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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

MR. CHARLES WARREN

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, as early election starts, I need to try and make another attempt at convincing Blacks, poor Whites, the elderly, and other minorities to come out and vote. This is one of the most important elections in history. We are on the verge of losing some of our freedom to a so-called conservative movement that restricts the freedom of some and gives more power to others. If this is allowed to happen, our free society will fall, and the freedom we were beginning to have will be no more. It's time for us to take a stand and not depend on others to do it for us. Don't stay home! Get out and vote!

This week, I will talk about Mr. Charles Warren, who is running for the House of Representatives against Frank Iler in District 17. Mr. Warren is married to Mrs. Deloris Warren. He lives on Oak Island. They have five children. Mr. Warren's career consists of Special Constable Law Enforcement with Yale University. He retired

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NEWS ANALYSIS

During this election season, Black political power still not fully realized

BY JENNIFER L. PATIN OF LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Some will reflect on 2015 as a year of renewed civil rights mobilization. Whether catalyzed by the loss of Black lives, restrictive state voting laws challenged in court by black voters and their advocates, or the golden anniversaries of Bloody Sunday and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, many of this nation's Black communities demon-

strated deep dissatisfaction with how poorly institutions and elected leaders are representing their interests.

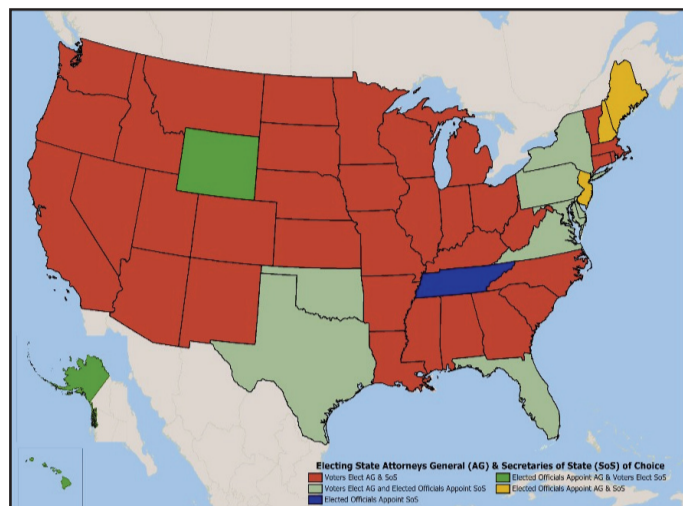
This is not new. Black Americans share a history of organizing to advocate for their rights. Yet more than 50 years have passed since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously declared that "we can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote," and too many African-Americans continue

to question whether or not they should vote.

Here is the blunt truth: a voter who sits on the sideline of any election-whether a local school board race or a major presidential race-forfeits their single best opportunity to put a candidate who represents their interests in a position to make key decisions.

Diversity among state-level officials-not just diver-

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Deltas sponsor "Meals on Wheels"



MEMBERS OF WILMINGTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

BY MARVA ROBINSON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As advocates of public service, members of the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. implemented a Meals on Wheels project which is linked to the Sorority's national five-point program. Spearheading the project were chapter members Elizabeth Bryant and Faye Jacobs, who are two of the fifty-six enrollees in the South Atlantic Region Leadership Fellows Program, an initiative designed for participants desiring to

obtain, enhance and augment leadership skills and opportunities.

On Saturday, March 5, 2016, several Deltas prepared and delivered fifty meals to seniors in our community. Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help alleviate hunger for disadvantaged and socially isolated seniors who do not have a responsible person to perform care giving duties for them. This project was sanctioned as a viable activity for the South Atlantic Leadership Fellows to help eradicate hunger. Providing meals for seniors addresses the Physical and Mental Health Proponent of the Sorority's five-point programmatic thrust.



SEAN PALMER

UNCW names Sean Palmer new director of the Upperman Center

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Sean H. Palmer has been named the new director of the Upperman African American Cultural Center at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, the university announced today. He will begin in his new role on May 30, 2016.

Palmer previously served as the assistant director of the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture at Duke University. While at Duke, Palmer

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AT and T African American Heritage Calendar March honoree JANA JONES HALLS, A TEACHER

BY ALICIA TAYLOR FOR AT AND T

As a teacher, Jana Jones Halls was passionate about helping students succeed in the classroom. Then she realized a greater calling was helping them succeed in life.

"There's so much need outside of the classroom that has to be addressed for many students to have a chance to be successful," she said. "The issue of poverty is so overwhelming."

A native of McLean, Va., Jones Halls came to Wilmington, NC, after graduating from Christopher Newport University in 2003.

"I was thinking about San Diego, but my mother absolutely did not want me moving across the country," she said. "I already had friends here and loved the area. So Wilmington seemed like a good place to start a career."

She wanted to work with children, but was unsure in what capacity. She worked with special needs students at Codrington Elementary for three

years before joining the faculty at Wilmington's Friends School as a language arts teacher.

In 2007, Jones Halls participated in the first of two mission trips to Kenya, life-changing experiences for the minister's daughter.

"That really transformed my life," she said. "I was actively pursuing the possibility of moving to Kenya to teach when I realized the things my heart was connecting to in Kenya were here."

"It's like God told me 'Open your eyes. Yes, people in Kenya need you. But there are people here who need you,'" she said.

At the time, Jones Halls was working through her church in volunteering at the Church Without Walls, a local mission serving homeless individuals and families. She was struck by the tremendous challenges many of the children faced.

"It was such a dichotomy between those kids who were starving for love, and sometimes even food,

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JANA JONES HALLS



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from Yale in 1999 after 20
years of service. Mr. Warrenreceived his BS degree from
New Hampshire College and
his MS from Springfield
College in Massachusetts. Mr.
Warren served as a
Brunswick CountyCommissioner from 2008 to
2012.He formed the Veterans'
Task Force and Taxes Task
Force and is now Chairman of
the North Carolina BlackPOLITICAL
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sity of race, but of experi-
ence, background, interests,
and priorities-is critically
important. A more diverse
body of elected officials is
likely to expand the pool of
perspectives influencingstate-level decisions, even if
it does not guarantee imme-
diate societal changes.Local elected officials
directly impact the everyday
lives of those in the Black
communities they serve, yet
minorities are underrepre-
sented in state-level offices.
For example, the majority of
states have an attorney gen-
eral who influences lawenforcement priorities and a
secretary of state who is the
primary official in charge of
elections. Data from the Joint
Center for Political and
Economic Studies show there
were only three Black attor-
neys general and three Black
secretaries of state elected
between 1995 and 2013. In
states where the elected gov-
ernor appoints those offi-

cials, there were none.

However, the lone Black
governor elected during the
same eight-year period-
Massachusetts' Deval Pat-
rick-appointed more than
200 Black officials to various
state-level positions, bringingPlease see **POLITICAL
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PALMER

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advised several student
organizations, managed and
advised the National
PanHellenic Council, planned
academic lectures and events,
and was a mentor to under-
graduate and graduate stu-
dents. He also served as direc-
tor of student activities and
residence life at Paine College
in Augusta, GA."I'm very excited to wel-
come Mr. Palmer to the
Upperman Center," said Kent
Guion, the university's chief
diversity officer. "His experi-
ence and leadership will con-
tribute immensely to posi-
tioning the Upperman Centeras a premier cultural center
and a recognized UNCW
asset."Palmer hopes to build upon
the work of an engaging,
dynamic center that supports
students, faculty, staff, alumni
and the greater
Wilmington community."I'm excited about the
opportunity to serve both as
an ambassador of the univer-
sity and as a representative of
the diverse staff and faculty
who seek to create healthy
spaces for students of African
descent as they seek to posi-
tively contribute to
Wilmington's dynamic and
historic Black community,"
said Palmer.Palmer earned his Master
of Divinity degree from DukeDivinity School, a master's
degree in African and
African American Studies
from Clark Atlanta
University and a bachelor's
degree in English with double
minors in African American
studies and religious studies
from Macalester College in
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HALLS

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and kids I was with during the
week," she said. "I loved teach-
ing and felt like I could go far
with it. But my heart was
telling me where I needed to
be."In 2012 Jones Halls "made a
leap of faith" and joined the
Americorps Hands On Schools
program as the community
outreach coordinator at D.C.
Virgo Preparatory Academy,
encouraging greater parental
involvement with their chil-
dren's education. A year later,
in July 2013, she was named
Executive Director of Wil-
mington's Blue RibbonCommission on the Preven-
tion of Youth Violence (BRC).Created in 2008 to address
the needs of at-risk youth, it
brings together elected, faith-
based and other community
leaders, as well as volunteers
with extensive knowledge of
the roots of youth violence. A
key initiative of the BRC is
the Youth Enrichment Zone
(YEZ), a community-wide
effort intended to transform
a high-poverty, under-
resourced, high-crime area
into a safe and caring envi-
ronment for children and
families."It's a daunting task know-
ing that any day you could
see your kids' photos on the
news or get a call that some-
thing happened to them," shesaid. "So you celebrate the
small successes. And, in
those moments, you know it's
all worth it."Jones Halls remembers
one student who had a histo-
ry of bad decisions and hang-
ing out with others who were
negative influences, but who
became active in the YEZ pro-
gram. It was a turning point
in the student's life."It used to be that he would
probably drop out and not
graduate from high school,
and now he's talking about
what kind of college he could
get into," Jones Halls said.While her days are often
filled with meetings or confer-
ence calls, Jones Halls prefers
to be out of the office, interact-
ing with the students."I want to know each one
by name, their families and
their situations," she said.
"Then when we're creating
programs, or I'm filling out
grant applications, I picture
their faces. They're not really
my kids, but I consider them
my kids."Jones Halls' mother, who
passed away in 2013, often
suggested that her daughter
would one day lead a non-
profit organization, an idea
Jones Halls scoffed at and
brushed aside."I never thought I would be
in this position," Jones Halls
said. "But it's one of those sit-
uations where you realize all
of a sudden that you're exact-
ly where you're supposed to
be."Warren wants to help move
this County forward so that
there is a future for the young
men and women who are com-
ing out of high school and col-
lege. His drive is as a man offaith to help as many people
as possible as he travels
through this life here on
earth. *Bernest L. Hewett is
President of the Brunswick
County Branch of NAACP.*

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POLICE REPORT SAYS DENKINS PULLED GUN

[RALEIGH] According to a report by Raleigh Police Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown released last week, Akiel Denkins, 24, pulled a gun as Senior Officer D.C. Twiddy approached him during a confrontation on Bragg and East streets Feb. 29th. Twiddy, upon seeing Denkins on the corner in front of P.J.'s Grill & Groceries, began a foot pursuit after attempting to serve a felony drug arrest warrant. Chief Deck-Brown's report says Officer Twiddy caught up with Denkins behind



STATE BRIEFS

P.J.'s, and a struggle ensued. Twiddy says he saw Denkins reaching for a handgun from his waistband. As Denkins began moving the gun towards Officer Twiddy, Twiddy pulled his service weapon, the report says, and fired several shots. Upon realizing that Denkins was also making contact with his service weapon, Officer Twiddy says he stepped back and fired several more shots, hitting Denkins. Twiddy indicates that Denkins still had a gun in his hand.

