed in support of the complaint, Jordan Loewe, Track Palin's girlfriend, stated he had physically attacked her and threatened to commit suicide with a firearm.

"Loewe stated the following: She and her boyfriend of one year, Track Palin, left a different residence together and were arguing the whole way home. Once they got to his home they argued in the car, then in the driveway. They were screaming and he was calling her names.

"...Palin approached Loewe and struck her on the left side of her head near her eye with a closed fist. Loewe then got on the ground in a fetal position because she didn't know what else he would do. Palin then kicked Lowe on the right knee."

The report also noted, "Sergeant Rader observed Loewe to have bruising and swelling around her left eye. She complained of pain to that area as well as to her right knee. He observed a small red area near her knee. The involved firearm, an unloaded AR-15 rifle was located on the kitchen counter."

Rather than urging her 26-year-old son to accept personal responsibility for striking his girlfriend with his fist, Sarah Palin chose to blame President Obama, who was more than 4,200 miles away in the nation's capital.

She said her son, an Army reservist who served in Iraq in 2008 under President George W. Bush, was suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

"My son like so many others, they come back a bit different, they come back hardened, they come back wondering if there is that respect for what it is that their fellow soldiers and airmen and every other member of the military so sacrificially have given to this country. And that starts from the top. It's a shame that our military personnel even have to wonder, if they have to question, if they're respected anymore. It starts from the top. The question though that comes from our own president where they have to look at him and wonder, do you know what we go through? Do you know what we're trying to do to secure America and to secure the freedoms that have been bequeathed us?"

Democratic strategist Donna Brazile said to Anderson Cooper on CNN, "You have known me for a long time, so I'm just gonna say it: she's a liar. That's a damn lie."

Brazile said the Republican-controlled House cut more than \$1.4 billion that Obama had proposed in a budget for veterans' services.

"I care for all veterans - I am the daughter of a veteran," she explained. "And to go out there and to insinuate that the president of the United States is trying to hurt veterans when in fact he is trying to put more resources so that we can give our young and old veterans the care we need, that's just a damn lie. You can say Donna Brazile said it. I approve this message."

Veteran groups also made similar comments.

"It's not President Obama's fault that Sarah Palin's son has PTSD," said Paul Rieckhoff, head of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA). "PTSD is a very serious problem, a complicated mental health injury and I would be extremely reluctant to blame any one person in particular."

Another Palin offspring, Bristol, has also proven to be a hypocrite.

She earned nearly a million dollars for giving abstinence-only speeches yet had two children out of wedlock. After having her first child as an unwed teen, Bristol Palin became a vocal advocate for teen abstinence, earning \$15,000-\$30,000 per speech.

She was 18 when she had her first child, shortly after her mother was selected to become John McCain's running mate. The family announced that Bristol would be marrying Levi Johnston, the baby's father, but the couple broke up before sharing wedding vows.

Under circumstances strikingly similar to her first pregnancy, 25-year-old Bristol Palin announced last year that she was pregnant a second time after becoming engaged to Dakota Meyer, a Medal of Honor recipient. However, that relationship also ended and the couple never made it to the altar.

Of course, the Palins are human like everyone else. But all we expect is that they accept responsibility for their actions - instead of pointing the fingers at everyone except themselves.

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George Curry

Economic inequality at home and abroad

Days before the opening of the World Economic Forum, Oxfam, the international organization that works on world poverty issues, released a report that addressed inequality. They found the international wealth gap growing rapidly. Last

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year, just 62 individuals had the same wealth as the 3.6 billion people who make up the bottom half of the world population. Wealth has become much more concentrated - in 2010, more than five times as many people shared the same amount of wealth as the bottom half.

While the top 62 people saw their wealth grow by 44 percent in five years, the bottom half saw their wealth drop by about the same amount (41 percent). And world incomes reflect increasingly concentrated wealth inequality. Nearly half of the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. One in five people - 1.2 billion - live on less than a dollar a day. Oxfam says that, "growing economic inequality is bad for us all - it undermines growth and social cohesion...the consequences for the world's poorest people

are particularly severe."

While the Oxfam world inequality data is jarring, we don't have to go global to witness the "particularly severe" consequences of domestic income and wealth inequality. Consider Flint, Michigan, the small (population around 100,000) Rust Belt city that has made national (if not international) news because of the quality of its drinking water. Republican Governor Rick Snyder appointed an emergency manager who recommended switching the city's water source from Lake Huron to the Flint River. The river water was so foul that General Motors refused to use it, saying it would rust auto parts. If it would rust parts, what about kids? More than 40 percent of the people in Flint are poor. Fifty-six percent are African American. The city's median income is about \$23,000 a year, compared to \$48,000 for the rest of the state. Clearly, the people of Flint can't afford to purchase politicians or to force them to be responsive to their needs. Instead, like a billion people worldwide, the people of Flint have been deprived of the human right to clean and safe water.

We in the United States like to brag about how much better off we are than the rest of the world. But we can't seem to provide our citizens with something the United Nations (UN) has declared a

basic human right. In 2010, the UN General Assembly said that access to clean and safe water is a human right, noting, "Everyone has the right to water, no matter where s/he lives." The UN has said that they will monitor the progress of nations in providing water and sanitation. Maybe the UN should come and monitor Flint.

