

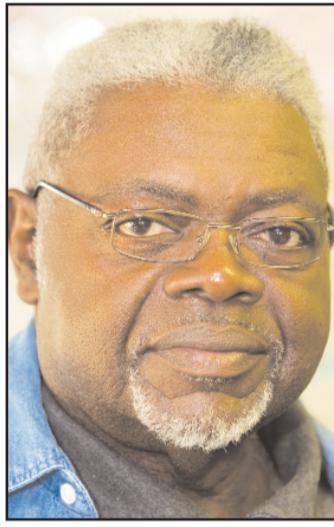


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**JUSTICE AND  
FAIRNESS,  
PLEASE!**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It was brought to my attention about young men in Brunswick County Jail who have been there over a year and have never had the chance to see a judge. It's not my duty to check on these people, but, as they complain, I will go to find out what problems they might have. The number one problem in most of the jails is food and individual treatment, and I know that the jail is confining and sometimes harsh, but the jail is only the holding place. The problem is the system that puts them there for long periods of time. I don't know the guilt or innocence of these people, but the law requires a speedy trial with fair and equal treatment under the law. We must stay alert toward our brothers and sisters who may or may not make a mistake that lands them in jail. They are still somebody and still have rights as citizens. Our people have been treated very unfairly and are still being mistreated only because of the color of their skin. We have fought for justice, fairness, and the truth, not for hate or a racist society. The law has outlawed slavery! Jim Crow has been defeated! Now voter rights are under attack in today's system of government, along with the problems we now face.

Where do you stand?

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

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## GOP leaders treat McCrory like "trained pet", says Voller

BY CASH MICHAELS  
*OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL*

With all eyes looking towards the 2016 election season, there is little doubt that first-term Republican Gov. Pat McCrory faces a tough re-election campaign.

North Carolina's unemployment rate has risen for the past five months in a row and is currently higher than the national average.

The latest figures on the education front show that students aren't progressing academically statewide as many had hoped.

And the Republican-led NC General Assembly is still nowhere near a fiscal 2016 budget agreement for a state budget that was supposed

to be signed, sealed and delivered by July 1st. Normally when such a legislative impasse crops up, it is the sitting governor who acts as the referee to settle all disputes and move both House and Senate towards reasonable compromises that benefit constituents.

Most observers agree that normally such action on the part of a governor demonstrates strong leadership and vision. But given that Republicans lead both the Legislature and the Executive Mansion, what many thought at first would be a semblance of workable relationships have instead turned into hard-to-ignore incidents of disrespect between all sides, especially towards the governor.

Members of the state Senate have been quoted as saying that Gov. McCrory has "no" role in budget negotiations and have openly questioned his leadership.

"The governor's comments about the General Assembly are sophomoric and borne out of ignorance and a lack of knowledge," quipped New Bern Republican Rep. Michael Speciale on Facebook earlier this year.

Sen. Tom Apodaca, powerful GOP chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, told the *Asheville Citizen-Times* that the governor, "...doesn't play much of a role in

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GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY



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(left to right) Osamu "Simon" Nagata, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Toyota North America Inc.; Jasmine Cooper, and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.



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## UNCW student Jasmine Cooper receives \$75,000 Jackson Sr. Fellows Scholarship

BY THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS  
UNC WILMINGTON

UNC sophomore Jasmine Cooper's drive to excel has earned her a \$75,000 Jesse L. Jackson Sr. Fellows Scholarship as well as an internship and mentorship with Toyota.

Cooper is one of 10 engineering and business college students from across the country selected to receive the first-ever Jesse L. Jackson Sr. Fellows Scholarship, sponsored by Toyota and Rainbow PUSH Excel. She will also have the opportunity to work at one of Toyota's facilities to gain valuable, real-world experience and be paired with a mentor from Toyota management to help guide her through the next three years of college. The company's goal is to prepare students for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) jobs. The 10 finalists' studies range from business finance and marketing to chemical and mechanical engineering.

"I am honored to receive the Jesse L. Jackson Fellows Scholarship," said Cooper, a Raleigh resident. "I am thankful for Toyota and Mr. Jackson for

expressing their sincere care for minority students to excel in their education."

Cooper is enrolled in the NC State Engineering 2+2 Transfer Program, which allows students to complete the first two years of an engineering degree at UNCW, then transfer to N.C. State University to complete their undergraduate engineering degree. She plans to major in industrial engineering.

"Industrial engineering challenges me to think, to be creative and efficient simultaneously," she said. "As an aspiring law student, I do believe that this rigor and level of critical thinking will assist me in becoming a successful intellectual property lawyer."

Scholarship recipients will receive \$25,000 each year for a maximum three-year period. In order to receive the award each year, the students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

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## Martin makes a difference in education through human resources

BY THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS  
UNC WILMINGTON

Rosalynn Martin planned to become an educator, like her father before her, but a chance opportunity in human resources prompted this "people person" to reimagine her dream job.

"I thought I would be a business education teacher, and I did teach

part-time, but I also took a job with an airport authority as a personnel clerk - that should tell you how far back I go," she said with a laugh. "We still called it the 'personnel department' then."

Over the years, Martin's leadership opportunities grew as the field of human resources grew. She has

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## Swinney helps student-athletes excel on and off the field

BY THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS  
UNC WILMINGTON

As a young girl, Adrienne Swinney set a goal to become the first female to play in the NBA, but an injury during her junior year in high school ended her basketball dreams. That did not quell Swinney's desire to make athletics a career. She focused on athletic training, and

later became the first African American student-trainer at Mississippi State University.

She continued to grow in the field, eventually joining UNCW in April 2014 as senior associate athletic director before being promoted to deputy athletic director.

"I have always had a passion for

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nearly 20 years of experience as a senior human resources officer in corporate, municipal and higher education environments, in addition to a bachelor's degree from Alcorn State University, an MBA from Jackson State University and an Ed.D. from the University of Memphis. In February 2015, Martin was named associate vice chancellor for human resources at UNCW, which employs more than 2,000, making it one of the largest employers in southeastern North Carolina.

"When I got into higher education, the light switch came on in my mind, and I realized that I could make a

difference in education as a human resources professional," she recalled.

The quality of the faculty and staff at UNCW brought Martin to Wilmington from Jacksonville State University, where she was the director of human resources. Her task now, she said, is to focus on retaining talented employees while recruiting even more of the "best and brightest" to join the university.

"I am excited to be here at UNCW," she said. "We're going to empower people. We're going to engage them in the life of the university. We're going to give them the tools to develop their professional skills. We're going to help them support our mission of being a student-centered school."

## GOP

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anything."

And still another prominent Republican charged that McCrory doesn't "understand what his job is."

Both leaders of the House and Senate are still miffed that McCrory won a lawsuit against them months ago saying that they unconstitutionally encroached on his ability to appoint members to the various state boards and commissions.

And the governor has openly chided the Legislature on several measures passed, like allowing magistrates to refuse to marry same-sex couples in contradiction to federal law based on religious objections. Indeed, McCrory vetoed the legislation, only to have it overridden.