A preliminary autopsy shows that Denkins was struck four times, including once in the chest.

The police chief's report differs sharply from eyewitness accounts that Denkins was chased, and then shot

unarmed several times in the back by Officer Twiddy.

Akiel Denkins was laid to rest Friday during funeral services. The NC NAACP has asked that any other witnesses who saw what happened please come forward.

ATTY GEN LYNCH SAYS NO TO HIGH COURT NOMINATION

[WASHINGTON, DC] Despite rampant speculation that President Obama could nominate her to the US Supreme Court vacancy, US Attorney General Loretta Lynch now says take her name off of the list. A Justice Department spokesperson said Lynch was honored to be serving in her current capacity, and committed to doing so for the remainder of her term. The

spokesperson added that Lynch felt being nominated would hinder her effectiveness as attorney general. Many supporters felt that she would be a good choice to fill the vacancy left upon the death of US Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia.

HILLARY CLINTON TO VISIT TWO TRIANGLE HIGH SCHOOLS

[RALEIGH] Former US Sec. of State Hillary Clinton is scheduled to hold campaign rallies at Hillside High School in Durham and Broughton High School in Raleigh later this afternoon (Thursday) after part of her swing through the state in preparation for next Tuesday's North Carolina primaries. Clinton

will rally at Hillside at 3:50 p.m., and then at Broughton High at 5:45 p.m. The doors will open two hours in advance for both events. Pres. Bill Clinton toured the state earlier this week speaking on behalf of his wife. At press time there was no word on any appearances by Mrs. Clinton's Democratic rival, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS PRESSURE AG COOPER TO HELP FREE KALVIN SMITH

[RALEIGH] On Monday, student organizers from Winston-Salem State University, Wake Forest University and Salem College gathered in front of the NC Dept. of

Justice building with a banner signed by over 200 students, seeking to speak to state Attorney General Roy Cooper about the Calvin Smith case. Smith, 44, is a black man supporters say was wrongfully convicted of a 1995 brutal beating at the Silk Plant Forest shop. Evidence shows that Smith was nowhere near the shop at the time of the assault, but in 1997 he was convicted and sentenced to 29 years in prison, 19 of which he has already served. Protestors want Cooper to join with Smith's defense in asking the court to vacate the conviction and grant a new trial. The AG's office has thus far refused to do so.

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unprecedented diversity to the Massachusetts government, in a state where just 7.8 percent of the population is Black according to the 2010 U.S. Census.

Meanwhile, in Florida, a state where 17 percent of the population is Black, more than 20 percent of the Black voting-age population disenfranchised because of policy changes supported by Attorney General Pam Bondi that make it harder for Floridians with previous felony convictions to restore their voting rights. Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted cut the state's early voting schedule in 2014, even after census data showed Black voters in Ohio voted early at significantly higher rates than White voters during the past two presidential elections.


Still Blacks overall do not vote at the same rate as the White majority. Many factors contribute to this disparity: strict photo identification laws, cuts to early voting, and felony disenfranchisement, among others. These barriers undoubtedly make it harder to vote, but they only tell part of the story.

Census data analyzed by Dr. Megan A. Gall of the Lawyers' Committee found that in the 2014 election, only 21 percent of the Black population reported voting. Of those who did not vote, more than 20 percent said that their vote would not make a difference, and another 37 percent said they were too busy to vote.

To honor the legacy and sacrifices of Dr. King, and of so many other heroes who gave their lives to secure the franchise for African-Americans, voters today should take every opportunity to exercise their fundamental right to the ballot.

Just imagine the impact if voters mobilized for every election the way they did in 2008 and 2012, when Black voters elected and re-elected their overwhelming candidate of choice to the nation's highest office. Through increased turnout, Black voters specifically can prove that one's vote, from a small municipal election to a major presidential race, matters.

Jennifer L. Patin is a researcher/writer for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law works to address restrictions on voters' access to the polls-burdens that have increased since the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*. In addition to litigation, the Lawyers' Committee operates the nationwide non-partisan Election Protection 866-OUR-VOTE hotline, which helps voters cast ballots that count.




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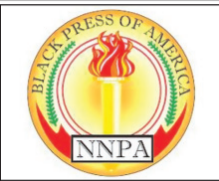
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ENDORSEMENTS and SAY "NO" TO BOND

"Clarion Call from Our Wise Departed Ancestors!-If Thomas C. Jervay, Sr., Willie E. Jervay, Katherine "Kitty" Jervay Tate and Thomas C. Jervay, Jr., owners of The Wilmington Journal were here today, they would tell us to "vote early". The early voting period for New Hanover County is March 3rd to March 12th. Election Day is March 15th. You can honor our First Family of Freedom Fighters, your family members and bless your children and grandchildren by voting. Can we count on you?"-James Hankins

Early voting is underway from now through Saturday, March 12 at 1 p.m. for the Tuesday, March 15th primaries. Hours of early voting are Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Government Center - 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 34. Please check www.elections.nhc.gov for additional locations and their hours, or call 910-798-7330.

Of course, on Tuesday, March 15th, polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. for regular primary day voting.

If you are not registered to vote during this early voting period, you may do so the same day that you cast your ballot. Please bring an official document like your utility bill for proof of address for identification. You can only do same-day registration until March 12. You will not be allowed to register to vote on March 15th, Primary Day.

You must also show photo identification in order to vote, but if you don't have one, you will be required to fill out a form explaining why, and then be allowed to cast a provisional ballot.

There will be a second primary for just congressional candidates on Tuesday, June 7th because the prior 13-district congressional map was ruled unconstitutional, and the NC General Assembly redrew the map and pushed back the date pending approval of a federal court.

STATE TREASURER - DANIEL BLUE III

They say the pedigree doesn't fall far from the tree, and that certainly is the case with Dan Blue III, The son of the first African - American Speaker of the NC House, Dan III has followed closely in his father's footsteps as an outstanding attorney in Wake County, once chairman of the Wake County Democratic Party, and a devoted husband and father. Dan III, like his dad, is known for good judgment and rock solid common sense. He knows how to look at the issues, and find solutions beyond the normal partisan nonsense. And most importantly, Dan III is trusted. He's his own man and when he gives his word, it's all anyone needs to go to the bank with.

That's why this newspaper joins with so many others across the state in saying that Dan Blue III possesses the wisdom and good judgment to manage the office of state treasurer with integrity and intelligence.

That's why we endorse Daniel Blue, III for state treasurer.

NH SCHOOL BOARD - JAMES JAMISON, KEVIN SPEARS AND EMMA SANDERS

With the state of our public school the way it is, and the many, many challenges that our African-American children face every day, we need school board members who realize that these precious, young black lives matter without question, or else we have no future.

That's why *The Journal* endorses James Jamison, Kevin Spears, and Emma Sanders for NH County Board of Education. The Black Press of North Carolina has adopted an agenda in education that we feel should be a part of the Black Lives Matter movement. This agenda includes (1) The elimination of the infamous "Pipeline To Prison" that exists in our schools, (2) the elimination of the achievement and suspension gaps, (3) the inclusion of Black teachers, administrators, and counselors in our school systems and community colleges, (4) revival of Schools of Education in our HBCUs, (5) Stability of our HBCUs (6) careers paths for our children (especially Black Males) in high schools, community colleges and (7) full participation of Black children (especially Black males) in the Early College Programs across the state. We expect that these three candidates will help to implement this agenda. NO EXCEPTIONS.

CONNECT NC BOND REFERENDUM - NO

No doubt you've heard a lot about the massive \$2 billion Connect NC bond referendum, and how it is supposed to help fund construction needs throughout the 17 campus UNC System, while it's also supposed to help dealing with pressing needs at our community colleges, public safety and water and sewer projects.

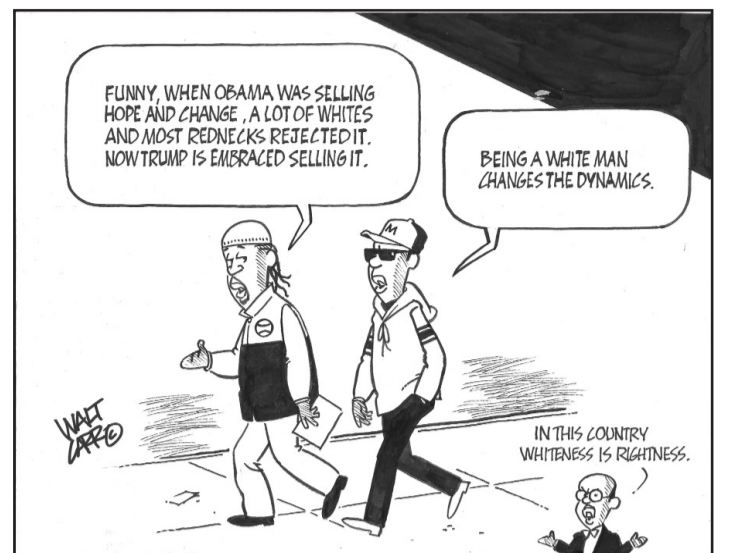
Here's the problem - for all of that money state taxpayers are being asked to borrow, our historically black university campuses will see precious little of it, if any at all.

You know the old story - when it come to making sure that our HBCU's are equitably funded and fairly treated by

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Matters of Opinion

WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

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THE PROBLEMS:

The problems of gentrification gerrymandering and voter suppression; we progressives are suffering under were researched, planned, prayed over, voted on and passed by the following individuals, governing boards and elected officials in North Carolina.



James Hankins

Your city council, school board, county commissioners, State representatives, State senators, U.S. Representatives, U.S. Senator Richard Burr and Governor Pat McCrory turned

North Carolina from a progressive educational state to the butt of jokes by late night comedians and some respected news outlets.

Most of the "shady" money shelled out to influence those extreme conservatives and "honorable" elected officers was provided by billionaires Charles and David Koch and our homeboy "little" millionaire Art Pope.

NOTE: We must vote in the March 15th primary election to choose the candidate to represent us in the general election. Example: As a registered Democrat, I can only vote for Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders for president.

THE SOLUTIONS:

If you did not take the time to research the candidates and

issues, please ask advice from someone you trust. It may be wise to ask three people and choose the one that got the most votes, then see how well that person or issue will change you and your family in a positive way. You can take a list into the voting booth, so write down the names and issues you plan to vote for: **YOU CAN'T USE YOUR CELL PHONE IN THE VOTING BOOTH.** Call three or more progressive people to go vote with you. Vote early to avoid the long lines and possible rain or emergency on election day.