While the UN has said that water is a human right, some industrialists disagree. In 2013, Nestlé's chairman Peter Brabeck-Letmathe said he wanted to privatize the water supply. While he has been vocal in talking about the fair distribution of water, he also leads a company that is the world's top seller of water, and is charged with returning value to shareholders no matter how water is distributed. It would be good to see Nestlé and Mr. Brabeck-Letmathe weighing in on the Flint situation, perhaps providing some donated water to underscore the need for fair water access. Certainly, capitalism minimizes the possibility of fair access when proposals to privatize water are considered.

Cher has donated 180,000 bottles of Icelandic Global water to Flint. She is paying for half of the bottles of water, and the water bottlers are donating the other half. She has shared her outrage about the Flint situation in cyberspace, calling out

Governor Snyder for his callous indifference to the people of Flint. The governor's tepid apology, only delivered under pressure, does nothing to ameliorate the damage to thousands of children and young people who have been exposed to the leaded water.

Governor Snyder says he hopes the issue does not become "political." Really? If politics is the practice of dividing resources, then this clean water matter is intrinsically political. Who gets clean water? Why? When the demographics of Flint are compared with those in the rest of the state of Michigan, it is clear that the poorer, blacker residents of Flint get far less attention from the governor than wealthier, whiter residents. The citizens of Flint have been forced to accept a deficient water quality, for political reasons.

The plight of Flint citizens will hardly make the agenda of the Davos World Economic Forum. But the United States cannot claim lofty space as a world human rights leader when our own citizens are denied the basic right to clean water.

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

-AN AFRICAN PROVERB



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New Hanover County

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



Community Briefs

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

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

New Hanover County Schools' (NHCS) Early Childhood Education Program will hold its pre-school registration kick-off for the 2016-2017 school year beginning January 25, 2016 until Friday, January 29, 2016. Registration will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Dale K. Spencer Building, 1802 South 15th Street. Pre-school is for children who will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2016.

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

The New Hanover Chapter of The North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Robert Taylor Sr. Complex, 1308 N. 5th Ave. For more information please contact Vice Chair Ernestine Washington at 910-274-7067.

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

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

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

The dream is still alive!

On January 18, 2016, we paused to honor the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will continue to honor him until the end of time. Across the country, thousands joined together in his memory today. "I Have a Dream" by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many of us especially remember him when we recall the immortal words of his "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered at the renowned "Freedom March on Washington" on August 28, 1963. Excerpts from that speech appear here:



Verniece Stanley

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our Nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. And so we've come here

today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, Black men as well as White men, would be guaranteed the "unalienable rights" of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification" -- one day right there in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little White boys and White girls as sisters and brothers.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that: Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and White men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!

In fond remembrance of our beloved Dr. King, Jr., this

celebration was held in Southport, Brunswick County, North Carolina. There was a Roundtable Breakfast held at Murrow Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 209 East Nash Street. It started at 8 o'clock a.m.

His dream is realized more and more as our people attain higher levels of education and reach higher levels in the economy. This growth cannot be stopped in the United States.

The speaker for this occasion was Dr. Deondra Rose, an assistant professor at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. She holds a Ph.D. in government from Cornell University, with a specialization in American politics and public social policy.

Dr. Rose completed her post doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame. Her academic honors are numerous. They include American Political Science Association Award for the best dissertation in the field of public administration and the best dissertation in history and politics.

We are inspired by the life and works of Dr. King, as Dr. King himself was often inspired by the words of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," also known as the "Negro National Anthem." The words were written by our Black brother, James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938), and were set to music by his brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) in 1899. Inspired by the undying faith and unwavering hope of such men and women as these, we can yet sing with renewed meaning that sweet refrain:

Lift ev'ry voice and sing 'til earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies! Let it resound loud as the rolling

sea! Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us! Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us! Facing the rising sun of a new day begun! Let us march on 'til victory is won!

We continue our journey to freedom and full equality, focusing on Dr. King's dream and pressing toward its full fruition! We continue to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King and commemorate his untimely death, not forgetting the One whom Dr. King celebrated, that great Another about whom Brother James Weldon Johnson wrote in the following stanza of that inspiring hymn:

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way, Thou who has by Thy might, let us into Thy light, Keep us forever on the path we pray! Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand True to our God, True to our native land!

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.

NHC and Cape Fear Museum launch study

New Hanover County, in conjunction with Cape Fear Museum, is launching a study of leisure time habits in New Hanover County and the surrounding region. We are looking at ways to improve what we offer in the community and need your help!

Would you be willing to share about 10 minutes of

your time to help us with this survey?

In exchange, Reach Advisors, the research organization administering the survey, will be selecting some of the participants to win gifts ranging from local museum memberships to gift certificates to Amazon.com.

NOTE: a number of local

organizations are participating in this region-wide study. If you have already taken this survey, please do not take it again.

To take the survey, click on (or copy URL and insert into browser): <http://reachadvisors.com/Cape-Fear-Region.sgzmo.com/s3/?MuseumID=general> Your individual information

will be kept confidential and will not be shared or used for any solicitations.

If you have any problems with the survey, please feel free to e-mail Susie Wilkening, of Reach Advisors, at Susie@reachadvisors.com. Thank you for your time completing this survey to help our community!

Make a resolution for healthy vision

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

You could have glaucoma and not even know it.

Three Reasons You Should Talk About Glaucoma

1. Weddings
2. Graduations
3. Grandchildren

Don't miss out on seeing life's precious moments. You know that every family wedding includes your Uncle Louis teaching the latest line dance. And every spring, Aunt Shirley pulls you into the kitchen to help bake a few cherry pies. Make sure you can stay in the mix by pro-

tecting your vision.

Keep an eye out for glaucoma.