Pat McCrory, once the moderate longtime mayor of Charlotte, needs to sure up his conservative credentials in order to lockup the state's right-wing base for re-election, observers say, but with members of his own party giving him a hard time and insinuating that he is a weak leader, his work is cut out for him.

And then there is what former NC Democratic Party Chairman Randolph Voller called McCrory's "spotty record." While the governor has had some success from an improving economy and more jobs coming to the state, he's had some notable failures, critics say, including cutting job benefits; not expanding Medicaid coverage to 500,000 poor North Carolinians; and what many say was his clumsy handling of the coal ash spills by Duke Power, the company where he worked for 28 years.

Also several of the governor's appointed cabinet members consistently embarrassed McCrory and ultimately had to leave his administration under a cloud.

Dr. Aldona Wos recently left as secretary of NC Health and Human Services after the agency botched Medicaid management, payments to hospitals and faced allegations of hiring political friends at extraordinary salaries carry out what were normally considered staff duties.

Tony Tata abruptly left as secretary of Transportation amid controversy that he was too partisan in the job, and spent valuable time nur-



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## SWINNEY

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athletics," she said. "It never feels like work because I am doing what I love."

Each day, Swinney walks into her office with the goal to make UNCW better. While the common priorities of

## ADRIANNE SWINNEY

being strategic, accountable and resourceful sit atop her daily to-do-list, building quality relationships and partnerships campus and community-wide ranks highest, she said.

"The investment and commitment to providing a holistic, quality experience for our student-athletes is not

only preparing them to win a championship, but to win the championship of life. We hope that they will always remember that UNCW and UNCW Athletics played an important role to help develop them into responsible agents of positive change in the community."

## COOPER

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throughout the school year.

"Toyota is proud to recognize and invest in the outstanding academic achievements of these 10 scholars," said Simon Nagata, chief administrative

officer, Toyota North America. "The commitment to community service and personal excellence of these future leaders is truly inspiring, and we are excited to be a part of their journey."

Twenty semi-finalists went through a rigorous selection process, which

included onsite interviews with Rainbow PUSH Excel representatives and Toyota's executive and management teams in northern Kentucky. Students received their awards at the annual Rainbow PUSH Back-to-School Rally in Chicago in August 2015.

"We are extremely proud of these students and are passionate about lifting any burden or obstacle that may prevent these distinguished students from reaching their highest potential," said the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

"Students who prove themselves capable and eager deserve every opportunity within reach to become all they set out to be in life. We thank Toyota for their generous support and for sharing in our vision to improve the academic lives of these students."



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The remains of Nancy Green, the original Aunt Jemima, lie in section R3 a less attractive area in Oak Woods Cemetery that's also one of the oldest portion in the burial ground.

## Aunt Jemima found after nearly 100 years

*Far from the elaborate crypts at Chicago's prominent Oak Woods Cemetery, the original Aunt Jemima lies in an unmarked grave in an area that's more fit for the forgotten*

BY ERICK JOHNSON  
OF THE CHICAGO CRUSADER

(NNPA)- Her name was Nancy Green.

Away from the elaborate tombs and ornate grave markers bearing the prominent names of national celebrities, Chicago's upper class and Black elite, she has been buried for nearly 100 years somewhere in Oak Woods Cemetery in Woodlawn.

But for decades, no one knew where her grave was located. She never had a marker or headstone. She was born a slave, but rose to become a fascinating American success story. During her illustrious life, she was the original Aunt Jemima, whose face was on the label of millions of syrup bottles in American

kitchens and supermarkets.

In life, Green had fame and fortune. But in death, she lies in obscurity. While the exquisite crypts and graves of Chicago's first Black mayor Harold Washington; Ebony magazine publisher John H. Johnson; and Olympian Jesse Owens attract thousands of visitors, Green would remain six feet under for decades in an area more fitting for the forgotten.

Amid the remains of politicians, business moguls, sports legends, and journalists, lie a woman whose legacy may suffer from a career portraying a "mammy" archetype that many today view as demeaning to Black women.

But in her time, Green parlayed her talents to sell a product to millions of Americans at a time when

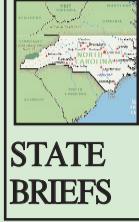
opportunities were few for people of color. With her success, Green is considered an important figure in Black history.

Though without a marker, Green's significant impact on American culture, Chicago's rich Black history and efforts to desegregate Oak Woods Cemetery during the Jim Crow era, would fade long after the Great Depression, World War II and the Civil Rights Movement have ended. Her mysterious and humble burial would earn her fame in death that would rival the fame and reputation she gained in life.

Longtime Chicago resident Sherrie Williams said she had been searching for

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## NC NAACP LEADS HUNDREDS TO RALLY FOR VOTING RIGHTS



[RALEIGH] With the "Journey to Justice" marchers coming through North Carolina last week on their

860-mile walk to Washington, DC, the NC NAACP welcomed them with several events, culminating with a mass rally in Raleigh's Bicentennial Plaza last week focusing on voting rights. National NAACP Pres. Cornell Brooks joined NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber in calling for state laws restricting the right to vote to be repealed because they disproportionately suppress the voting rights of blacks. The state Republican Party countered that blacks had no problem voting in the 2014 elections.

## PERSON COUNTY STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOLS AFTER ILLNESS OUTBREAK

[ROXBORO] Things seem to be back to normal in Person County schools this

week after over 1,000 students were absent from class Friday last week after 100 took ill from an unknown gastrointestinal infection. Three schools were affected by the outbreak. According to health investigators, a norovirus that spread was the culprit. Over the Labor Day holiday weekend, the facilities were scrubbed and disinfected before school reopened on Tuesday. No illnesses were reported this week. All were urged to thoroughly wash their hands to prevent reinfection.

## CHARLOTTE YMCA TO REMOVE CONFEDERATE FLAG MONUMENT

[CHARLOTTE] The \$20 million renovation plans for the Charlotte YMCA at the NC Military Institute call for removing a monument which includes the

Confederate battle flag which has greeted visitors in front of the building since 1994. That monument will be given back to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, says the Y director.

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## JEMIMA

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Green's grave for 15 years. Fascinated by Green's life, Williams poured through records, documents and researched dozens of addresses to find Green's remains. Her searches would turn up empty. On the popular website Find A Grave, Green has a page, but there is no picture of a marker or grave containing her remains.

A search through the Chicago History Museum also turned up empty. "I was getting nowhere," she said. "It was so frustrating and discouraging, but I kept searching."

## FINALLY FOUND

But the 93-year-old mystery began to unfold this spring when Williams, who is also president of the Bronzeville Historical Society, discovered an old obituary in the *Chicago Defender* that listed Green's death as September 8, 1923.

When Williams called Oak Woods's front office with the date listed in the *Defender*, her years of frustrations finally ended. Green's grave was finally found after 93 years. "I was speechless. I immediately drove to the cemetery to see her," Williams told the *Chicago Crusader*. "I was so glad I found her."