Our local Black newspapers are the best place to find true information on the candidates and issues. Please support them by buying ads, memorials and subscriptions.

Exodus 18:21 (paraphrased) But select capable men and women from all the people men and women who fear GOD, trustworthy men and women who hate dishonest gain and appoint them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

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TO BE EQUAL

Reaping the dividends of entrepreneurship

"So our people not only have to be reeducated to the importance of supporting black business, but the black man himself has to be made aware of the importance of going into business. And once you and I go into business, we own and operate at least the businesses in our community.



Marc Morial

April 12, 1964

Sarah Breedlove was born to sharecroppers on a plantation in Louisiana. Breedlove -

later known to millions as Madam C.J. Walker - died on her beloved four-and-a-half acre estate overlooking the Hudson River in Irvington, N.Y. At the time of her death, Madam Walker's estate was worth close to \$6 million in today's dollars, making her one of the most successful, self-made business women of the 20th century. Asked how she got her start, Madam Walker is said to have famously answered, "I got my start by

giving myself a start."

Entrepreneurship is deeply embedded in our American DNA. It can take a woman from the Jim Crow era cotton plantations of the South to the pinnacle of American business success. And entrepreneurship's benefits extend further than the heart and mind of the man or woman possessing with the dream of owning his or her own business. Entrepreneurship is an inspiration and an opportunity that can be shared. It is a driver of the American economy and has the potential to provide new economic opportunity to local - and even distressed - communities.

Nationally, the number of firms owned by people of color is on the rise. According to the latest small business survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, minority-company ownership is up from 5.8 million in 2007 to 8 million in 2012. This includes a 46 percent increase in Hispanic ownership; a 34 percent rise in the number of African American-owned businesses; an almost 24 percent increase for Asians; and a 27 percent increase in firms owned by women. And as the growth in minority-company ownership booms, so do its job numbers. It is estimated that minority-company companies provide 7 million jobs and companies owned by women employ up to 8 million

workers.

To save our struggling cities, we cannot solely rely on getting jobs. To strengthen our streets we must be on the forefront of creating jobs and economic opportunities. The National Urban League has created the Entrepreneurship Center, a signature program to foster the growth of minority-owned businesses and offer business owners the resources they need to grow their bottom line. Through counseling, mentoring and training services, the National Urban League's Entrepreneurship centers work with owners to develop management skills that will help their businesses obtain financing that supports job creation and preservation.

By improving their strategies, the centers have helped more than 10,000 business owners experience increased competitiveness and profitability, start their businesses with higher survival rates and break out to new markets and higher growth. To date, the center has helped entrepreneurs create or save close to 1,200 jobs and get more than \$73 million in new contracts and capital.

As women and people of color continue to create and own record numbers of businesses, the buying power of communities of color continues to grow exponentially.

According to the latest Multicultural Economy Report from the Selig center, Hispanic buying power leads all groups at \$1.3 trillion and Black buying power has seen an 86 percent increase with their buying power rising to \$1.1 trillion. Yet, how many of those trillions of dollars stay within our economically disadvantaged communities?

It has been reported - and questioned as unverifiable - that a dollar in circulates in Asian communities for 30 days, as opposed to six hours in Black communities. Only two cents of every dollar African Americans spend supposedly goes to Black-owned businesses. One researcher estimated that if Black consumers spent at least one dollar out of every 10 with Black businesses, it could generate 1 million jobs for African Americans. Minority buying power can do far more than purchase; it can become an investment in stronger, local communities.

Buying Black is more than just a slogan. When you buy Black you help assure Black business growth. And, when you shore up Black business growth, you play your part in helping to revitalize the communities where those businesses reside.

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

ENDORSEMENTS

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the NC General Assembly, they might as well be foreign countries. In fact, someone quickly check how much we give in foreign aid. Undoubtedly a tiny island nation in the South Pacific gets more from the US government that the state of North Carolina ever has, or ever will, give to one of our excellent black universities, who have historically had to learn to live with much, much less than the NC States and UNC - Chapel Hill's of the world, yet expected to produce the same quality of student.

It really is quite simple - the people who think they're god on the all-Republican UNC Board of Governors, and consequently the GOP-led NC General Assembly, simply don't believe in HBCUs, and would like to see as many of them closed as possible. They feel that the science and research programs at the so-called "flagship" UNC System schools are inherently much better, and are more deserving of state support.

Thus, a careful look between the lines of the Connect NC bond referendum tells you what schools and their programs will receive considerable sup-

port if the \$2 billion bonds pass, and which ones won't. Want to starve a school out of existence? Just cutoff or reduce the funding that could help it reach the next level of excellence.

Simple.

The bond is not an inclusive package. There are inequities that exist in this package as related to HBCU funding. The bond and two other NC General Assembly bills allow for cutting HBCU funding, reducing degree programs and making it harder for students to attend HBCUs. Analysts say the plan even makes HBCUs less identifiable with their HBCU tradition.

The Journal's readership is well aware of the importance our HBCUs play in our community and our state, and the opportunities that they afford students across North Carolina. Many of us would not have degrees had we not had an HBCU to attend. Students of today deserve this same opportunity.

VOTE NO TO THE BOND ISSUE.

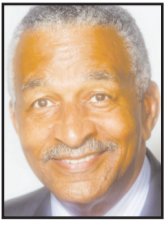
LAST WEEK'S ENDORSEMENTS:

Ken Spaulding for Governor
Linda Coleman for Lieutenant Governor
Chris Rey for U.S. Senate

BLACKONOMICS

Hypocrites and hucksters—histrionics and hype

(TriceEdneyWire.com) Aren't you tired of the rap and clap sessions by political wannabees and their respective contingents? I know I am.



James Clingman

The so-called "debates" are downright insulting and embarrassing, especially on the Republican side, reminiscent of a stand-up comedy show, or "throwing shade" as young folks say. Over on the Dem stage (Or should I say in their "ring?"), what was a fight has turned into a face-saving swansong for Sanders since he was, in his own words, "decimated" in South Carolina. Black folks strike again!

With all the money these candidates have in the bank this "theater of the absurd" could go on for months, and when it's all over Black folks will have not moved one inch toward real empowerment. Unless we get serious about our

own economic and political future, by establishing our political platform and being willing to promote, support, and leverage it, Blacks will continue to be relegated to the clown ring in this current political three-ring circus. We will be the diversions, the ones who turn the lion's attention away from the performers, the clowns who turn the bull's ire away from the bull rider by yelling and then jumping into a barrel.

The "Yo Mama!" debates in the Republican ring are really not debates, in case you have not noticed; they are rap sessions, Ronald Reagan séances, and pseudo-patriotic diatribes, repeated ad nauseam by guys who swear they are the answer to our problems. The only one who has any kind of real record of having actually solved a few political problems is John Kasich. But he's so far behind the others that a victory for him is very unlikely.

Over in the Democratic ring we have two combatants who offer condescending words and platitudes directly to Black folks, as opposed to the Republicans who say absolute-

ly nothing to Blacks. The Dem candidates rail against the business establishment and tell us that we really need more jobs to solve our problems. I don't know how they expect to bring us more jobs, which are created by private businesses, when they are constantly denigrating business. It's just hype. By the way, why do you suppose the Black candidate, Willie Wilson, has been invisible?

Post Super Tuesday shouting matches about who cares for Black people the most now dominate, as though being embroiled in these kinds of discussions will move us forward. Top that off with MSNBC's U-turn in firing, demoting, or exiling their Black Barack Obama-can-do-no-wrong hosts and we have a real firestorm on our hands, don't we?

Aren't you tired of being hustled and huckstered? Aren't you tired of the hype and the political histrionics? Those of us who are absolutely tired of it all have made a commitment to DO something about it. First of all, we refuse to be swayed by patronizing pundits and condescending candidates. It matters not what

they say; their actions are what matters.

Understanding how the system works with regard to what they said versus what they do when they get into office, why are many of our people spending inordinate amounts of time arguing over whose plantation is more comfortable? Rather than organizing ourselves into a voting bloc that must be reckoned with and leveraging our votes, we end up acquiescing to political parties and their selected candidates. Rather than asking the candidates what they will do for us, we must present our demands to them, and rather than settle for lip-service we must have them sign an agreement signifying their support of our issues.

I can hear the moanin' and groanin' now. "Jim, they would never do that; so why ask them to?" That kind of defeatist attitude and subsequent surrender is indicative of why we are in the shape we are in today. If they refuse to support our demands, ver-

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Sizing up the latest Republican and Democratic debates

(Via George Curry Media)

Republican Presidential Debate:

Cathleen Decker, Los Angeles Times

"His challengers should know by now that they can't beat Donald Trump at mockery, although Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz tried anyway in Thursday's two-hour presidential debate. For the second straight Republican debate, civility swiftly gave way to mayhem."



George Curry

Chris Cillizza, Washington Post

"...within the first 10 minutes of the debate Trump was insisting that questions about his endorsement - not the financial kind - were way off."

"Trump, as he has in nearly every debate, showed a wafer-thin understanding of policy and, when pressed about that lack of knowledge, reverted to name-calling."

"The first hour of the debate was an absolute disaster for Republicans hoping to rebrand their party heading into the 2016 general election. It looked more like a high school cafeteria food fight than an even semi-serious conversation about issues."

Dan Balz, Washington Post

"Designed to define candidates' differences, the debates have become tedious and repetitious rather than enlightening or illuminating. No new information was imparted, no truly new arguments advanced. Even the insults were tiresome."

Patrick Healy and Jonathan Martin, New York Times

"At times, the face-off in Detroit also deteriorated into the kind of junior high school taunts that have startled many Republican elders but have done little to dent Mr. Trump's broad appeal."

"Mr. Trump, offered the chance to respond to Mr. Romney with harshness or with substance, chose the former."

Jenna Johnson, Washington Post

"Donald Trump is obsessed with size. Obsessed. For months, the Republican front-runner has endlessly bragged about the size of his crowds, poll results, personal wealth and any other number he can use to measure himself against his rivals. He often exaggerates, although he swears his measurements are precise and verified. At times the 2016 campaign has felt like, well, a measuring contest in a high school boys' locker room."

Frank Bruni, New York Times

"Trump has succeeded at nothing as fully as he has at infusing the presidential race with a vulgarity that's absolutely breathtaking."

"... We actually witnessed an interchange - in the first 10 minutes, no less - about how well endowed (or not) he is."

"It's worth stopping for a second, letting that sink in and wondering what it says about our country and political process right now."

Phillip Rucker, Ed O'Kefe and John Wagner, Washington Post

"The hottest topic in Michigan - the tainted water scandal in Flint - was brought up in only one question, and it came more than halfway through the debate. Only Rubio was given the chance to respond, and when he did so he expressed outrage while also complaining that Democrats have politicized the issue..."