The National Eye Institute encourages you to save your sight from vision loss and blindness by knowing your risk for glaucoma and doing something about it! Glaucoma is a group of diseases that damages the eye's optic nerve. It can lead to vision loss or blindness if left untreated. More than half of all people with glaucoma don't know they have it. And, quite often, by the time people are diagnosed with glaucoma, they have already begun to notice changes in their side, or peripheral, vision.

This is especially true for African Americans—those over age 40 and those with a family history of glaucoma are at higher risk for the disease. More than 520,000 African Americans have glaucoma, and this number is expected to increase by more than 300,000 over the next 15 years. The disease is a leading cause of blindness among African Americans.

Don't just talk the talk. Do something about glaucoma. Talking about it is the



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first step. The second step is to see your eye care professional and get a comprehensive dilated eye exam every 1 to 2 years if you are at higher risk. Don't wait until you notice vision problems to see your eye care professional.

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month. It's time to talk about eye health. To learn more about how you can protect your sight, visit

www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma.

The National Eye Institute (NEI) leads the federal government's research on the visual system and eye diseases. NEI supports basic and clinical science programs to develop sight-saving treatments and address the special needs of people with vision loss. For more information, visit www.nei.nih.gov.

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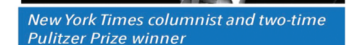
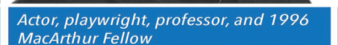

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You're invited to attend **Trinity Institute (TI2016)**, an annual conference that takes place in New York City—you can attend at St. James Parish via webcast! Along with our partners, YWCA Lower Cape Fear, Cape Fear Museum, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Church of the Servant, and St. Andrew's On-the-Sound, we bring all the elements of the NYC conference to you.

This year, Trinity Institute (TI) will explore the most pressing issues of our time, including structural racism, mass incarceration, and policy change. Come with open ears; leave with a greater capacity to go back into your community and create change.

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 Nicholas Kristof	 Anna Deavere Smith	 Emilie Townes
 New York Times columnist and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner	 Actor, playwright, professor, and 1996 MacArthur Fellow	 Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School

ALSO FEATURING: EDUARDO BONILLA-SILVA, MICHAEL CURRY, GARY DORRIEN, KELLY BROWN DOUGLAS, NICHELE NORRIS, AND VICTOR RIOS

DETAILS:

To register for TI2016 at St. James Parish, visit www.stjamesp.org/ti2016.

WHERE: St. James Parish, 25 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

WHEN: Thursday, January 28: 7:00 pm
Friday, January 29: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday, January 30: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

MEALS: On your own. Lunch orders for delivery from local deli available at registration desk.

CONTACT: For more information, Ginny Woodruff at vwwoodruff@ec.rr.com. There is no cost to attend - Donations appreciated

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Mrs. Gertrude Smith Jones

On January 9, 2016 God sent a precious angel to summon Gertrude Smith Jones home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Jones, Sr. and daughter, Jacqueline Jones Webb. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 11:00 am at Saint Mary Catholic Church, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Gertrude was very active in Saint Thomas School and church, she received a Certificate of Appreciation on October 29, 2011 for her notable contribution there. After the closing of Saint Thomas, she attended Saint Mary's until her health declined. She remained strong in her faith until the end.

To cherish her memory and love, she leaves her daughter, Kathryn Jones Hamlett of the home, her sons, Samuel James Jones Jr. (Mildred) of Temple Hill, MD and Robert L. Jones (Percilla) of Stafford, VA. Seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Also, two sisters-in-law, Reva Smith of Wilmington, NC and Doris Holmes of Fayetteville, NC as well as two very special friends, Juanita Davis-Ross and Harriet Cherry, both of Wilmington.

Gertrude fought a good fight, finished her course and kept her faith. She will be miss by all who knew her. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com.*

Lloyd Dobkin

Lloyd Dobkin, 95, of Wilmington died Sunday, January 17, 2016. Memorial services were held Saturday, January, 23rd at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4314 Lake Ave. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Laura Willis

Laura Willis, 86, of Navassa, NC died Friday, January 15, 2016 at Azalea Health and Rehab. Funeral services were held Friday, January 22, 2016 at Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church, Navassa. Burial followed in Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net.

Laura, the daughter of the late Johnnie Willis, Sr. and the late Mary Willis, was born July 17, 1929. God sent His heavenly angel to summon her to give account of her earthly sojourn on January 15, 2016 at Azalea Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Laura joined Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church at a young age. She was a faithful member until her health began to decline. She served on the Senior Usher Board for many years.

Laura was kind and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her son, Leonard Mapson, two brothers and three sisters.

She leaves to cherish fond memories one son, William Graham (Elizabeth) of Navassa, NC; one sister, Rosa Lee Mosley of Navassa, NC; one brother, Johnnie Willis of Navassa, NC; two grandchildren; one great grandchild; one special niece, Virginia McKoy of the home; one special nephew, Wilbert Mosley of Navassa, NC; one special grandnephew, Carlton Mosley, Sr. of the home; one special great grandnephew, Carlton Mosley, Jr. of Leland, NC; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Leona Bethune Bellamy

Leona Bethune Bellamy, 83, of Fayetteville died Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral services were Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net.

Leona was born March 30, 1933 in the New Hanover County, North Carolina, to the late Calvin and Sarah Bethune. She departed this life on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bethune, her daughter Patricia Ann Rivers, her sister, Bernice Solomon, three brothers, Marion Bethune, LeRoy Bethune, and Calvin Bethune.