Green is buried in section R3, Lot 291 in one of the oldest sections of Oak Woods Cemetery. Located in the northeastern corner of the 183-acre burial ground, there are no neoclassical crypts or towering obelisks here. Most of the graves have flat headstones, many of which have been eclipsed by grass or covered with dead leaves.

Unlike Oak Woods's serene lakes and lush English landscaping, Section R3 is close to the cemetery's six-foot brick wall that runs along busy 67th Street and an elevated train track. The rumbling sounds of the trains and the humming sounds of car engines make Section R3 a noisy area that's far from the tranquil, park settings of Oak Woods Cemetery.

To Williams, the unkept area was an insult when she arrived to find Green's gravesite. Her disappointment grew when she couldn't find the exact location of Green's grave.

"It's as if she was thrown away or forgotten. When I was there at the cemetery, I wanted to tell her [sic] she wasn't forgotten," Williams said.

Upon the discovery, Williams began a campaign to secure a marker for Green's grave. On Saturday, May 9, she gave a presentation on Green's life and her burial during a Black Chicago history forum in Bronzeville.

Buried in 1923, Green is perhaps the first prominent Black who was interred at Oak Woods, which was then



Nancy Green would inspire an original image of Aunt Jemima on Pancake mix products. Over the years, Aunt Jemima's face has been altered to reflect changing attitudes toward Black stereotypes.

a segregated cemetery that did not sell plots to Blacks. Another famous Black pioneer, journalist and activist Ida B. Wells-Barnett, was interred at Oak Woods in 1931.

## CHALLENGES AHEAD

In keeping with the cemetery's rules for Section R3, Williams' organization plans to purchase a flat headstone for \$1,600 to honor Green. Williams could secure a larger memorial that would be more fitting to Green's legacy, but to do that would be costly. Green would have to be exhumed and re-interred in a section that would allow elaborate markers and crypts.

Although Oak Woods tried to keep Blacks out in its early years, Blacks in the 1920s and 30s would secure

plots through White families and friends, a practice that reportedly helped Wells-Barnett secure her final resting place at Oak Woods. But for the most part, clandestine business practices kept Blacks from being buried at Oak Woods.

In the 1960s, Leak and Sons Funeral Home and the NAACP led a march to desegregate Oak Woods after the cemetery rejected the remains of a Black girl. Along with Graceland and Rosehill cemeteries, Oak Woods is considered to be one of Chicago's most prestigious and coveted burial grounds.

## BIRTH OF AN ICON

Green was born into slavery on March 4, 1834 in Montgomery County, Kentucky. As a young nurse, Green moved to Chicago after 1865 to work as a cook and maid for the Walker family, whose children grew up to be the late Chicago Judge Charles M. Walker and Dr. Samuel Walker, a wealthy physician who lived on the city's North Side, according to an old article in the *Defender*.

According to several reports, Green was a founding member of Bronzeville's 165-year old Olivet Baptist Church, 3101 S. King Drive. During that time, the church had 10,000 members according to church officials and several news articles.

As a domestic, Green was known for her homemade cooking and warm, affable personality. She was referred to two businessmen - Chris Rutt and Charles Underwood - who bought the Pearl Milling Company to sell ready-mixed and self-rising

pancake flour.

After watching a vaudeville show that featured a character named Aunt Jemima, the two men decided to market a product based on the fictional character. After hearing of Green's skills and personality, they hired her to help sell their product. The men gave her a booth at Chicago's World Columbian Exposition in 1893, where Green would help sell 50,000 orders for Aunt Jemima pancake mix. News reports said Green was such a crowd pleaser that special policemen were hired to keep the lines moving. Green was then proclaimed the "Pancake Queen" and was awarded a lifetime contract with the R.T. Davis Milling Company, which was later purchased by the Quaker Oats Company in 1926.

Green lived at 4543 S. Indiana Ave. in a 135-year old building that still exists today. According to news reports, Green died at 89 on

August 30, 1923 when she was struck by a car while walking near 46th Street in Bronzeville, then known as Grand Boulevard. The driver of the car, a doctor, said he was trying to avoid colliding with a laundry truck.

## FUTURE AUNT JEMIMA?

Since her death, several Blacks have portrayed Aunt Jemima. Over the years, Aunt Jemima's appearance has been altered to reflect the changing attitudes about the character. On the label, the famous bandana is gone and her hairstyle reflects mainstream tastes.

Last year, a lawsuit was filed in Chicago by Green's heirs and descendants of Black women who portrayed Aunt Jemima, claiming they are entitled to a share of an estimated \$2 billion fortune and a future share of revenue from product sales. Quaker Oats, the company that owns the Aunt Jemima brand, claims the character

was never real.

Now that Sherrie Williams has finally found Nancy Green, it bothers her that Green has not been properly memorialized - and may not be. To secure a headstone, a relative or descendant must approve the marker before it's installed. For a person who died long ago, this may seem impossible.

"I wouldn't have a clue of where to look and where to begin," Taylor said. "That's an awful lot of work to track someone."

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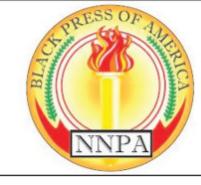
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### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### CURRY'S COMMENTS

#### Demonizing 'Black Lives Matter'

By Fox News, conservatives are trying to discredit the #Black Lives Matter Movement by claiming incorrectly that it is a Black hate group that encourages the killing of police officers.

On the Aug. 31 edition of Fox & Friends, Elizabeth Hasselbeck asked, "Why has the Black Lives Movement - Black Lives Matter Movement - not been classified yet as a hate group? I mean, how much more has to go in this direction before someone actually labels it as such?"

Conservative pundit Katie Pavlich, without a thread of evidence, told Fox's Megyn Kelly on Sept. 2 that Black Lives Matter is "a movement that promotes the execution of police officers."

At a news conference on Aug. 30, the Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman acknowledged that no motive had been established for the previous day's fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff Darren H. Goforth outside of Houston. But that did not prevent him from linking the brutal cop murder to the grassroots group dedicated to curtailing violence.

He said, "This rhetoric has gotten out of control." So much so, he said, "to the point where calculated, cold-blooded assassination of police officers happen." Hickman added, "We've heard Black lives matter, all lives matter. Well, cops' lives matter, too. So, how about we drop the qualifier and just say lives matter?"

Of course, there is not a scintilla of evidence that the Black Lives Matter Movement has at any point remotely supported the killing of law enforcement officers. Rather, they have highlighted the troubling number of unarmed African Americans killed by police officers. And for that, they should be condemned, not condemned.

After studying FBI data, USA Today found, "Nearly two times a week in the United States, a white police officer killed a black person during a seven-year period ending in 2012...The reports show that 18% of the blacks killed during those seven years were under age 21, compared to 8.7% of whites."

Despite the highly-publicized killing of police officers in Texas and Illinois, the number of law enforcement officers killed over the first eight months of 2015 is 16 percent lower than it was over a similar period in 2014, according to FBI figures compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

So far, 26 officers have been killed this year by firearms, down from 31 over a similar period last year. More officers - 38 - died this year in traffic-related incidents than by gunfire and another 21 died from other causes.