"Despite the harsh rhetoric, Cruz, Kasich and Rubio all said in response to a question that they would support Trump if he was the nominee, and Trump said he would do the same if one of his rivals won."

DEMOCRATS

Anne Gearan and Abby Phillip, Washington Post

"Sanders angrily hushed Clinton as she sought to interject. Excuse me, I'm talking," he said, drawing gasps from the audience.

"If you're going to talk, tell the whole story," Clinton replied.

"You'll get your turn," he snapped.

Chris Cillizza, Washington Post

"The senator from Vermont had effectively walked a fine line in the previous six debates when it came to attacking Clinton without coming across as bullying or condescending. He tripped and fell while trying to execute that delicate dance on Sunday night."

"The former secretary of state came ready to fight on Sunday night. She kept her hit on Sanders's opposition to the automobile-industry bailout well hidden in the run-up to the debate to get maximum impact when she dropped it on his head."

"It seemed as though no matter what Clinton was asked about in the debate, her answer wound back to a defense of the current occupant of the White House."

"Don Lemon's repetition of the 'Avenue Q' question was, um, less good. Ditto the 'Whom do you pray for' question."

Todd Graham, CNN

"I appreciated Sanders' response when Clinton said she'd release her transcripts of Wall Street speeches when everyone else did. Sanders, who's never given a speech to Wall Street, began by waving his arms wildly, as if shooing pigeons in the park, and yelled, I release it. This even got a chuckle out of Clinton."

Nicholas Confessore, New York Times

"Asked a provocative and difficult question - what racial blind spots do you have? Hillary Clinton dodged with all the elegance of a supertanker, instead answering a previous question before being pushed again by a moderator."

"Whether by choice or necessity, Mrs. Clinton is running as a defender of not only President Obama's legacy, but also her husband's."

"To a nation still wondering why the Republican candidates are publicly debating penis size and incontinence, the Democrats offered a largely substantive debate about domestic policy."

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bally and in writing, then why should we vote for them? What do we have to lose? Why vote for any candidate who does not support reciprocity for those who vote for him or her? That's just stupid.

We must stop accepting the hypocrisy of candidates who say one thing and do another; we must not get sidetracked by arguments among political hacks and commentators that mean absolutely nothing to us in the scheme of things. We must stop doing our best impression of Pavlov's dog when they come to call on us. If nothing is funny, don't laugh; if you are not itching, don't scratch. We must change the silly way we deal with politics by collectively

leveraging something of substance in return for our votes. If we don't change, the hucksters, Black ones and White ones, will always win.

Join the One Million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors, and let's make a real difference this time. www.iamoneofthemillion.com

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RAINBOW COALITION

Mexico is our neighbor, not the enemy

(Via George Curry Media)

Presidential campaigns often turn raw. Politicians reach for sound bites that bite. Often they gain by playing on fears, winning by division, not by addition. In 2016, insult has become the coin of the campaign, particularly in the Republican primaries.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Mexico has been burlesqued as a source of illegal immigrants, who are slandered as rapists and criminals. Mexico is accused of taking our factories abroad and Mexican immigrants of stealing our jobs at home. Trumpets sound for building a wall across a 2,000-mile border, for deporting millions of Mexicans living in America, for booting out the Dreamers who were born here, and more.

We would be wise to step back and take a deep breath. Mexico isn't our backdoor; it is

our next-door neighbor. One hundred million people live in the 10 U.S. and Mexican states along the border region, and taken together, these form the equivalent of the fourth largest economy in the world. Our ties with Mexico are deep, our peoples intertwined. They should not be reduced to a sound bite or an insult.

Thirty-four million Mexicans and Mexican-Americans live in the United States; about 22 million were born here. Every day, the U.S. and Mexico exchange \$1.4 billion in two-way trade. Mexico is our second largest export market (after Canada). Mexico buys more U.S. goods than all of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and Singapore) combined, nearly as much as the entire EU. Mexico is the third largest supplier of crude oil to the U.S. It is the largest export market for U.S. refined petroleum products and a growing market for our natural gas.

Cooperation between our two great countries is inescapable. We must and do coordinate on transportation, on legal entry points, on international organized crime, on trans-border infectious dis-

eases and trans-border environmental challenges. In recent years, focus has necessarily been placed on criminal activity - the flow of drugs coming north and the flow of guns and contraband cash going south. We are the biggest market for illegal drugs in the world. Our appetites feed the criminal drug rings that threaten entire countries. We have an obligation and a national interest in bolstering enforcement on both sides of the border:

We don't need a wall; we need a bridge. We are neighbors, bound together by geography and by history. Now we hear all these fulminations about undocumented workers. People don't leave their homes on a lark. They flee parched earth for green grass. For too long, we have exploited Mexican workers on both sides of the border. They pick our fruit and vegetables. They clean our houses. They fight and die in our wars, hoping for a green card and a shot at an American dream. Mexicans didn't take our jobs to Mexico; U.S. corporations used NAFTA to take our jobs to Mexico. Mexicans don't seek minimum wages here. U.S. employers exploit the undocumented

to pad their own pockets.

This furious debate about immigration is taking place as illegal immigration has virtually disappeared due to the lack of jobs in the U.S. The biggest flood of immigration came after NAFTA forced family farmers in Mexico to compete with subsidized agribusiness in the U.S. Many lost their lands and their livelihood and came north to survive. We need economic policies that work for working people on both sides of the border; not a policy of division and insult that allows employers to keep exploiting workers in both countries.

America's strength is its diversity. And our security is enhanced by having close relations with our neighbors. American workers have every reason to be angry about an economy that is rigged to work against them and a politics that is corrupted by big money. But our Mexican neighbors didn't do that, and building a wall won't change it. The politics of insult ends up insulting us.

Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can keep up with his work at www.rainbow-push.org.

Trump and the mess the GOP created

(Via George Curry Media)

Donald Trump is streaming toward the Republican Party's presidential nomination, scattering the campaign wreckage of the GOP establishment's once-celebrated paladins, Jeb Bush, Chris Christie and Marco Rubio - and perhaps the



Lee A. Daniels

GOP itself - in his wake.

And, while he's at it, he's vilely trashing the "old-fashioned" conventions of decency of language that once especially characterized contests for the presidency. Now, allegiance to that tradition exists only in the hard-fought Democratic contest between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. Trump, on the other hand, has led Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz into ugly verbal brawls better suited for red-light district street corners.

Yet, even the scathing condemnation of his candidacy by the party's last two presidential nominees, Mitt Romney and John McCain, will almost certainly not stop Trump from marching into this summer's Republican Party convention in an extremely favorable position. That's because the fundamental force behind Trump's takeover of the GOP isn't Trump but the voters supporting him.

Would it be appropriate at this point to dust off that old

metaphor "barbarians at the gate?"

Not really. "Barbarians" have actually been in charge of the GOP for decades. In fact, it's their trashing of numerous traditions of American politics, along with several conservative-engineered Supreme Court decisions, that have enabled Trump and his mob, with their far cruder manners, to now be hollering for the old barbarians' heads.

What the latter didn't realize these past eight years was that in spending so much energy building an indiscriminate united front against President Obama, they let into their very small "Big Tent" several different forces that began to steadily shred that tent's canvas walls.

That history was starkly illustrated by four distinct but related events leading up to and including the March 1 Super Tuesday primaries.

Chris Christie's stunning endorsement of Trump, coming just weeks after Christie was lambasting the "entertainer" on the campaign trail, seemed to bespeak not only his own excruciating humiliation but the party's weakness, too.

Trump showed just how much things have changed on primary night. Along with the smiles and light-hearted bantering with the media he displayed at a news conference at his palatial Florida estate came unmistakable signs that his meanness and dictator-like impulses are becoming more and more pronounced.

Then, the target was one of the GOP's own titular leaders, Paul Ryan, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the

party's 2012 vice presidential nominee, and a man who clearly plans a future run for the White House.

Earlier that day Ryan had criticized Trump's despicable evasion during a Sunday television talk show interview of forthrightly condemning the Ku Klux Klan. The ludicrous episode had garnered substantial media attention and driven at least one Republican Senator and Representative to announce they wouldn't vote for Trump if he wins the nomination. Ryan weighed in on their side, saying anyone who "wants to be the nominee of the Republican Party ... must reject any group or cause that is built on bigotry."

That night, Trump, asked by a reporter for a response, was belligerent. "Paul Ryan," he declared, "I don't know him well, but I'm sure I'm going to get along great with him. And if I don't, he's going to have to pay a big price. OK?"

Trump didn't explain why he took offense at Ryan's stating a would-be presidential candidate shouldn't be accepting endorsements from racists. Nor exactly what the "big price" Ryan would be paying if he ever dared cross "President Trump."

But it's likely that, first, Trump was declaring that his election victories meant that now he, not Ryan nor Mitch McConnell, the Senate Majority Leader, is the true head of the party. Secondly, Trump wanted to squelch any further focus on his relationship to overt White supremacists because he knows that bigotry is the fun-

damental basis of his appeal - just as it's been for the GOP as a whole since Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential run. The "old" Republican racism was couched in euphemistic expression. Trump's campaign, however, from its beginning has been awash in overt expressions of racism and, increasingly, a menacing sense of barely-contained violence.

It's true America's never had a major-party candidate like this, not even George C. Wallace, the notoriously racist governor of Alabama during the 1960s. But for all of Trump's posing as a "populist," he has the same attitude toward his supporters as the segregationist Democrats of the Jim Crow era did toward their constituencies.

That is that the only group he holds in more contempt than Black Americans, Mexicans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Jewish Americans, Muslim Americans, veterans who fought in Southeast Asia and in the Gulf War, First Nations peoples, Chris Christie, Democrats, and the Republican Party itself, is them.

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Auto dealers charge Blacks and Hispanics higher interest rates on loans

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
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COLUMNIST

In recent months, this column has reported on a series of settlements reached between banks and finance companies with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Department of Justice. All of the actions were taken to resolve claims of discrimination in auto lending.



Charlene Crowell

To date, over \$200 million in fines and restitution have been made to car buyers of color who paid higher interest rates than White borrowers – a violation of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. Additionally and as a condition of the settlements, defendants were required to change their lending practices by significantly reducing the amount of additional interest dealers can add to car loans for compensation.

Despite these developments, discriminatory practices in auto finance persist with some lenders and dealers. While law enforcement comes after discriminatory acts have already been committed, a new advocacy effort appeals for dealers to change their practices to prevent further discrimination in auto lending.

A group of consumer advocates and civil rights groups recently wrote Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, to stop this discriminatory practice at his dealerships. Last year, Berkshire Hathaway

acquired the Van Tuyl Group, the largest privately-held dealership group in the nation. Renamed “Berkshire Hathaway Automotive,” the firm now operates 81 dealerships in 10 states, selling a range of domestic and foreign brands.