Leona attended Williston Industrial High School. She later married the late Charles Bellamy and from this Union was blessed with six children: the late Patricia Rivers, Sylvia Bellamy, JoAnn Bellamy, Charles Bellamy, Jr., Richard Bellamy, and Harold Bellamy.

Leona was employed a New Hanover Regional Medical center as a LPN in the Cardiac Unit.

She loved her word her work and would go over and above what was required of her. Her job there showed her relentless need to help others.

Leona was a loving mother and grandmother who adored her siblings and their children. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three sons, Charles Bellamy and Richard Bellamy of Wilmington, NC, and Harold Bellamy of

Smithfield, NC.; two daughter, Sylvia Bellamy of Castle Hayne, NC and JoAnn Bellamy of Fayetteville, NC; one sister, Mary Alice Bethune; one son-in-law, David Rivers; one sister-in-law, Shirley Bethune; eighteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grand-children; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Joe Nathan Canty

Joe Nathan Canty, 73, of Navassa died Thursday, January 21, 2016 at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Navassa. Burial followed in Mears Cemetery, Navassa. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net.

Joe was born February 14, 1942 to the late James Canty and Minnie Canty Glover. Joe made Heaven his home on Thursday, January 21, 2016

Joe was educated in Sumter, South Carolina Public School System. He was employed by and retired from the CP&L Sutton Plant.

Joe accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Navassa, North Carolina.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Michael Glover; his life-time partner, Shirley Myers, and his aunt, Marie Pinky.

He leaves to cherish his memories, one daughter, Claudette Myers of Navassa, NC; three sons: Donnie Myers of the home, Joe Myers (Tracy) of Wilmington, NC, and Ivory Myers (Jacqueline) of Navassa, NC; nine grandchildren: Nesheeka, Isheeda, Ky'Erice, Ky'Mel, Aaliyah, Ny'kia, Denasia, Jarrell, and Shon (Laurin); one great granddaughter, Elise Brown; special nieces, Thelma Anderson and Brenda Joyner; special nephew, Dominique Joyner; special cousins, Leon Bowman, Sr., Jake Green, Charles Green, Willie Green, Ben Green, Anthony Canty, Thomas White, and Henry McBride special friends: Everette Jackson, Ernest Mosley, Greg Brown, Bruce Kinston, Deadra Bryant, Tracy and Mike; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Willie Nelson

Willie Nelson, Jr., 61, of Wilmington died Thursday, January 21, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The family will receive friends 1:00 pm Friday, January 29, 2016 at Faith Temple COGIC Fellowship Hall, 1119 S. 4th Street. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

Former Detroit mayor said Michigan governors knew about Flint's water problems

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE OF THE NORTHSTARNEWSTODAY.COM



Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick claims Michigan's governors knew about Flint's water problems since 2004.

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Kwame Kilpatrick, the former mayor of Detroit, claims Michigan governors Jennifer Granholm and Rick Snyder knew about Flint's water problems long before they received national and international attention because of the water's high lead content.

"Gov. Snyder is misleading people by saying he recently found about the issue," Kilpatrick wrote in a Facebook post from a federal prison where he is serving 28 years. "More than likely, he is being viciously, aggressively and deliberately untruthful." Kilpatrick is appealing his sentence.

Granholm was Michigan's governor from 2003 to 2011.

He added that Gov. Granholm, Snyder's predecessor, also was well aware of the issues with the Flint Water Department and their inability to produce contaminant-free water moving forward. He noted the state couldn't afford the equipment and the technology to do so. Snyder has been governor since 2011.

Brookings, a Washington, D.C.-based research organization, said Flint has struggled to pay for needed maintenance on pipes and other facilities, which not only buckle under time and pressure in the form of widespread leaks, but also result in higher costs and declining water quality.

"As a result, Flint is now facing a total water bill of up to \$1.5 billion and needs a host of different public, private and civic leaders to act to accelerate infrastructure improvements," Brookings said.

The Detroit Water and Sewage Department talked about the problems of the Flint Water Department with respect to cleanliness, elimination of contaminants, mercury and

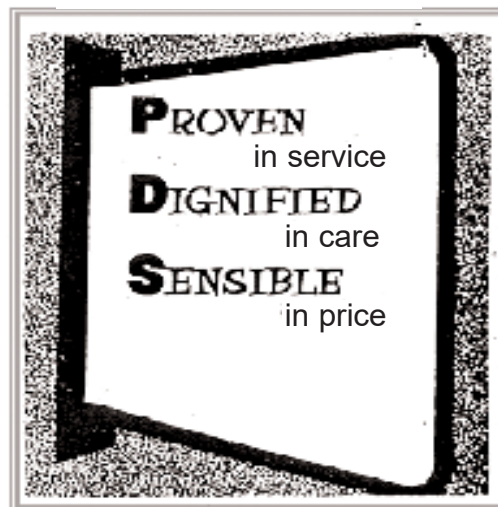
lead levels, Kilpatrick said.

He noted that the problems with Flint's water supply date back to 2004 despite Flint being with the Detroit Water and Sewage Department until 2014. Flint, a city of 99,000, is 60 miles northwest of Detroit.

In 2014, Flint began using drinking water from the contaminated Flint River instead of from Lake Huron, which supplies water to Detroit. State officials first denied that Flint's water had high levels of lead that adversely affect people physically and mentally for decades.

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New Hanover County

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Drive, will hold their Winter revival, "Try Giving Yourself Away" from Sunday, January 24th - Thursday, January 28th. On Sunday at 4:00 p.m. with guest speaker Dr. Theresa Holmes of St. James AME Church. Monday-Thursday, praise and worship service will be held 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. each night with various choirs from throughout the city. The revival program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest revivalist is Dr. Cecil Bromell of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Darlington, SC.