Felony killings of law enforcement officers decreased by 50 percent from 1992 to 2013, from 10,000 to 5,000 annually.

In an attempt to shift the emphasis from the unjustified police killing of unarmed African Americans, conservatives are raising the issue of so-called Black-on-Black crime - as if that's an issue that truly concerns them.

Fox reporter Doug McKelway said on Sept. 1, "The often heard mantra that 'Black Lives Matter,' some say, falls flat when you consider just how many Blacks are killing other Blacks. That remains the majority of homicides across the country."

Larry Elder, a Black conservative, made the same point, the same day on the same network: "This is about people whining and bitching and moaning about nonsense. If they really want to talk about Black Lives Matter, the fact is that last year 6,000 Black people murdered other Black people. Where are they on that? And the number one preventable cause of death for young black men is homicide at the hands of other Black men."

If Elder and McKelway wanted to be accurate, they would have pointed out that just as most Blacks kill other Blacks, most Whites kill other Whites. Yet, there is no mention of White-on-White crime.

According to 2013 figures compiled by the FBI, of the 3,005 White homicide victims, 2,509 - 83 percent - were killed by Whites. Of the 2,491 Black homicides that year, 2,245 - 90 percent - were committed by Black assailants.

It's not just a matter of Blacks killing other Blacks and Whites killing other Whites - most homicides are committed by people who know their victim. The assailant is usually an acquaintance, spouse, or other family member.

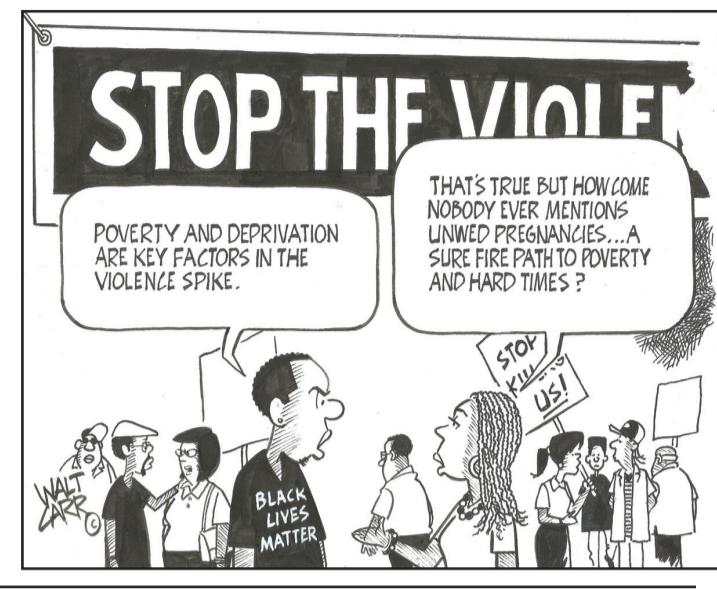
In its annual report on Black homicides, issued in January, the Washington-based Violence Policy Center found that in cases where the relationship between the killer and victim was known, 70 percent of the victims were killed by someone they knew; only 30 percent were killed by strangers.

Furthermore, 52 percent of the homicides involved an argument between the victim and the offender.

In an editorial, the *New York Times* accused "the Republican Party and its acolytes in the news media" of trying to demonize the Black Lives Matter Movement.

It said, "They [Black Lives Matter] are not asserting that black lives are more precious than white lives. They are underlining an indisputable fact - that the lives of black citizens in this country historically have not mattered, and have been discounted and devalued."

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## Matters of Opinion

### Angry Black gunmen

**A**lyson Parker, a rookie news reporter at WJDB, the Roanoke, Va. CBS affiliate, had turned 24 just days before she was murdered on August 26. Her work partner, cameraman Adam Ward, was about to move to Charlotte, N.C. because his fiancé, a producer at WJDB, had a new job.

Both Parker and Ward were described in superlative terms by their bosses, she as a "star" who lit up the screen and had a limitless future, he as a capable and thorough cameraman, dedicated to his jobs. By now, most have still photographs or footage of them being murdered on camera as Parker was interviewing Vicki Gardner, who led the local chamber of commerce. She was shot in the back, and has survived.

These on-air murders are about as grisly as they come, and there can be no explanation, except insanity, to account for them. What was wrong with Bryce Williams, whose real name was Vester Flanagan?

Why did he stalk and then kill two of his former colleagues? He'd sued his former employer for racial discrimination and had his claim rebuffed. Still, he maintained a sense of outrage because he felt he was

treated unfairly.

You probably have never heard of Lonnie Gilchrist, a Wharton MBA, who was dismissed, he said, because of racism. He walked into the Merrill Lynch office in Boston and shot his boss, George Cook, saying, "No billionaire is going to ruin my life." He worked on commission, and according to many, was treated more like an office boy than a professional.

Charles Ogletree, now a Harvard Law professor, defended him in 1988-89, along with two other attorneys. Gilchrist pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, and his lawyers used "racial rage" as one of the reasons that Gilchrist killed Cook. The jury took five days and nearly 30 hours, and deadlocked before reaching a conclusion. The case might have been a slam-dunk, but the jury obviously found at least some merit in the racial rage defense.

Nobody deserves to be massacred at any stage of their life. The folks at Mother Emanuel AME Church had their lives cut short. The little children at Sandy Hook Elementary School, in Newton, Conn. had full lives ahead of them.

Anyone who picks up a gun and decides to fire at a group of people publicly has clearly taken leave of their senses.

Yet, there is a difference in the way crazed people are discussed in the media. Vester Flanagan was immediately described as angry and crazed, a judgment the media did not

rush to when Dylann Roof, the shooter at Mother Emmanuel in Charleston and Adam Lanza, the shooter at Sandy Hook, embarked on insane massacre activity.

Can race be a factor? What happens when mental illness collides with racial rage?

The man who shot Alison Parker and Adam Ward either experienced or perceived racial slights. The station manager Jeff Marks said Flanagan was "a man with a lot of anger." If even a fraction of the slights Flanagan said he'd experienced were true, he had a right to be angry. Watermelon jokes? Monkey slurs? In the 21st century? Come on people.

Some of us can turn the slur around or ignore it. White folks might find this funny and some African Americans might find themselves profoundly offended. Those who already feel beleaguered might feel so offended that they'd respond angrily enough to be labeled "hostile" by a human resource manager.

Lonnie Gilchrist was also labeled an "angry" man. One of his bosses said he got so angry at criticism that he reacted with such an outburst that "we were very frightened." How much stereotyping goes into labeling some Black men as frightening? Do they have to be taller? Larger? Or, simply blacker? Descriptions of Flanagan as an angry Black man need to be contextualized.

Some describe him as an arrogant man with a chip on his shoulder. Some of those terms are subjective.

How many African Americans have been described as "angry" when they simply attempt to hold their own in a mostly White space?

One coworker said Flanagan was angry because he responded crisply when she described him as "too quiet." I guess if he laughed aloud he may have been considered "too boisterous."