“While we welcome and applaud efforts of federal regulators to rein in this discriminatory practice, we urge responsible auto dealers to move immediately to end the practice on their own,” wrote the advocates.

“As you have publicly stated, we need to end discrimination in any number of settings. We are writing to you to respectfully request that you join us and openly condemn this discriminatory practice and help lead the way to a fair, open and transparent marketplace,” they continued.

When a consumer finances a car purchase through an auto dealer, the dealer has the discretion to increase the interest rate offered by the lending institution and keep some or all of the difference as compensation. This difference between the interest rate priced for risk and the additional interest the dealer adds more compensation is known as dealer interest rate markup. It has also long been shown to result in higher interest rates for borrowers of color.

The 17-member coalition calling on Buffett to act includes the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, League of United Latin American Citizens, NAACP, National Consumer Law Center, National Urban League, and the Center for Responsible Lending among others. The joint appeal also acknowledged the influential opposition

faced in fighting for fair lending in auto finance.

“Unfortunately, the nation’s largest auto dealer trade association, the National Auto Dealers Association, has responded with a campaign to defend this discriminatory practice, jeopardizing the good will that auto dealers may have in their communities,” said the coalition. “As you have said, ‘it takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it.’ As a leader in the financial sector...[Y]our leadership would have a market-wide impact.”

Ranked by Forbes as the nation’s second wealthiest billionaire – surpassed only by Bill Gates – Mr. Buffett built a solid reputation for astute investing and major deals that grew Berkshire Hathaway into a multinational firm with more than 90 businesses owned and additional investments in corporations such as American Express, Coca-Cola, IBM and Wells Fargo.

Beyond Buffett, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) and its allies have also called on regulators to end the practice of dealer interest rate markup.

“More than two decades of evidence that dealer interest rate markup leads to discrimination is enough,” said Chris Kukla, an executive vice president at CRL. “Consumers of color continue to pay more for car loans than White borrowers. The law is clear: every consumer is to be treated fairly and equally – not sometimes, but all of the time.”

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Black Chamber president compares Flint Black business community to 'Ghost Town'

BY COURTNEY DAVIS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Ron Busby, president/CEO of the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., has compared the Black-owned business community in Flint, Mich. to a "ghost town" amidst the city's water crisis.

"If you visit Flint, it's very noticeable that it's the tail of two cities," said Busby.

On a recent trip to assess the impact of the crisis on the Flint business community, Busby noticed that two colleges, University of Michigan, Flint Campus, and Mott Community College were open and functioning normally through the water crisis while Black-owned businesses struggled.

"I was not able to speak with administration [of the colleges], but from my understanding, they made the changes necessary early on in the conversation. So their issue has been corrected or at least addressed to the point where they are not facing the same challenges as other parts of the community," said Busby.

Meanwhile, the Black business community "was almost

a ghost town," he said. "Many of them were either closed or didn't have enough customers to open up for normal business hours." Busby also noticed on his trip that the businesses and restaurants of downtown Flint were open and operating, "if they're getting clean, functioning water, where is the issue?" Busby said he asked himself. "Then you go to the communities of color, that's where you see the biggest impact."

According to Busby there was a cost associated with the necessary improvements. Therein lay the problem. Some businesses were able to take advantage of government support, he said, but others, "obviously, did not have the same opportunity."

The tragedy in Flint, Mich. that began two years ago continues to unfold. In a nutshell, in April 2014, as a cost-cutting measure, Flint switched its water supply from Detroit's water system to the Flint River. A group of doctors, led by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, urged the city to stop using Flint River as a water supply after high levels of lead were found in the blood of children. Experts believe about 8,000

children were exposed to lead-contaminated water, according to the New York Times. The issue has now boiled into a national tragedy, drawing national media attention as well as the attention of political, civil rights and economic justice leaders. Most have resolved that the neglect was based on race.

According to the U.S. Census, more than half of Flint's 99,000 residents are Black and 40 percent live below the poverty line. Historically, African-Americans were drawn to Flint to work for General Motors and other car factories. Flint was known for producing large quantities of vehicles earning it the nickname "Vehicle City." Businesses opened in Flint to support the car production companies.

"When General Motors decided to leave, it left that city in an unfortunately almost bankrupt situation the day they made that decision," said Busby. People were left in Flint without another source of income. Busby, whose USBC represents 250,000 small businesses, says Flint is the worst of tragedies, but racial

disparities are widespread. This "environmental racism" can be seen around the country, Busby notes. He said 75 percent of African-American businesses are located in areas that are hazardous or lack the ample amount of resources the business needs.

"Even with the snowstorm that hit Washington D.C. in January, businesses were addressed first in reference to snow removal, getting them back up. But it's always going to be the communities of the majority that get the first resources. They get the most amount of dollars reinvested into their communities," said Busby. "With our people, there are a lot of challenges forced upon them outside of our control, some of them being natural, some them being man-made."

In a statement issued to the press after the Flint visit, Busby said, "We are saddened to see Black businesses and families suffer from the greed and mis-governance of local



U. S. Black Chamber President/CEO Ron Busby stands near the Flint campus of the University of Michigan, which he said was working fine while Black businesses suffered.

and state officials. Flint was once an epicenter of a thriving automotive industry which created wealth for the Black residents of Flint.

He concluded that the man-made crisis gives three "hard truths": "Environmental racism is evident, the poisoning of Flint was entirely preventable and Poverty makes communities vulnerable to injustices. There must be a mass effort to increase wealth in the Black community through business ownership as a logical approach to alleviate vulnerability to injustices and man-made crises."

Black unemployment rate remains flat in February



WORK PROTEST

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM NORTHSTARNEWS.TODAY.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The nation's non-farm payroll added 242,000 jobs in February, but the Black unemployment rate remained flat, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported.

The overall jobless rate for African-Americans in February was 8.8 percent, unchanged from January.

Black men 20 years old and older reported a higher job-

less rate of 8.6 percent in February compared with 8.4 percent in January.

The jobless rate for Black women 20 years old and older was 7.9 percent in February, unchanged from January.

Blacks continue to suffer from the nation's highest unemployment rate. The Black unemployment rate also continues to be double that of Whites, which remains well under the national rate of 4.9 percent.

The unemployment rate for Whites was 4.3 percent in February, the same as January. Asians reported the

lowest unemployment rate of 3.8 percent, up from 3.7 percent in January. Hispanics, however, saw a drop in their jobless rate to 5.4 percent in February, down from 5.9 percent in January.

BLS reported job gains in health care, social assistance, retail trade, food services and private educational services.

NCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ON U.S. 17 BUSINESS (MARKET STREET) FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY TO MARSH OAKS DRIVE (S.R. 2734) IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY

STIP Project No. U-4902C&D

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed access management improvements to U.S. 17 Business (Market Street) between Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway and Marsh Oaks Drive (S.R. 2734) in Wilmington, New Hanover County.

The meeting will take place on March 10 from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Ogden Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall, 7121 Market Street, Wilmington.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and traffic flow along U.S. 17 Business (Market Street) in Wilmington. The proposed project involves access management improvements to include converting the existing center turn lane to a median. It is anticipated the project will require acquisition of right of way.

Interested individuals may attend this meeting any time during the above hours. Project maps will be on display and NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Written comments can be submitted at the meeting or later, by March 24. Comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation.

More information is available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.


For additional information, contact Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3 Division Planning Engineer, 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, by phone at (910) 341-2000 or by e-mail at priddle@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Patrick Riddle as early as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.


NCDOT will provide interpretive services upon request for persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English. Please request interpretive services prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

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Downtown Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Festival & Parade will be held on Saturday, March 12th the Downtown Business Alliance presents "The Annual Guinness St Patrick's Day Festival & Parade". The Royal Hibernian's parade begins at 11:00 a.m. at N. Front St. & Red Cross and heading south, finishes at S. Front & Dock St. The festival is located in the parking lot at Princess and N. Water St., and begins at 12:00pm. This is a FREE ALL AGES event. Food, beverages and crafts will be available for purchase during the festival. The featured entertainment will be provided by The Blarney Brogues, Walsh Kelly School of Irish Dancers and Striking Copper. For more information about the festival contact David Grace 910-274-1898 or by email dgrace22@gmail.com. For more information about the parade, contact Steve McEnanny 910-262-3213 or by email steveandcniemc@aol.com.

Community Briefs

GE Retirees Association will meet at noon, Thursday, March 17, at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Rd. Open to GE retirees and spouses. Speakers will be Jay Wildeman from GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy and Jason Swinny from GE Aviation - Wilmington who will discuss the "State of the Business." For more information, 910-819-2776.

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.

Smart Start of New Hanover County will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Large Training Room at the Smart Start Office, 3534-F South College Rd. All meetings are open to the public. For additional information please contact Smart Start at 910-815-3731.

The Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival Children's Tea will be held Sunday, March 13th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Coastline Conference & Event Center, 501 Nutt Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. For further information go to www.capefearvolunteercenter.com. This year's theme is The Wizard of Oz.

The Democratic Women of New Hanover County will meet at 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 10th, at the Slainte Irish Pub, 5607 Carolina Beach Rd, Slainte's is near Staples and the Fuzzy Peach. The special meeting will be "Meet the Candidates" plus we anticipate a fun, informative meeting. Men and women are welcome. If any questions, please call 395-4502.

The New Hanover County Partnership for Fatherhood will hold their 10th Annual Fatherhood Conference on Saturday, March 12th from 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Activity Center, 1939 Independence Blvd. The speaker will be Actor Alimi Ballard, and on Friday, March 11th from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. there will be a meet and greet with Alimi Ballard at Independence Mall Center Court.

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

The Saint Augustine's University Alumni Chapter will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 19th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Covil Farms Club House, 7100 Covil Farms Rd.

The Spring Citizens' Fire Academy, sponsored by the Wilmington Fire Department, begins on Thursday, March 17th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM and will run for seven consecutive weeks (followed by a graduation). If interested, please call or email Courtney Cromer (courtney.cromer@wilmingtonnc.gov - 910) 343-3946.

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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New Hanover County Schools shows improvement in dropout rates

State dropout rate increases

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction released their Consolidated School Crime Data Report for the 2014-2015 school year. New Hanover County Schools' dropout rate decreased slightly from last year from 2.88% to 2.82%.