Religious Briefs

The Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon and the Officers and Members of The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church Wilmington, N.C. in the Wrightsboro Community will their Church Fellowship Hall Dedication on Saturday January 23, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. "It's Been A Long Time Coming"! There will be a scrumptious Luncheon following this Dedication Service. Bishop, The Right Rev. Louis Hunter Sr. Presiding Prelate of Mid Atlantic I and Cape Fear Conference will be present for this grand occasion and he will deliver the Dedication Message. Our Presiding Elder, Alexander L. Jones Sr. will also be present as well as participate in this auspicious service. The church is Located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. Wilmington, N.C. our Church Phone # is 910-251-9892. For More information, you may contact the Dedication Committee Chair, Sis. Ashley M. Hall @ 910-540-44250 or you may call Bro. Anthony or Sis. Aimee Brown @ 910-368-3605. Also on the church will hold their Annual 7 Ups Program on Sunday Jan. 24th at 3:30 p. m. Some of the speakers will be...Rev. Carolyn Lewis, Pastor of Bowen Chapel AMEZ Wilmington N.C., Rev. Thomasina Brailford, Pastor of Lee's Chapel AMEZ Bolton, N.C. Rev. Felicia Jones, Rev. Christopher Jones, Pastor of Blackwell Chapel AMEZ Leland N.C. Rev. Thomas Williams, Pastor of St. Paul AMEZ Freeman N.C. Bro. William O. Boykin, of Mt. Olive AME Wilmington, N.C. Sis. JoAnn Hinson of Perkinsville Baptist Church Northwest Community and others are invited and will appear on our program. For more information, you may call Sis. Dentrail N. Boykin @ 910-200-4953 or Pastor Nixon at 910-540-4406.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church clothes closet will be open Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Their food pantry, "From His Table to Yours" will be open the same day 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Personal identifications and transportation are required. No fee is involved in either ministry. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. The Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

Brunswick County

The Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Family & Friends Day Committee will be selling dinners on January 29th and 30th at its fellowship hall located at 1882 Lincoln Road NE, Leland, NC. There will be fried chicken, spots, chicken wings and pig's feet (on Saturday) with two sides, roll, drink and dessert. Orders of 7 or more dinners will be delivered. To place orders in advance or for more information, please call 910-200-9538 or 910-371-0037.

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

Willing Workers Singing Union will hold an appreciation service for George Anthony Fishburn on Saturday, January 30th at 5:00 p.m. at Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church in the East Arcadia Community in Riegelwood, NC. For more information call 910-655-3788.

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

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The Church Women United to hold Human Rights Celebration



MARY ALICE JERVAY THATCH

The Church Women United Human Rights Celebration will be held on Friday, February 5, 2016 at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Drive. The program theme is "Gathering at God's Table: Experiencing Blessings At The Table/Celebrating Community Service."

The CWU Human Rights Celebration was started in 2006 in the hopes of bringing to light those who have and are working towards equality for all. Awards have honored

amazing individuals whose work has made an impact that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. The CWU 2016 Human Rights Award will be presented to Mary Alice Jervay Thatch, publisher and editor of *The Wilmington Journal*.

Please join us for this time of worship and fellowship. Coffee and registration are at 9:30 a.m. followed by the worship service at 10:00 a.m. For additional information call Angel Priscilla Dualeh at 910-833-0147.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Becoming a homeowner

My Fellow Seniors:

If you are a home owner you are considered middle class. You may not have much money, but you do have a sense of security, and that's what counts. If your children are over fifty and are still paying rent, if they are living from one pay check to the next, it's hard to save money for a down payment on a home. However, you could help.

My neighbor, who lived around the corner for at least fifty years, has just sold his

home and moved into a senior citizens' complex. He probably gave a good donation to each of his children and put the balance in savings account. I hope I can persuade my husband to do the same. Our house could stand some major repairs, but, at this stage, I would rather sell it and distribute the money between our chil-



Ruth Johnson

dren. Each would get enough for a down payment on a house and, instead of pouring money down the drain, would soon become a home owner. In other words, they would move from poor to middle class.

A private home is a great investment for generations to come. Whether it's your children or your grandchildren, a person who buys a home at age forty will have it paid for at sixty. He can ease into retirement without any financial problems.

My daughter is in her

fifties. She comes over to help me quite a bit. She also has a day job. So she can't do it forever. However, if I lived in a senior citizens' complex, help would always be nearby.

Besides that, my husband and his friends could have a checker tournament right there in the building and, for trips to church and the grocery store, there would always be a van. To me, that sounds like a plan.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

"Love God. Love your Neighbor"

Good morning!

Thank God for the sunshine and this blessed day God has made! Praise God! We're starting our meeting this morning with our wonderful devotional leader, Mr. George Hill, accompanied by Mr. Lamanuel Boykin on the piano. The opening song was "Amazing Grace." Thank God for his grace and mercy. Lord, we love you! Prayer was led by Ms. Francis M. Burney. Thank you for that uplifting prayer. The choral response was "Hallelujah." Lord, we thank you! The next song was "No, Not One." There's truly not a friend like the lowly Jesus. What a blessed and inspiring devotion today! We owe it all to you, God!

Ms. Emma Saunders introduced our guest speaker today. It was Ms. Marjorie Lanier, MPH Diabetes Prevention

Program Coordinator. She supplied us with preventative and valuable information. This program will help you get healthy and get on an exercise program. Thank you so much for your time and information, Ms. Lanier.