Even as we mourn Alison Parker and Adam Ward, we have to ask why their murderer snapped. We have to ask why there are so many "angry Black men." They don't all scream, they don't all shout, they don't all shoot; most let their corrosive anger swallow them from inside. Many of those outwardly functioning Black men die a decade earlier than their White counterparts because of the anger they've internalized.

What happens to a dream deferred, wrote Langston Hughes? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Does it fester like a sore and then run. Maybe it just sags like a heavy load. Or, does it explode?

Lonnie Gilchrist exploded. Flangan exploded. We can call them deranged, disturbed, or simply angry. Yet, we do ourselves a disservice if we fail to examine race as one source of their explosion.

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## BLACKONOMICS

### Post-Katrina's illusion of a recovery

**K**atrina does not need the word "Hurricane" as a descriptor; we are on a first name basis with her. Thousands died as a result of that storm, and others were abandoned, left to fend for themselves in unbearable heat, polluted waters, and filthy municipal facilities.

Hundreds of thousands, called "refugees," were relocated (or "dislocated") in what could certainly be called Third World refugee camps. And many more were sent to what Barbara Bush thought was a pretty nice place, the Houston Astrodome. "...this (she chuckles slightly) is working very well for them."

Ten years later, our president goes back to New Orleans again after his 5-year anniversary visit in 2010, to declare that he was "inspired" by the resilience of the people of New Orleans, and he lauded the progress made in rebuilding houses. While Obama admitted there is more work to do and cited the inequities that existed long before Katrina came to town, some residents were more open about their dissatisfaction.

An Associated Press article by Darlene Superville and Nancy Benac observed, "Colette Pichon Battle, executive director of Gulf Coast

Center for Law & Policy, cautioned against slapping too happy a face on New Orleans, saying 'rebuilding since the storm favors privileged private enterprise and this illusion of recovery is not progress.'

"City residents, too, spoke of uneven recovery. I think we have a long way to go," said Lisa Ross, 52, an appraiser. She said areas frequented by tourists have recovered tremendously but many neighborhoods have struggled." Based on that quote, it looks like money from tourism is more important than people. But, we knew that, didn't we?"

Former President George W. Bush also returned to the scene of the crime to laud what he described as progress in the New Orleans' education system since Katrina. Juxtaposed against his famous commendation to the head of FEMA in 2005, "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job," his words in 2015 rang hollow.

It seems to me that rather than, or at least in addition to speechifying politicians returning to New Orleans, those companies that received billion dollar no-bid contracts to rebuild should have returned to put some of their profits back into the 9th Ward. They should have returned and set up entrepreneurship schools in that "model" school system that emerged from the disaster. It would be great if the Black festivals and conferences that come to New Orleans would leave an economic legacy with Black residents who still suffer from the

vestiges of Katrina's wrath. All it takes is the symbolism of a presidential visit for us to forget about New Orleans for another five years. Obama should have brought a check to "bailout" the residents?

Many Katrina survivors have either been permanently relocated to other states, moved to other parts of the city because of gentrification, gotten sick from the polluted water and formaldehyde in those "guvment" trailers they lived in, or have died during the past 10 years. Despite the number of laborers needed to rebuild the city, the opportunity for Black people to work was stymied by corrupt politicians, greedy corporate execs, and contractors.

After being corralled like cattle, accused of "looting" food while Whites were lauded for "finding" food, hunted down like wild animals, abandoned in stinking polluted water, turned back at gunpoint by their neighbors across the bridge, relegated to yet another Diaspora, this time in the U.S., separated from their children and loved ones and unaware of their whereabouts, used as political fodder, and now being used as props for presidential speeches, don't you think they deserve a lot more than rhetoric?

If what is happening in New Orleans now is the best we can offer in 10 years, especially after we spent billions rebuilding Iraq in much less time, the leaders of this nation should hang their heads in shame and beg the

forgiveness of those still negatively affected. After that, a "Marshall Plan" should be issued in response to the conditions under which Black and poor people have lived since - and before - Katrina. Economic empowerment is the answer, you know.

Former NAACP President Bruce Gordon, in an interview in Black Enterprise magazine (Sept. 2005), speaking about New Orleans, said, "Most recently there's been a lot of concern about the way African Americans are treated in the French Quarter...folks there don't treat them very nicely. I would say in addition to [marching], we should take our dollars elsewhere...That, to me, is a more significant message than a protest because it has an economic impact on the offenders."

Gordon was right, of course; but maybe that's why he was terminated from the money-hungry sellouts in the national NAACP. Are you listening, festival goers and conferees?

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## Gun violence is not the same as a video game

**I** used to play video games. I would play various video games, including those involving warfare and shooting. I would take pride if I could get my score up. I was thrilled when I was not ambushed. I would walk away and think very little more about it. The one thing about them, however, is that no one got killed.

Particularly in the case of young men, we have grown up playing "war," or enjoying video games. In each case, no one dies. If we are playing "war" and someone is "killed," they may need to sit out the rest of the game, go home and then we see them again the following day. In other words, there is no way to appreciate the consequences of the bullet in the

games that we play. I have found myself thinking about this as reports of escalating gun violence between African Americans spreads across the media. Some people have used this in order to avoid discussing police lynchings of African Americans, as if Black-on-Black murder somehow should neutralize any discussion of police killings of Blacks. But that is not the point of this column.

There is a finality to death that I have come to believe that most young people do not appreciate. That finality is masked by games of "war," video games, movies and television shows that, all too often, promote glory, honor and courage, but rarely, to paraphrase the words of General George S. Patton, display the goo, which only a few minutes earlier had been the face of your best friend, now shattered by a bullet.

While there are those who believe that this problem will

be terminated through stronger gun control laws, I believe that that is only one part of the answer. The deeper answer rests with an approach toward community organizing that seems to have largely eluded us. The National Rifle Association is correct, to that extent, when it says that guns do not kill people; people kill people. But at the same time, easy access to guns, lack of discipline, and a failure to appreciate the finality of death link together in what appears to be an unbreakable chain. To break it we must address the factors that lead anyone to believe that pulling that trigger will resolve a problem, restore honor, or bring about dignity.

To all of these, of course, there is a very fundamental problem of frustration that flows from the depressed conditions in which Black America finds itself. Lack of opportunity, the feeling of being trapped like a rat in a labyrinth, all contribute to a

situation out of which there appears no escape. In order to address this crisis, what Deborah Prothrow-Stith has called a "public health crisis," we need to start thinking outside of the box.

Perhaps we need to engage in mass community education about safe gun usage, including the various ramifications that arise from shooting. Perhaps we need to develop martial arts programs on a significant scale that orient our youth towards ways of channeling aggression, but equally ways of handling conflict. Perhaps we need to build real movements for quality jobs to put young people to work in a way that they are part of constructing the future, rather than terminating it.

And more than anything else, we cannot afford to lose hope.

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## How low will the GOP go?