"NHCS has fewer students dropping out of school and our rates

improved while the state's rate went up. We know we still have room for improvement, but we are headed in the right direction. The proposed CTE High School is just one of our dropout prevention strategies that will give students more options and opportunities for success," said NHCS Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Righteous living

Righteous living is a matter of meeting the standard of what is right and progressive for citizens in a community. As an American citizen, one has the right to speak freely within the laws of man. Studies have shown that progress has been made in society today on freedom of speech. Often, citizens are very anxious while waiting for the privilege to speak about voting rights and education. More recent budget cuts have gone beyond helping a child's education be the best possible to prepare him or her for adult life. This would help a well educated



Verniece Stanley

person with successful jobs and great respect. The right to vote belongs to our taxpaying citizen with all requirements. It is believed that, across this country, conservative groups are scheming to establish secret voting places in the state for Republicans only. Private schools will have all the necessary supplies needed for their children. Some parents think the private schools are for wealthy White families in the state. We are supposed to have desegregation of all schools in the United States. This may not be true with all the one hundred counties in the state. One or two Blacks may be in a predominately White school, just to say the school is desegregated. Public school teachers often spend their own money to buy

supplies they need in the classrooms. This could happen in schools with a high enrollment of children from low income families. These are the people who need help in educating their children and providing better health care. Cutting money from education is doing more harm than good. The child neglected in education could very well be potentially great leaders of tomorrow.

Today, we know you don't have real freedom unless you have a better job and you can't get a good job without a most outstanding education. A quality public education is an economic necessity and anchor of democracy, a moral imperative and a fundamental civil right without which none of our other rights can be fully realized. The time is now for public education to rise to, not

what it is today or what it was in the past, but what it could be today. That is to fulfill our collective obligation to help all children succeed.

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.

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The Wilmington Ten Foundation for Social Justice, Inc. seeks high school seniors for the Dolores F. Moore Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted from high school seniors who currently reside in the Cape Fear Area Region. Applicants must be planning to enroll in a four year degree program by fall semester of 2016. The application deadline is April 30, 2016.

The Dolores F. Moore Scholarship was founded in

2014. Mrs. Moore was a lifelong educator and civil rights leader. She was best known for her dedication to education, her efforts to free The Wilmington Ten, and her outstanding leadership of her local branch of the NAACP. She spent much of her life advocating for quality education for Blacks, and other underserved students.

She believed education is the gateway to freedom. The Wilmington Ten Foundation for Social Justice, Inc., has totally embraced this important legacy. It is for this reason that we seek to award scholarships to underserved youth.

For more information about us, and to complete an application; visit our website

@ www.wilmtenfoundation.org. You may also contact us @ wilmingtontenfoundation@gmail.com

Applications must be post-marked by April 30, 2016. Please mail complete application package to:

WTFSJ, Inc.
P.O. 12570
Wilmington, N.C. 28405.

Alpha Psi Omega 2016 Founders' Day Celebration



MEMBERS OF ALPHA PSI OMEGA CHAPTER

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On Sunday, February 14, 2016, fifteen members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® - Alpha Psi Omega Chapter celebrated the Sorority's 108th Founders'

Day at the historic Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard University in Washington, D. C. Led by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, twenty young women established the first Greek-lettered sorority for African-American college women. Over the past

108 years, the sorority has expanded throughout the United States and the world. Focusing on education, the black family, health, and economics, Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters implement programs to meet the needs of individual communities.

In attendance, Rev. Dr. Rachel D. Stephens (President), Pamela Thomas

(Vice President), Dr. Bettie J. Glenn, Ms. Bertha Boykin Todd, Ms. Rita D. Todd, Mrs. Evelyn Kelly, Ms. Ivy L. Murrain, Mrs. Marguerite W. Murrain, Mrs. Cynthia J. Brown, Ms. Delores F. Davis, Mrs. Barbara C. Kane, Ms. E. Nadine Shipman, Ms. Adrena Henry, Ms. Shawn Thatch, Ms. Ann Mitchell and Ms. Irma R. Quinn.

North Carolina Connections Academy opens enrollment for 2016-17 School Year

Virtual Public School adds 10th grade to serve students in grades K-10; Offers info sessions across the state

North Carolina Connections Academy, a tuition-free online public school, is now enrolling students in grades K-10 for the 2016-17 school year. Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, North Carolina Connections Academy will add tenth grade to its high school program, and will continue adding subsequent grade levels each school year.

For families interested in learning more about the high-quality online program, the school will be hosting free information sessions-both online and in-person. Online sessions will begin March 1 and in-person events will begin April 7. A complete schedule of events is available on the school's website.

North Carolina Connections Academy, currently in its first year, is a virtual public school under the North

Carolina Office of Charter Schools, Department of Public Instruction. It brings full-time, public education to students across the state, and enables students to learn from wherever there is an Internet connection. North Carolina-certified teachers work closely with students and Learning Coaches-a parent or other adult-to develop customized study programs that meet student's individual needs. Currently, North Carolina Connections Academy serves approximately 1500 students and the cap will be increased to 1800 students for the 2016-17 school year.

"North Carolina Connections Academy is excited to be entering our second year," said Nathan Currie, principal at North Carolina Connections Academy. "Over the past year, we've seen our students thrive in our unique learning envi-

ronment. We look forward to welcoming new students and families into our school and to helping them achieve academic success."

North Carolina Connections Academy free information sessions will give students and parents an opportunity to explore the online program and curriculum, connect with administrators, teachers and other NCCA families, learn about the individualized approach to education and get an understanding of the enrollment process, among other topics.

To learn about the eligibility requirements for enrollment in North Carolina Connections Academy, visit the school's website. For a complete schedule of dates, locations and events, please visit www.NorthCarolinaConnectionsAcademy.com/Events.

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Celebrate the life of Mr. Terry Bernard Crummy

Mr. Terry Bernard Crummy was born September 9, 1952 to Mrs. Norma Martin Crummy and the late Mr. Abraham Crummy of Wilmington, North Carolina. Terry was educated in the New Hanover County School system and graduated from John T. Hoggard High school in 1970. Later he continued his education at Cape Fear Technical Institute. Terry served in the United States Army which included a tour of duty in the Vietnam War. After leaving the Army he became a truck driver with Epes Transport until retirement.

Terry was united in holy matrimony with the love of his life, Mrs. Linda F. Crummy and they resided in Palmetto, Georgia. Terry departed his earthly home to his mansion in the sky on February 19, 2016 at the Doctors' Hospice in Fayetteville, Georgia. Terry was a gentle gentleman and had a love for everyone he met.

Terry leaves to cherish precious memories of his life, a devoted and loving wife, Mrs. Linda F. Crummy, a caring mother, Mrs. Norma M. Crummy; three sons, Nathaniel Abraham Crummy, Maverick (Renee) Bishop, and Likinski (Kimwona) Mobley; two daughters, Kara (Chandar) Freeman, Kimberly (Jerry) Knight; two sisters, Vernell C. Burns, Rev. Norma Jean (Donnie) Frink; seven grandchildren, Austin, Konstance, Robert Javon, Chandar Jr., Jordyn, Bryson, Makenzie; two uncles, Albert Martin, Dalton (Louise) Martin, two aunts, Lillie (David) Robinson, Lizzie Pearl Crummy; two sister-in-laws, Betty (Lawrence) Rogers, Minister Jennifer (Gary) Jean, and host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Mr. Terry B. Crummy's funeral was held on February 26, 2016 at the New City Church, Fairburn, Georgia with Pastor Gilbert Kelly, Presiding and Rev. Jerald Crummy, Officiating. The family of Mr. Crummy would like to acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, the prayers, the comforting messages and other expressions of kindness during Mr. Crummy's illness and time of bereavement.

Joe Canty

Joe Nathan Canty, 73, of Navassa, NC died Thursday, January 21, 2016 at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 335 Main Street, Navassa, NC. Burial followed in Mears Cemetery. Davis Funeral Home

Joe Nathan Canty 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. Davis Funeral Home.

Marguerite Kirby

Marguerite Kirby, 69, of Wilmington, North Carolina died Monday, January 25, 2016 at the Beacon Place Hospice Care Center, Greensboro, NC. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Davis Funeral Home.

Marguerite Walker Kirby, the daughter of the late Freddie and Catherine Hankins, departed her life on Monday, January 25, 2016, in Greensboro, North Carolina. Marguerite was born March 5, 1946 in Wilmington, North Carolina and later moved to Chinquapin, NC. After graduating from Charity High School in Rose Hill, NC in 1964, she moved back to Wilmington, North Carolina. Marguerite fell in love and married George Winston Pierre Kirby, II in 1964 and gave birth to two much loved children.

During her life she enjoyed a career at Corning Glass for 45 years as an extremely

knowledgeable and hard-working associate. To many she was referred to as "Momma" or "Kirby."

Marguerite enjoyed reading mystery novels; however, the love in her heart was a mystery to none. She was respected by both friends and family.

Sister Marguerite was an active member at Mt. Moriah United Holy Church. She was a faithful member until her health began to decline. She strongly believed in caring for family, not just for her own children, but also for those of her siblings and closest friends. Sister Marguerite gave memories that will last every family member and friend a lifetime.

Marguerite spent her final days in the comfort of her loved ones, enjoying her favorite treats of Hardee's iced tea, chicken biscuits, and Reese's Cups.

Marguerite was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Walker and Freddie Hankins, Jr., two sisters, Henrietta and Jeanette and two great-grandchildren DéQuan Anderson and Christina Anderson.

Marguerite leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, George (Tim) Winston Pierre Kirby, III (Veronica) of Wilmington, North Carolina and Marcus Kenyetta Douglas Kirby (Andrea) of Greensboro, North Carolina; two sisters Elaine Jones (Woody) of Roxboro, North Carolina and Dorothy Green (Elder Fred, Jr.) of Castle Hayne, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Brandon Kirby (Mariel) of Wake Forest, North Carolina, Mara Kirby of Greensboro, North Carolina, Quinetta Kirby of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Montrel Jones of Wilmington, North Carolina; great-grandchildren, Devonté Anderson, Micah Kirby, Gabriel Mitchell, Zyon Jones, Montrel Jones Jr and Zadien Jones; special friends, April Webb, Blanca Joseph, Andria Tyson, Alma Richburg, and Katina Murray; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Davis Funeral Home.

Henry Donaldson

Henry Donaldson, 92, of Wilmington, NC died Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were Monday, February 1, 2016 at New Beginnings Christian Church, 1120 Alex Trask Drive, Castle Hayne, NC. Burial followed Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC.

Henry Donaldson was born on Wednesday, August 22nd, 1923, in Winnabow, NC. He was the son of the late Leonard M. Donaldson and Blanche Brinson Donaldson. Henry moved to Wilmington, NC in 1939. He attended Williston Industrial High School, where he met the love of his life, Laura Leola Shepard. They were married on September 4, 1943.