The speaker from our group was Ms. Janice Gordon. Her topic was, "Love your Neighbor." To love our neighbor as ourselves means to love ourselves as God loves us. This is very very important. Everything that God did, and everything that God does is for our salvation. That's the type of love that we have to have for our neighbor and for ourselves. These are just three examples of what Christ did for us: He humbled Himself. He became one of us. Out of His kenotic love, He emptied Himself for us. We can use these as inspiration to love

God, and we can use them as our guideposts on how to love our neighbor. There's no power greater than the love God has for us and the love that works within us. Thank you so much for that message! A beautiful job! Comments and acknowledgements were made.

There were two visitors present today, Mr. Curtis Carter and Mr. Lloyd Wilson. Thank you for coming and we hope to see you again. Minutes were read by our secretary, Ms. Mildred Ellerby. Thank you for the wonderful job you do. She also read "thank you" cards.

It was now time for the Callers. Ms. Gladys Taylor had the most members present. Thanks to all the Callers and the members who were present. Announcements were then made. Remarks were

made by one of our visitors, Mr. Lloyd Wilson. He's a storyteller. He will be back in February. Thank you.

The sick report was done by Ms. Ann Haskins. Thank you for what you do. God bless and keep you in his care.

Smiles were shared by Ms. Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter! We love you! "Bind Us Together" was our closing hymn. Prayer by Minister Doris McQuillian. To God be the Glory! Meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to our vice president for filling the shoes of our president, Ms. Eloise Purdie in her absence. What a wonderful job you did! We truly love you. Our prayers are with her during this time. We are praying for a speedy recovery for her.

There were 43 members present today.

Shiloh's "Blessing Bags"



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THE 1ST CORINTHIANS 12 MINISTRY

BY SANDRA C. ROBINSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 1st Corinthians 12 Ministry, of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church - 719 Walnut Street, began its outreach program with the project "Blessing Bags." The Shiloh Church family donated an abundance of items for the

"Blessing Bags": toiletries, winter wear, and snacks.

Fifty-four "Blessing Bags" were assembled and donated to First Fruit Ministries (Rev. Rick Stoker, Pastor) for distribution to the homeless. The blustery cold winds on Saturday, January 23rd, did not deter us from our mission of care to help "the least of our brethren" with needed



54 "Blessing Bags" assembled for First Fruit Ministries

items. The cold day was warmed with laughter, humility, and reverence as the "Blessing Bags" were assembled and delivered. Street Sheets (locations and contact info for agencies assisting the homeless), a prayer sheet, and a card of encouragement and care were placed in each bag.

This initial program of

outreach for the year commemorated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth and life's work to encourage the masses to serve those among us in need of material goods and spiritual nourishment. In Shiloh, we feel blessed to have this opportunity to serve "the least of our brethren" and is reflective of our church motto, "Enter to

TELL SOMEBODY

"When Jesus Comes"

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17

When Jesus comes into the life of a new believer, he brings about a change. Through the process of a covenant relationship of sinner and savior, change will happen!

Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:5-7, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

When a man is in Christ and he is a new creature, his spirit has changed, even though the outer appearance

remains the same.

His attitude, disposition, manner of speaking, thinking and doing things are altered because of the fact that Jesus Christ has come into their lives. Proverbs 20:27 says, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." Each of us need the Spirit of God to rest upon us, to bear witness that Jesus Christ has come in our lives to stay.

When Jesus comes in our lives, he brings the spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15). He also brings to whosoever will... the spirit of glory, spirit of knowledge, spirit of grace,

spirit of meekness, spirit of understanding, spirit of power, love, and of a sound mind. When Jesus comes in, his spirit empowers us to walk in the Spirit and enables us to worship God in the Spirit.

When Jesus comes fully into our heart, he makes us a new heart and a new spirit. (Ezekiel 18:31). David said in Psalm 40:3, "He put a new song in my mouth." In Mark 16:17 the spirit enables believers to speak with "new tongues". Romans 12:2 says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Disciples of Christ then and now want Jesus Christ to come even the more as we see the day approaching. We want Jesus to come, not for a visit, but to stay, forever in our heart, mind, and soul!

Prayer: Even so, Lord Jesus, come to stay! Abide forever! AMEN . Tell Somebody!!!

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DUPLIN IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE #: 15-SP-11

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: IN RE DOE, A minor child.

To the unknown father of a minor female child born in New Hanover County on the 13th day of January, 2015;

TAKE NOTICE that a petition for adoption of a female child born at New Hanover Regional Medical Center on the 13th day of January, 2015 has been filed with the Clerk of Superior Court for Duplin County in the above captioned special proceeding. The minor child was likely conceived in Wilmington, North Carolina on or about April 13, 2014 through a relationship with a woman whose first name is Samantha. Samantha was approximately 19 years old at the time of the child's conception and birth. She is approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, large framed with blue green eyes with brown curly hair.

The nature of the relief being sought is adoption of a minor child. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than **February 25, 2016** and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. Any parental rights you may have will be terminated upon entry of the order of adoption.

This the 11th day of January, 2016.

R. Kent Harrell
Attorney for Petitioners
PO Box 625
Burgaw, N.C. 28425
910-259-7772 - phone
910-259-7796 - fax

January 14, 21, 28, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION File No. 15 JT 297

IN THE MATTER OF: A.J.F. (DOB: 12-21-2012)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following January 14, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MARCH 14, 2016**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 14th day of January, 2016.