**K**arl Marx famously wrote, "History repeats itself, first time as tragedy, second as farce."

So, his ghost must have eagerly joined the many living in this dimension who last week thoroughly enjoyed the two spectacles that underscore the chaos within - and perhaps even the coming-apart of - the Republican Party.

One was Donald Trump's playing the same racist trick on Jeb Bush that three decades ago Jeb's dad, George H.W. Bush, used to grievously damage the 1988 presidential candidacy of his Democratic opponent, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, and capture the White House.

That's the "soft-on-a-'colored'-criminal" gambit.

During the 1988 campaign, the elder Bush released an ad blaming Dukakis for the rape of a White woman committed by the convict Willie Horton, an African-American, while he was out of prison on a state-sponsored furlough program Dukakis had supported.

On Monday, August 31, Trump posted a video implying that Jeb Bush's past statements of compassion for undocumented immigrant families translated to support for allowing undocumented immigrant criminals to remain in the U.S.

The Trump video showed photos of three Latino men who were charged with murder this year. Two are awaiting trial; one was convicted and given a 50-year sentence. The video ends with the bannered words: "It's time to get tough!"

Jeb Bush's response that day was a statement touting his "eight-year record of cracking down on violent criminals" as Florida's governor and blasting Trump for his past support of "liberal politicians" and proposing an unconstitutional and unworkable scheme to deport all of the nation's 11-12 million undocumented immigrants.

But, as usual since Trump barged into the GOP's presidential-primary sweepstakes, the former Florida governor's response seemed to garner almost no traction. Instead, a comment veteran GOP operative Steve Schmidt made to the online publication Politico the very day Trump's ad and Bush's response appeared succinctly identified the devastating predicament of both Bush and the GOP as a whole.

"Jeb Bush left office in 2006 as indisputably the most conservative governor in the U.S.," said Schmidt, who had managed John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. "That was a moment in time when conservatism was defined by the positions you held and the actions you took."

Now, he went on to say, Trump has shown that "For huge sections of the [conservative] electorate, the definition of who is a conservative is based on who's making the most incendiary comments. What Trump is conveying in every speech he makes is strength. If you respond to someone who is attacking your character by talking about issues, you're in the wrong type of fight."

In other words, Trump's supporters especially have taken to heart the behavior of the GOP leadership itself during President Obama's tenure: distort the issues or ignore them altogether in favor of the personal insult and the outrageously irrational beliefs.

Just as the GOP has ignored the American political tradition of being the "responsible opposition" to the party that occupies the White House, Trump's supporters show little or no interest in the GOP's façade of "philosophical conservatism" or its time-honored traditions of choosing a nominee. They just want someone who promises the "strength" - read: bigotry and callousness - to "take our country back" to a time when (they like to believe) White conservative rule was unchallenged.

The "trick bag" that reality has put the GOP in led to the week's second spectacle. On Thursday, September 3, Reince Priebus, chair of the Republican National Committee, journeyed to Trump's gaudy business headquarters in Manhattan to sign, in effect, the GOP's articles of surrender to Trump's insurgent campaign.

True, technically speaking, the document Trump signed was his pledge to not mount a third-party campaign for the presidency. But all the optics of the event told the real story. No other contender was personally visited by Priebus; and when, after the private signing in Trump's office, Trump held a, in the words of the New York Times news article, "deeply theatrical and meandering press conference," Priebus was nowhere in sight - as if he were a mere underling unworthy to share the spotlight with the GOP's new boss.

Even before last week, several conservative pundits had been wearing their gloom on their sleeves about Trump's effect on the party and warning the GOP itself was close to disintegration. Now that Trump is in the driver's seat, with supporters who, as Steve Schmidt said, favor those "making the most incendiary comments," the question that must be considered is this: How low-down will the Republican Party primary campaign get and how will that affect the 2016 general election campaign for the presidency itself?

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## State eugenics program victims deserve fair compensation

**I**n 1947, 14-year old Willis Lynch of Littleton, North Carolina was asked by a nurse to sing a song as she placed a mask over his face. Lynch unknowingly inhaled an anesthetic, and then underwent a

vasectomy procedure without his consent. The forced sterilization was ordered by the state of North Carolina, which had deemed Lynch "feeble-minded" and unfit to produce children.

Lynch, one of seven children of a widowed mother, was sent to a reform school three years earlier because of his propensity to get into fights with classmates. The state of North Carolina quickly targeted Lynch for sterilization and received his mother's consent only after indicating his return to the family was contingent on her signature, going so far as to threaten to cut off the welfare payments she needed to care for her children.

Contrary to the declaration of the state, Willis Lynch is far from feeble-minded. As an adult, he would go on to serve our nation in the U.S. Army and become a pillar of his community, where he can often be seen and heard at his local Veterans of Foreign Wars hall showcasing his impressive singing and gui-

tar-playing talents.

Notwithstanding his vast contributions to his country and community, Lynch has been forced to live his adult life knowing he would never realize his dream of having his own children and grandchildren after a state government motivated by prejudice denied him of his basic rights.

The gross moral injustice perpetrated against Willis Lynch wasn't just an isolated incident - it was part of one of the darkest and most shameful chapters of modern American history that has flown under the public's radar for far too long. Most Americans have little idea that during the 20th century, a majority of state governments created eugenics programs to sterilize more than 60,000 Americans - many against their will, and some without their knowledge. Many states specifically targeted and coerced unmarried mothers, African-Americans, and children from poor families into being sterilized, deeming them "unfit to reproduce."

North Carolina is regarded as having run one of the most aggressive eugenics programs, which operated from 1929 to 1974 even though most states ended their programs following World War II. In total, more than 7,600 North Carolinians were sterilized, a majority of whom were African-Americans.

In recent times, North Carolina has been blessed to

have leaders like former state Rep. Larry Womble, who fought tirelessly to shine a light on this indelible stain on our state's legacy. These efforts prompted the Governor of North Carolina to formally apologize on behalf of the state in 2002, and eleven years later, North Carolina became the first state in the nation to compensate the living victims of its past eugenics program, providing a long overdue modicum of justice.

To date, 220 North Carolinians have been identified as victims and have been awarded approximately \$20,000 each. Additionally, if no further living victims are identified, the remaining money in the state fund would bring their total compensation to approximately \$45,000 each.

Earlier this year, Virginia followed suit by becoming the second state to pass eugenics compensation legislation, awarding \$25,000 to each of the living victims of its own state-run forced sterilization program.

While these much-needed laws assist eugenics victims, an inadvertent consequence has arisen as victims begin to receive their compensation payments. Presently, the federal government counts the payments against one's eligibility for federal benefits such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance. Instead of helping the victims and their families

make ends meet, the payments could actually result in the denial of the federal benefits they are entitled to.

To help close this unintended loophole, I recently introduced legislation in the Senate along with Senators Tom Carper, D-Del., Richard Burr, R-N.C., Mark Warner, D-Va., and Tim Kaine, D-Va., to exclude payments from state eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining the eligibility and amount of federal benefits.