To this union was born three children, Joyce Lenora, Edward Jerome, and Lana

Alexis. After graduating from Williston, Henry was drafted into the United States Army on September 10, 1943 and served in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. He achieved the rank of TEC5 and was discharged from the Army on February 5, 1946. Henry studied brick masonry during his time at Williston Industrial and became a brick mason after returning from the war. He left his home in Wilmington and worked throughout the South on major construction sites in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Washington, DC. While working in Georgia, he attended Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta one Sunday morning and sat a few feet from Martin Luther King, Jr. as he preached his initial sermon. He often spoke about that amazing experience and brush with history.

After travelling extensively Henry became more focused on his growing family and construction work in Wilmington, building a solid reputation as a master brick mason. He partnered with the late Enoch Nixon and together they built homes and commercial buildings that stand to this day. The quality of their work was renowned throughout southeastern North Carolina, generating high demand for their services. During this time, he became a more active member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, where he sang on the Celestial Choir and served as a trustee and deacon until 1993. He left Ebenezer in 1993 to become a founding member of New Beginnings Christian Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Keith B. Wiley.

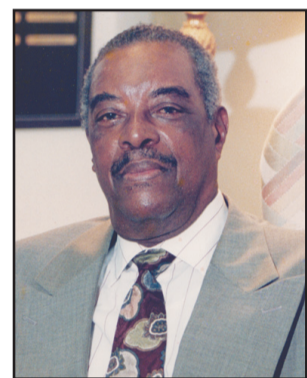
In addition to brick masonry, Henry developed a second career as a longshoreman, where he rose to the rank of a header, in charge of a gang. He often worked alternatively between brick masonry and longshoreman work at the ports. In the latter stages of his work life, he focused on working as a longshoreman where he retired at the age of 65.

Henry Donaldson was a man among men who was trusted and admired. He was loyal and

dependable, and his word was his bond. He was strong, intelligent, handsome, an artisan, and a hard worker. He was a devoted husband to Laura, his beautiful wife of 63 years, and was the epitome of a father to his children: strict but loving, fiercely protective and always giving. According to his grandchildren, he was "the best grandpa in the whole wide world!". He loved the Lord, the Word of the Lord and loved serving the Lord. His love of the Lord and unwavering personal commitment to live his life by his Word was evident to all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Joyce Lenora Allen and Lana Alexis Taylor; one son, Reverend Edward Jerome (Janice) Donaldson; six grandchildren: Arnold Bradford Taylor; Cori Michelle (Alcide) Honoré, Dominique Sadé, Lauren Carré, Don Henri-Pierre, and Gabrielle Anjelica-Janice Donaldson; two great-grandchildren: Adyn Michelle and Ace Bradley Honoré, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and dear friends. Davis Funeral Home.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



It is with grateful appreciation that we extend our sincere thanks to all for your presence, your deeds of kindness, flowers, calls, visits, expressions of love and messages of comfort, extended to us during the illness and passing of our loved ones, Clarence David Hill, Sr. May God's grace and mercy shine upon each of you and may He forever keep you in His care.

The Family

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**Mattie Mae Session
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How God Created Mother

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The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The beauty of a twilight hour
The soul of a starry night
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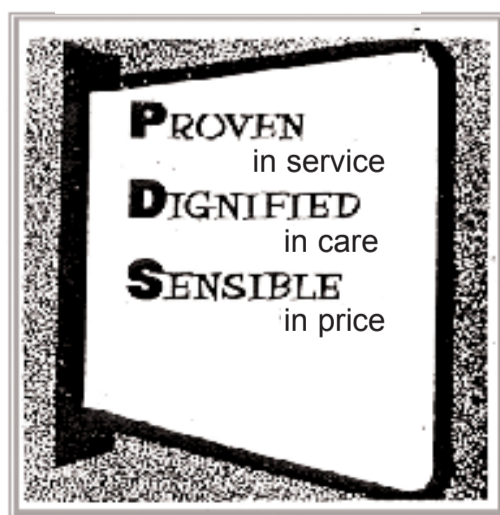
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Barry Smith & Company will present their 1st Anniversary and CD "On My Way Home" Release program on Sunday, March 13th at Freedoms Way Ministries, 1952 Dawson St. at 4:00 p.m. Featuring Dr. Lammauel Boykin & Company, Mt. Zion MBC Combined Choir, Blessed Nation, Brothers of Harmony and Union MBC Mass Choir. For more information please contact Barry Smith at 910-550-7475 or Elder Cedric Tindall at 910-367-3601.

Religious Briefs

Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C., 4th and Marsteller Sts., will hold their Annual Women's Day on Thursday, March 10th and Friday, March 11th. The guest speaker will be Apostle Delmarva Johnson of Warriors of Christ Church. On Sunday, March 13th the guest speaker at 11:00 a.m. will be pastor Barbara Powell of House of Prayer and Deliverance of Whiteville, NC.

Gods Comprehensive Outreach Coalition (GCOC) will present a community outreach fellowship at the MLK Center, 401 S. 8th St. on Saturday, March 19th from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Free food, drinks, gospel singing, praise dancers, resources for children, youth, veterans and seniors. Contact Bishop Edward G. Williams, Sr. at 910-540-6835 for more information.

Lighthouse Shining Ministries, 6622 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their Pastor Appreciation service, "Love is as Love Does", for Rev. Dr. Mary L. Benjamin from Monday, March 14th- Friday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The speakers will be Apostle Ben Pittman-Monday, Pastor Donovan Taylor-Tuesday, Dr. Joyce Jones-Wednesday, Pasotr Lorenzo Edge-Thursday and Dr. Lorraine Cooper-Friday.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 So. 12th St., will host their annual Youth Revival, Thursday March 17th- Sunday, March 20th. There will be speakers from NC, SC and VA. Thursday and Friday services will start at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, March 19th the Youth Block Celebration will begin at 12:00 noon, which will include praise dancers, steppers, singers street band and a Moment of Silence remembering one of their youth Shane Simpson. On Sunday at 3:00 p.m. the revival will finalize with a speaker from Rose Hill, NC.

Brunswick County

Brown's Chapel AME Zion, 725 Jabber Town Rd., Southport, will celebrate Trustee Day on Sunday, March 13th at 3:00 p.m. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Gonzales L. Harris of Walter's Chapel AME Zion Church, Bolton, NC.

Moore's Chapel, 1490 Village Rd., Leland, NC will be having their Ushers Anniversary on March 13, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Patricia Smith and the St. James AMEZ church family of Southport will be the guest and various usher boards. Also on March 20, 2016 Moore's Chapel will be having a musical program featuring various choirs and praise dancers at 3:00pm.

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries is accepting clothing donations are being accepted 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.

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

Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP
Birthday celebrations

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Senior Citizens' Fellowship would have gladly declared on the morning of March 9, 2016, "O what a beautiful morning! O what a beautiful day!" We were so happy to exclaim, "God has smiled on us again." We met again this morning, this time for our birthday celebrations and fine fellowship at Pat's Wings for lunch. We were excited, as usual, to meet once again. We opened with greetings from Vice President Gladys Taylor. Minister Doris McQuillan came forth and expressed that "This is the day the Lord has made and we should rejoice

and be glad in it." She prayed the opening prayer and asked God's blessings over the food.

Then we sang "This Is the Day That the Lord has made!" Announcements were made, and the sick report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. We were then blessed with a wonderful lunch. We had a drawing for many good gifts. We all got what we wanted.

Afterward, we all went home to relax. Our shoppers were Mrs. Mary Green, Ms. Cherrie Pearson, Mrs. Sheila Ross, Mrs. Mildred Ellerby and Mrs. Wilimena Lord. We were glad to have Mrs. Leola McIntyre with us today. She just celebrated her 88th birthday on February 29, 20. We had prayer and we were dismissed.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Say a prayer for Rufus Johnson

My Fellow Seniors:

This has been a very hectic week for me. I finally got my husband checked into the hospital on Wednesday afternoon, and then I almost made a terrible blunder. I was about to write an article saying my husband's wallet had walked away from the hospital. I thought he had it with him when he was admitted into the hospital, but, as it turned out, he had put it away before leaving the house. So I called back to the hospital and told the operator to let everyone know that I apologized. We can rest assured that wallets never walk away from New Hanover Hospital.

By the way, my grandson

will be getting married soon. It will be a grand affair. People will be coming from as far

away as Providence, RI. I surely hope my husband will be back on his feet by then, so that we can attend this once in a lifetime event. I also want to let you know we will be visiting a few churches in the area. We are searching for one that has decided to put something more on the table. We will not change our membership, but if your church is having Community Sunday, we would like to know about



Ruth Johnson

it. My husband and I have been studying the Bible for a combined total of one hundred and forty years. I'm not saying we know everything. We will always do Bible study, but I still wish we could spend some time talking about present day issues that we now face alone.

The church is our family. It is the only group to which we truly belong. Therefore, we need to talk about everything from the candidates to the neighborhood, from homeless men to hungry children. We also have personal issues, such as memory loss and mild confusion. No one goes to the doctor at the very beginning. We tend to stay in denial until the situation gets

worse, but there are things we could do to improve our memory. If it is too soon to get personal, a group discussion would help.

I was very glad to see one church going into the community and reaching out to the children during the month of February, but I still believe more young people would come to church if we had more to offer.

Say a prayer for Rufus Johnson. He is still in the hospital, still being tested. I believe it is more anxiety than anything else, but that could lead to heart trouble. So keep the family in prayer.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Rebellion"

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." I Samuel 15: 23:a

Rebellion - Resistance to authority; Defiance against a government through uprising and revolt
Sedition - Causing of discontent against a government
Seduction - To persuade to disobedience and disloyalty
Anarchism - A theory that all government is undesirable

Rebellion is nothing new. We read about it in the bible in Isaiah 14:12-15, "O How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, Son of the Morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yes thou shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."



Sylvia Hooper

When Lucifer rebelled against God's Almighty authority, his pride and haughty spirit brought him lower than the lowest. He did not recognize the Power of God. He did not respect the Power of God. He did not understand the Power of God. He did not comprehend the ways nor the thoughts of God,

and he fooled himself! Blinded by pride and ambition, he seduced himself into thinking he could pull it off, get away with it, and his angels were cast out with him.

"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." Matthew 23:12

God's word tells us how God feels about authority. His command is simple and straightforward. No need to try to twist and turn it. Satan knows that disobedience to God's Word will weaken our nation. So the enemy through appealing to the carnal mind, convinces us to disobey God, and reap the consequences. The Church of Jesus Christ is convinced that He said what he meant, and he meant what he said. "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." I Timothy 2:1-3

"Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: The powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shall

have praise of the same." Romans 13:1-3

Our nation is under an attack of spiritual warfare. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood. (Ephesians chapter 6) Even though we are tempted and tried, we must guard our hearts from being seduced into accepting or receiving the spirit of rebellion, which might be compared to the opening of Pandora's box. A Greek mythology Pandora received a "gift" of a jar which she was told never to open. Her curiosity got the better of her. She opened the lid, and out came its contents; all the evils of human life.