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

January 14, 21, 28, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jewell Rose Mitchell**, deceased of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of April, 2016** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of January, 2016

Collin Ray Mitchell, Administrator
3169 Mount Misery Rd. NE
Leland, NC 28451

January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Shirley Batts Robinson**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **14th day of April, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 14th of January, 2016

Shelia Robinson, Administratrix
1419 Orange Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 05 JT 439

IN THE MATTER OF: S.L.J. (DOB: 1/8/04)

TO: RESPONDENTS: RICHARD ASBURY, III, BIOLOGICAL FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO JILL JOHNSON

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **January 14, 2016**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney **Ryanne Drogos**, has been appointed to represent **Richard Asbury, III**, and she can be reached at 105 N. Sixth Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 (910) 251-9213, Rdrogos@boyettelaw.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MARCH 14, 2016**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 14th day of January, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

January 14, 21, 28, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT ROGERS

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

This 8th of January, 2016.

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

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Rene Rey Fundora**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **21st day of April, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 21st of January, 2016

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

January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Rosetta Smith**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **28th day of April, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 28th of January, 2016

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

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY In the General Court of Justice District Court Division 15 CvD 4107

RESIDENCE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. ADVANCED WORLD MARTIAL ARTS SYSTEM, INC. and PETER ANDREWS, Defendants.

TO: PETER ANDREWS

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Collection of amount due on a lease.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the **8th day of March, 2016**, said date being forty (40) days after the date the first publication of this notice on January 28, 2016 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 28th day of January, 2016.

Durant M. Glover
Durant M. Glover
Attorney for the Plaintiff
P. O. Drawer 1799
Greensboro, NC 27402-1799
Telephone: (336) 273-9794

January 28, February 4, 11, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 15 SP 834

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Daniel Walker and Janie Walker, married, and Kirk Martells and Sandra Reynolds-Martells, married, to PBRE, Inc., Trustee, dated July 29, 2008, and recorded July 30, 2008, in Book 5336, Page 200, New Hanover County Registry Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee,

See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5934 at Page 2825 of the New Hanover County Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Daniel Walker and his wife, Janie Walker, and from Kirk Martells and his wife, Sandra Reynolds-Martells, dated July 29, 2008, and recorded July 30, 2008, in Book 5336, Page 200, New Hanover County Registry ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, formerly known as Elizabeth Wright Embrey, will expose for sale at public auction on the 2nd day of February, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of 4753 Gordon Rd., Wilmington, NC 28411, as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit 1
Beginning at a point in the northern line of Gordon Road where the western line of Avant Drive intersects same: running thence in a northerly direction along said western line of Avant Drive 200 feet to a point where the northern line of Lot 74 and the southern line of Lot 75, Section 2, Weaver Acres intersects said western line of Avant Drive; running thence in a westwardly direction along said dividing line and perpendicular to Avant Drive 100 feet to a point in said dividing line; thence southwardly parallel with said western line of Avant Drive 200 feet to a point in the northern line of said Gordon Road; thence eastwardly along said northern line of Gordon Road 100 feet to the point of beginning, same being the eastern one-half of Lots 73 and 74, Section 2, Weaver Acres, as shown on Map of the same recorded in Map Book 7 at Page 46, New Hanover County Registry, said Map incorporated herein by reference.

County Tax Parcel No. R04305-004-011-000

4753 Gordon Rd., Wilmington, NC 28411

The real property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed or the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the real property being offered for sale and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party

or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is Daniel Walker.

Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308 (a)(1).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

This the 5th day of January, 2016.

Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee (formerly known as Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee) Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster & Moss, PLLC
310 N. Front St., Ste. 4-147
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone: (910) 200-2677

January 21, 28, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT ROGERS

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

This 11th of January, 2016.

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

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 14 JT 66, 67

IN THE MATTER OF: M. L. G. (dob: 1/29/14)

N. L. G. (dob: 10/5/12)

TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER: TIMOTHY SELF and RESPONDENT: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER of the above-referenced female children born to Samantha Goodnight (aka: Sara Lozanogarcia) born in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than February 23, 2016, said date being forty (40) days following the first date of publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS scheduled for Monday, FEBRUARY 29, 2016, at 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Attorney **LeeAnne Quattrucci** has been appointed to represent Respondent-Self and may be contacted at: 401 Chestnut Street, Suite J, Wilmington, N.C., 28401; (910)795-0230; laqlaw@yahoo.com.

This the 12th day of January, 2016.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615
(910) 798-3772 * fax

January 14, 21, 28, 2016

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
15 SP 874

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, dated August 13, 2014, and recorded August 15, 2014, in Book 5832, Page 2804, New Hanover County Registry, as assigned to Agarwal Family Universal IV, LLC, by assignment effective November 12, 2015, and recorded November 17, 2015, in Book 5931, Page 2783, New Hanover County Registry,

Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5926 at Page 1933 of the New Hanover County Registry. Elizabeth Wright Embrey is now known as Elizabeth Wright.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC, dated August 13, 2014, and recorded August 15, 2014, in Book 5832, Page 2804, New Hanover County Registry ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 29th day of January, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit 1
BEING all of Lot 54 Anchors Bend Phase 1B as shown on that plat recorded in Map Book 57, Pages 378-379 in the New Hanover County Registry.

The real property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed or the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the real property being offered for sale and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust, and that subordinate Collateral Assignment of Declarant Rights recorded in Book 5915, Page 1606, New Hanover County Registry which is not extinguished hereby. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser

out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC.

Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308 (a)(1).

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This the 7th day of January, 2016.

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Formerly Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee
Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster & Moss, PLLC
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Wilmington, NC 28401
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January 21, 28, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
15 SP 875

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Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC, dated August 13, 2014, and recorded August 15, 2014, in Book 5832, Page 2776, New Hanover County Registry ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 29th day of January, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit 1
BEING all of Lot 42 Anchors Bend Phase 1 as shown on that plat recorded in Map Book 52, Pages 168-170 in the New Hanover County Registry.

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The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust, and that subordinate Collateral Assignment of Declarant Rights recorded in Book 5915, Page 1606, New Hanover County Registry which is not extinguished hereby. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume

title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC.

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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
15 SP 876

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Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5926 at Page 1943 of the New Hanover County Registry. Elizabeth Wright Embrey is now known as Elizabeth Wright.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC, dated December 2, 2014, and recorded December 4, 2014, in Book 5855, Page 1111, New Hanover County Registry ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 29th day of January, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit 1

BEING all of Lot 128, Anchors Bend, Phase 4, according to the plat thereof recorded in Map Book 59, Pages 134-135, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina.

The real property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed or the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the real property being offered for sale and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust, and that subordinate Collateral Assignment of Declarant Rights recorded in Book 5915, Page 1606, New Hanover County Registry which is not extinguished hereby. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

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Notice to Bidders

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until **11:00 a.m., February 18, 2016** in the conference room of the Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Boulevard, Suite 12, Wilmington, North Carolina, and then opened and publicly read for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work connected with: **Taxiway 'A' South, 'E', 'F', and 'N' Lighting Rehabilitation**, as indicated on the plans and specifications dated January 2016.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Airport Conference Room. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is NOT mandatory, however it is strongly recommended. Site visits will be available following the meeting.

The project shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment and performing all work required to satisfactorily complete the Rehabilitation of Taxiway Edge Lighting along portions of Taxiways 'A', 'E', 'F' and 'N' at the Wilmington International Airport. Items of work include installation of airfield power cable in new and existing conduits, directionally drilling new conduit under taxiways and runway, installation of new LED taxiway edge lights and transformers on existing light base cans, installation of new counterpoise cable, ground rods and safety grounds, and minor modifications to the airfield lighting vault. Work will require phased closures of taxiways and runways and associated barricades and closure crosses. Portions of the work will be required to be performed at night to minimize impacts the airport operations.

Bid Forms, Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are on

file at the Wilmington International Airport Manager's Office; iSqft Plan Room Website; and Talbert & Bright, Inc., 4810 Shelley Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina; and may be obtained from Talbert & Bright, Inc., 4810 Shelley Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405, Telephone (910) 763-5350, Fax (910) 762-6281, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, upon non-refundable payment of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). All plans will be sent UPS Ground. For faster service, please fax a copy of your request, including a copy of your check with the Contractor's name and contact person, mailing and shipping address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and project name for which you are requesting documents.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, a deposit of cash or by a certified check payable to New Hanover County Airport Authority, and drawn on some bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina, for an amount equal to 5% of the total base bid, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the required Contract will be executed and the required Performance Bond and Payment Bond furnished within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of formal award of Contract.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Each bidder for this project shall be registered as a pre-qualified bidder with the NCDOT at the time of the bid opening and shall hold a North Carolina General Contractor's and Electrical Contractor's License. The proposed Contract for this project is subject to the MBE/WBE Bid Conditions contained in Appendix "C" and to the Federal Requirements contained in Appendix "D" of the Contract Documents.

Prospective bidders should read the instructions for preparing bids in Section 20 of the project specifications carefully before submitting their bids. Envelopes containing proposals must be sealed, addressed to Mr. Whitney Prease, Facilities Director, Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Boulevard, Suite 12, Wilmington, NC 28405, and marked on the envelope as follows:

"PROPOSAL FOR TAXIWAY 'A' SOUTH, 'E', 'F', AND 'N' LIGHTING REHABILITATION"

SPECIAL NOTE: The New Hanover County Airport Authority, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D-4 and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this Advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The New Hanover County Airport Authority hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that the bidder shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, to subcontract **0%** of the dollar value of the contract to **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and 0%** of the dollar value of the contract to **Women Business Enterprise (WBE)**. Only firms certified as

DBE's by the NCDOT Unified Certification Program at the time of the bid may be applied toward the goal. The apparent successful competitor will be required to submit (along with the bid) information concerning the MBE/WBE firms who will participate in this contract. The information will include the name and address of each MBE/WBE, a description of the work to be performed by each named firm, and the dollar value of the contract. If the bidder fails to achieve the contract goal stated herein, the bidder will be required to provide documentation demonstrating that it made good faith efforts in attempting to do so. A bid that fails to meet these requirements will be considered non-responsive.

The bidder must supply all the information required in Section 20, Appendix "B", and Appendix "C" of the specifications within the time limits therein specified.

It is the intent of the New Hanover County Airport Authority to award the work, however, the award of this contract is contingent upon the availability of funds. New Hanover County Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to re-advertise this solicitation at the Authority's sole discretion. Nothing herein shall be construed as a commitment on the part of the authority to award a contract. The authority reserves the right to reject all bids and abandon the solicitation at its sole discretion.

The Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Jonathan S. Crane, Chairman
New Hanover County Airport Authority

January 28, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Doris S. Bufflap**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **28th day of April, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 28th of January, 2016

Linda L. Linares, Executrix
106 N. Crestwood Dr.
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January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2016

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