I am encouraged to see such broad, bipartisan support among my colleagues to help ensure living eugenics victims receive their full compensation payments and federal benefits. I also hope this legislation will raise awareness across the nation over the fact that these deplorable government-sanctioned programs existed in the first place. The stories of the terrible transgressions made against innocent Americans like Willis Lynch deserve to be heard and never forgotten.

While no amount of money or benefits will ever return to these individuals what they lost, now is time for other states to follow the lead of North Carolina and Virginia and pass similar compensation payment programs to help right the wrongs of the past. America will be better off for it.

*Senator Thom Tillis is a Republican from North Carolina.*

## TO BE EQUAL

### The value of labor

**I**t is necessary to reaffirm that employment is necessary for society, for families and for individuals. Its primary value is the good of the human person, as it allows the individual to be fully realized...Therefore, it follows that work has not only the economic objective of profit, but above all a purpose that regards man and his dignity. And if there is no work, this dignity is w o u n d e d .

Marc Morial

Indeed, the unemployed and underemployed risk being relegated to the margins of society, becoming victims of social exclusion."

- Pope Francis, March 20, 2014

Despite the dizzying array of clearance sales and bargains to be found in our nation's malls and department stores, Labor Day is no creation of our retail industry. It is our nation's annual tribute to the working class, American worker whose physical, and largely manual labor, built this country's infrastructure and built a labor movement that spurred social and economic achievements for all American workers - regardless of job sector.

As we celebrate labor and America's slow but steady climb to newfound economic prosperity during its most sustained period of job creation this century, we discover a dark cloud inside the silver lining of our recovery: the prosperity of the American economy is not being shared equally. Too many people are working harder, but are falling further behind. Too many people remain at the distant margins of the job market - particularly in our communities of color, where unemployment remains at crisis level, even as our economy continues to rebound.

The unemployment rate in our country currently sits at 5.3 percent, its lowest rate since May 2008. But take a deeper dive into those numbers and the tale of two recoveries is clear and unmistakable. While the unemployment rate for Whites is at 4.6 percent, the Hispanic unemployment rate is at 6.8 percent and the Black unemployment rate is 9.1 percent - double that of White job seekers. The unemployment rates for Blacks and Hispanics are nothing if not discouraging and telling. These communities, especially hard hit during the last recession, are not benefiting from our economy's rebound.

The ability to secure work that provides a fair, living wage - regardless of gender - is an asset to the worker, the worker's family, neighborhood,

community, and ultimately, our nation. We are an immensely stronger America when access to work is not excluded to some, but rather, extended to all.

That is why the National Urban League has proposed a 12-point Blueprint for Quality Job Creation. Our plan offers a dozen dynamic and imaginative measures to benefit those most profoundly affected by recession but left out of the ensuing recovery, while also remedying many of the underlying causes behind the recession's inordinate and amplified impact on the communities we serve:

•Restore the Summer Youth Jobs Program as a stand-alone program;

•Create 100 Urban Jobs Academies to implement an expansion of the Urban Youth Empowerment Program;

•Develop a dynamic, national public-private jobs initiative to create jobs, train urban residents and stimulate economic growth in the areas of technology and broadband, health care, manufacturing, transportation, public infrastructure and clean energy;

•Boost minority participation in information and communication technology industries;

•Create Green Empowerment Zones;

•Expand small business lending;

•Initiate tax reform that reduces rates across the board and eliminates tax loopholes;

•Establish and promote multilateral international trade policies that expand the market for American goods and services;

•Enact the Urban Jobs Act (H.R. 5708);

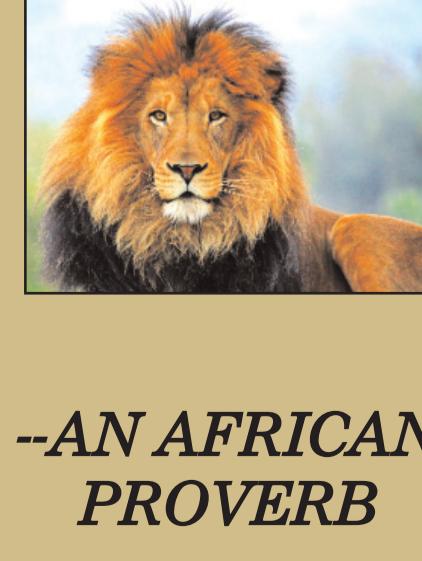
•Expand the hiring of housing counselors nationwide; and

•Fund direct job creation in cities and states.

We continue to urge Congress and the White House to adopt these measures without delay. The standard of living many of us take for granted today was won for us through the determination and organized protests of the American worker. The solidarity of the workers of the past must be reborn in our political discourse today as we collectively strive to open blocked pathways to work, success and the American dream of economic mobility. We must all work together - individuals, politicians and corporations - to ensure the possibility of work for fair wages for all who seek it.

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



**--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**

## New Hanover County

Codington Elementary School's Service Club is participating in an "Empty Bowl Project" and holding a food drive to partner with Nourish NC in the fight against childhood hunger on Thursday, September 17th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Cultural Hall at Codington, 4321 Carolina Beach Rd. Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items and will have the opportunity to make donations. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to Nourish NC to fight childhood hunger in Wilmington. Nourish NC feeds more than 500 children each weekend, over breaks and holidays.

**GE Retirees Association** will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 17th at noon. The meeting will be held at the New Hanover County Senior Center; 2222 South College Road. Open to GE retirees and spouses. WECT Anchor Frances Weller will speak about "The Changing Face of Television News." For more information call 910-819-2776.

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

**Precinct W29** will hold its 3rd Town Hall meeting at Williston Middle School in the media room at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015. Attorney George Rountree and Dr. Daniel Coot will be guests. For more information please call E.B. Davis at 910-762-8599 or Ms. Lynn H. McIntyre at 910-200-2530.

**The Democratic Women of New Hanover County** will meet on Thursday, September 10th at McAlister's Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Sour social period, "eat and meet" will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by the program, "Meet your Candidates" for the upcoming Municipal elections. All Democrats are welcome and to participate. If any questions, call 910-395-4502.

**The Willis Richardson Players** will hold an audition for an upcoming show on Monday, September 14th at the Hannah Block Community Arts Center, 2nd and Orange Street from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. The show will take place on Saturday, November 7th at Thalian Hall. Musicians, dancers, singers and poetry readers are needed. For more information call 910-399-3337 or 910-763-1889.

**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 885** will hold a free session on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. "Maximize Your Veteran's Benefits" at the Elks Lodge, #532, 5102 Oleander Drive. Bring your DD 214. No appointment necessary. For more information call 910-762-4288.

## Brunswick County

Brunswick County Department of Social Services will be providing Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety/Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting training to be a foster/adoptive parent starting Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at the Brunswick County Complex in the Social Service Building B, Bolivia, NC. To register for training or for more information call Tamela Jones at 910-253-2112.

**City of Northwest** will hold their Fun Day on Saturday, September 12th from 10:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. For more information call 910-655-3110.