The Body of Christ must watch and pray and not be caught up with the seduction of a spirit of rebellion. We need to pray against that spirit overtaking our government, and thereby endangering us all. We should pray for those who are being led by pride and driven by blind ambition and fear based politics to gain office by any means necessary.

Everything that feels good is not good for you, and rebellion is not good for our nation. God is still in control, and when the rebellious, seek to undermine God, and still work for him, they are creating an uncontrollable situation which will cause confusion, calamity and grief in the end. Sin always takes you further than you intend to go, and keeps you longer than you intend to stay. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God." I John 4:1 There is a difference between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.: I John 4:18-21 Tell Somebody!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jackson-ville, 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 PWE. 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!

Wilmington District Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society highlights children and youth and honors senior trailblazers

BY DELMA S. JONES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On February 20, 2016 the Wilmington District celebrated Black History Month in a very creative and unique way... "A Generational Showcase of Talent." St. Luke AME Zion Church was filled to capacity as the Wilmington District Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society presented a children and youth extravaganza and honored over 115 senior citizens, trailblazers, ages 80 and up from our district churches. The gathering of children, youth and seniors was a wonderful opportunity for each generation to be an encouragement for each other and to show appreciation for the variety of talents that make up this great Africa Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

The devotions for the afternoon were presided over by Mrs. Detra Johnson, secretary of Youth Missionaries. She presented the 60 voice District Children's Choir, organized by Buds Superintendent, Mrs. Tessie Robinson and accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Monnie Swepson and the Bells Ensemble of St. Mark AME Zion Church of Whiteville. The choir captivated us all with their rendition of, "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The melodious voices of these children, "messengers of peace", were such an inspi-



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PRESIDING ELDER EMERITUS OF THE
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ration as this song reverberated throughout the sanctuary proclaiming to each of us, "LET THERE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME!"

The children and youth from across the district showcased their talent with the following presentations: Instrumental solos, Samaria Smith; piano, Devonte

Frazier; clarinet, Harold Boyd; trombone, vocal solos: Xzavier Ballard and Grant Oliver; Black History Readings: Jessica Franks, Shecoria Smith, Isaiah Bell, Jasmine Young and Shavona Ballard; Liturgical Dancers from St. Phillip, Warner Temple, Price Cathedral and Evergreen.

Mrs. Delma Jones, district



ST. PHILLIP LITURGICAL DANCERS

president of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society and Presiding Elder of The Wilmington District the Rev. Alexander L. Jones, concluded the extravaganza with the presentation of our senior citizen trailblazers. Within the 23 churches that comprise the Wilmington District there are over 115 senior citizens, 80 and over. As a district we wanted our children and youth to see those upon whose shoulders we stand, these are the ones that are the TRAILBLAZERS of this district. On this occasion we honored them because we have seen how their faithfulness to God, their family,

church and community allowed them to make great strides to improve the quality of life for all of us. Each was presented with a certificate that read:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
TRAILBLAZER AWARD

For your Longevity, Outstanding and Meritorious Service Given to your Church, the Wilmington District and The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, The Wilmington District expresses our sincere Thanks, Gratitude and Appreciation for all you have done through the years.

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TRAILBLAZER

Talent presentations were given by the following trailblazers: Musical selections by Brothers Claude Blair and Timothy Robbins, Sister Fleta Brooks, Lula Register and Rev. Delores Halsey. A poem by Paul Lawrence Dunbar was read by Mrs. Posey Johnson. The Rev. Aaron Moore, the 96 year old Presiding Elder Emeritus of the Cape Fear Conference concluded the program with singing his favorite song, "I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand." We are truly thankful for how God blessed our efforts. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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This 25th of February, 2016

Craig Brooksby, Executor
2474 Walnut St. #256
Cary, NC 27518

February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016

**NOTICE OF EXECUTOR OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
ESTATE OF WILLIAM WILSON,
JR.
14-E-1352**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF **WILLIAM WILSON, JR.** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **June 3, 2016** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 3rd day of March, 2016.

WILLIAM J. WILSON
Executor of the Estate of
WILLIAM WILSON, JR.
SAFFO LAW FIRM, P.C.
5900-B Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
File No. 16 JT 48**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
E.J.T. (DOB: 01-11-2016)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN JACKSONVILLE, 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 children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following **March 10, 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 28, 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 3rd day of March, 2016.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
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March 10, 17, 24, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Gretchen S. Mitchell**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of February, 2016

Richard Mitchell aka Richard L. Mitchell, Executor of the Estate of Gretchen S. Mitchell
8526 Reising Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
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Wilmington, NC 28403

February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Marvin David Newton**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of June, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of March, 2016

Marvin David Newton Pustanio (aka Marvin David Newton, Jr.)
Administrator CTA of Marvin David Newton
P.O. Box 31326
San Francisco, CA 94131
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
File No. 16 JT 28**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
J.P.R.(DOB: 12-04-2015)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN BOLIVIA, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 25, 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 28, 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 25th day of February, 2016.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
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February 25, March 3, 10, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Wayne Victor Venters II**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **25th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of February, 2016

George Cole Venters, Executor of the Estate of Wayne Victor Venter, II
905 Williamson Drive
Raleigh, NC 27608
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Wilmington, NC 28403

February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S
In Re The Estate of Robert
Williams, Deceased**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Robert Williams**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **06/10/2016** -- or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, March 3, 2016.

Nikki M. Robinson-Williams,
Personal Representative
c/o Sherman & Rodgers, PLLC
Attorney for the Personal Representative
8120 River Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 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 262**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
K.R.F. (dob: 9/25/2012)**

TO: RESPONDENT: AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILD BORN IN THE COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA, SOUTH DAKOTA, TO SARA ELIZABETH FORD

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 February 25, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR April 11, 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 25th day of February, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services

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**PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT
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The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) is reopening bid # RFY15.17 for Landscaping .Please go to www.wha.net for bid package and further information. Bids are due by March 18, 2016 9am

March 10 , 17, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Marilyn Giedemann Rogers**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of February, 2016

Theodore Martin Giedemann, Executor of the Estate of Marilyn Giedemann Rogers
160 Beawood Road
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
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February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2016

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Helena R. Ward**, late of 8532 Bald Eagle Lane, Wilmington, 28411, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **3rd day of June, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 1st. day of March, 2016.

Annette Whited
Administer of the Estate of Helena R. Ward
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS PA
509 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
James Wilson McCarthy, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **James Wilson McCarthy**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **June 10, 2016**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of March, 2016.

John F. McCarthy, III
Executor of the Estate of James Wilson McCarthy
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

A special meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, March 14th at 1:00 PM in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting is for the TAC to hold a retreat to develop a Strategic Plan for the Wilmington Urban Area MPO.

The TAC is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The TAC sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

March 10, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JoAnn Durner Hoyt**, New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said JoAnn Durner Hoyt to present them to John K. Hoyt, 6733 Cable Carr Lane, Wilmington, NC 28403 as Executor by **June 15, 2016** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 10th of March, 2016

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

March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
File No. 16 JT 39**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
J.C.D.W. (DOB: 12-03-2015)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 25, 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 28, 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 25th day of February, 2016.

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

February 25, March 3, 10, 2016

**Notice of Sale to Enforce
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6130 Carolina Beach Road
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Place of the sale:
Courthouse Steps, Princess Street side
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Date and hour when the sale is to be held:
10:00 AM
28 March 2016

March 10 ,17, 2016

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ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality
TV Talk
By
Marquesa
LaDawn



I must admit that channel surfing several years ago, I popped in an episode of the Real Housewives. I initially judged and acted outraged and planned to turn the channel. But I couldn't, it was just too polarizing and real. I remember these questions going through my mind:

- Why would anyone put themselves on blast like this?
- I wonder how much that house costs?
- Is she really spending that much money on a trinket?
- She seems lonely and desperate, now I get it?
- I could never... really? This is so good
- I appreciate her honesty, but gosh this is embarrassing.

And the list continues... then I found myself, recording episodes in fear of missing them. Yearning to know what happens next. Then before I knew it, I was hooked on several Real Housewives shows.

Let's break down what's addictive...

The luxury...
Do you remember Yolanda's refrigerator from "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills"? Heck it has its on Twitter account. One of the newest housewives on that show is Erica Jayne, married to the famed attorney who won the Eric Brockovich case. She has a church, which I don't think she uses, in her house, just because. Lisa Vanderpump on the same show is a show stopper; she actually has a mini petting zoo, right in front of her house.

It's not just the houses, it's the lifestyle. The meals, the clothes, the venues, the cars, it never ends.

The vacations...
It's common practice to see the every Real Housewife franchise cast mates go on vacations together. Knowing that they would never do that in real life, but there are numerous benefits!

- Luxurious hotels are always nice to see;
- Fabulous meals are being served that make your mouth water;
- Close quarters with nowhere to go, or family to run to, creates drama on steroids
- There's often too much drinking, which brings out the feisty personality in everyone
- There's often company that mixes things up, like on a recent Real Housewives of Atlanta episode, when one of the wives brought in their rude but grown nephews. This led to a confrontation with Kenya and one of the nephews knocking out his aunt when she tried to intervene.

The break ups...
OMG! Very few marriages survive the attention. I think of Porsha (RHOA), she didn't have a chance. She entered the show as a stepford wife and a few seasons later, she divorced and showed a wild side. What about Tamara from RHOC, she's still feeling the pain of her nasty divorce and she's remarried.

One of the more recent is Phaedra (RHOA); her husband will be locked up for eight years, she's must do something. Teresa Giudice, (RHONJ) who just completed, her prison time, is still committed to her marriage, even though, Joe, is going away this month for three years. I'm reading her book now!

The most famous divorce of The Real Housewives, comes from New York City; Bethenny Frankel is still fighting, nearly four years later for her money.

The Paycheck...
Let's be real, this is the "why" for most of the housewives behind fame! But, if they are smart, strategic and savvy, the paycheck can grow infinitely. How you ask?

- Creating their own product - Skinny girl anyone? You do know this is a million dollar company several times over?
- Endorsements - well, this is not just for the sports guys
- Drama on steroids gets you a lot of camera time and big paychecks. Ask Nene, still Queen Bee in that world;
- Other shows - you are now famous and other shows will leverage that fame!
- Books - Yep, I'm reading Teresa Giudice's book now, interesting so far.
- Spinoff shows - Lisa Vanderpump, Kandi Business
- Hit songs in spite of talent - Kim Zolciak, Luanne de Lespess and Kenya Moore

and the list continues!
Bottom line, whether we can relate or we just judge, it's addictive!
Marquesa LaDawn is a professional businesswoman who escapes the pressures of living in New York City by retreating into the real world of reality TV. Follow her on twitter @realityshougirl, Periscope and subscribe to her podcast at www.RealityTVGirl.com.

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