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Women's Day Celebration

**W**omen's Day was celebrated at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia, N.C.

There were many visitors from surrounding neighborhoods and from out of state, including the state of Florida. Many parents with young children had smiles on their faces and gave the impression that they felt they were in the best place they could be, with their families.

The sky was beautiful on the outside, and more and more people were coming in. One gentle man made it very clear that he had been to two other churches, but the doors were closed. The atmosphere

gave us the feeling that we were powerfully blessed.

The guest speaker, Minister June Lakeatha Mclead, is a native of Bolivia, NC. Minister Mclead has been an educator with Brunswick County Schools for nearly thirty years. She accepted the call to preach the gospel in May 2006. Minister Mclead worked and served very diligently in the ministry of Freedom Fellowship Church Ministries along with her husband, Apostle Raymond L. Mclead. She is well known in Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, and other counties in North Carolina.

The worship leader was Reverend Helen Smith Boyton. She is growing more powerful in the ministry. Her gift as a leader is to get everyone to understand and let it be a part of daily living. How will I get along with my

neighbors in every respect possible?

Reverend Helen Smith Boyton and her husband, Mr. William Boyton, are true singers of the gospel. Mr. Boyton is a kindhearted person who supports his wife in every way possible. He loves to have a large audience when his wife delivers a message or sings, bringing a spiritual blessing here and in other churches. Her son, Allen, is a very special person to know and love. His cooperation with young boys can be recognized immediately because they have love that's growing.

You cannot forget that special St. John Women's Choir and that morning prayer by Mother Gloria Bryant. She mentioned President Barack Obama's name. They are the people who will achieve victory by building the future

for our children and grandchildren.

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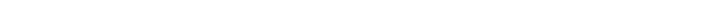
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**Eleazer Ricardo "Rickey" Hawes**

Eleazer Ricardo "Rickey" Hawes departed this life on September 3, 2015 at St. Thomas Moor Nursing Home in Hyattsville, Maryland. Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Funeral Home, Inc located at 4111 Pennsylvania Ave in Suitland, Maryland 20746.

**Jacqueline Robinson**

Jacqueline Robinson, 64, of Wilmington, died September 2, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral service was held Monday, September 7, 2015 at Mt. Olive AME Church, Wilmington. Online condolences may be made at [www.frenchidavisfuneral-home.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneral-home.net). A Davis Funeral Home service.

**John Edward Brookins**

John Edward Brookins, 67, of Bolivia, died September 1, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral service was held Saturday, September 5, 2015 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Randolph Family Cemetery, Bolivia.

John was born February 14, 1948 in Gadsden, Alabama to Mary Lee King Brookins and Jake Brookins.

John moved to Boston, MA, where he met and married Annie Randolph on February 27, 1977.

John enjoyed spending time with his family and spent many evenings dancing and listening to music. He also enjoyed fishing, gardening, and maintaining his lawn at home. He worked 25 years for Brunswick Community College in the Shipping and Receiving Department.

Most importantly, John came to know and love Jehovah God. He came to learn and put faith in the resurrection and the promise of everlasting life on Paradise Earth.

John was preceded in death by: seven siblings: Rosa Lee Veal, Margaret Chappell, Mary Ellen Townsend, Jeanette Williams, Sylvester Brookins, Richard Brookins, and Elizabeth Bacon; his son, John Edward Brookins, Jr.; his grandson, Isiah R. Randolph (aka "Herc").

John leaves to cherish his loving memory: his wife, Annie Brookins; his daughter, Kendra Brookins; his son, Isaiah Randolph (Dana); his sister, Clara Bustion of Boston, MA; his grandchildren, Monea Klass, Ivory Randolph, and Khavhan Brookins (aka "Chu-Chu"); two step-grandchildren, April Watson and Aaron Watson; a host of nieces and nephews that loved him very much. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Kenneth Bellamy**

Kenneth Bellamy, 86, of Bolivia died August 31, 2015.

Funeral service was held Saturday, September 5, 2015 at Southport Baptist Church. Burial followed in Northwood Cemetery, Southport.

On Monday, August 31, 2015, God called Kenneth Bellamy home to Him and away from the troubles of this world. Kenneth was born on August 10, 1929 to the late Ollie Chester and Ethel Hankins Bellamy. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Rosa Lee Price.

Kenneth joined Little Macedonia Baptist Church at a young age and remained a faithful member until his death. When his health began to decline, his attendance waned, but he attended whenever he was able. He also attended Friendship Missionary Baptist with his wife Malissa on occasion. Kenneth was definitely not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Kenneth attended Royal Oak Elementary and graduated from Brunswick County Training School in Southport in 1948. He was attending North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro when he decided to enlist in the U.S. Army in 1950. This was one of the many unselfish acts that Kenneth performed to help out his family.

Kenneth was gravely wounded on the battlefield of Korea and he recanted the story of being sent back to the front line with an open wound that he had to care for himself.

He was wounded twice in Korea and returned home as a well decorated war veteran. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, two Purple Heart Awards with one bronze Oakleaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and most recently received a certificate and Ambassador Medal commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Korean War.

Kenneth completed his college education after returning home from the war by attending Fayetteville State University. In 1960, he received a degree in elementary education and began his career as a teacher and principal at Piney Grove Elementary in Bolivia, NC. Other teaching opportunities followed: teacher and counselor at Leonard School, McCain, NC; teacher at Brunswick County Training School, Southport, NC; teacher at Tabor City West Elementary in Tabor City, NC. He never accepted excuses from his students or his kids. One of his most often heard quotes was, "Old Man Can't die when Try came along". As a teacher, as a father, and as a friend, he always pushed you to be your best, nothing less.

Kenneth retired from teaching and became a longshoreman, working the docks at Sunny Point and Wilmington for over 15 years. He served as Secretary-

Treasurer for ILA Local #1838 for ten years until his retirement. He was not afraid of work and instilled in his children that the only way to have anything was to work hard. He always warned "Don't be like the crow and wait on another bird to build a nest. Build your own".

On September 17, 1954, Kenneth married his high school sweetheart Malissa Jane Brown in Wilmington, NC. This union of almost 61 years was blessed with four children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Kenneth was active in the community before his health began to fail. He was a member of Pythagoras Lodge No. 6 F. & A. M., American Legion, Disabled Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, NABVETS (National Association for Black Veterans), Brunswick County Democratic Party and lifetime member of the NAACP. He served as trustee of the board at Dosher Memorial Hospital, Member of BEMC board, and Member of the Governor's Workforce Development Board.

Kenneth loved fishing and gardening. Even though he was confined to a wheelchair, he continued to grow vegetables on his deck. No doubt, he had a green thumb. In addition to the abundance of vegetables in his container garden, he also grew beautiful flowers.

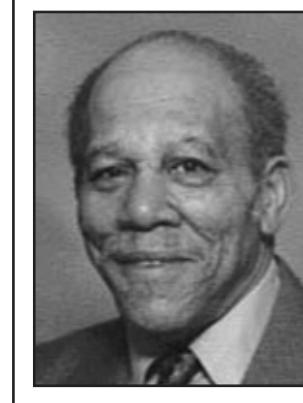
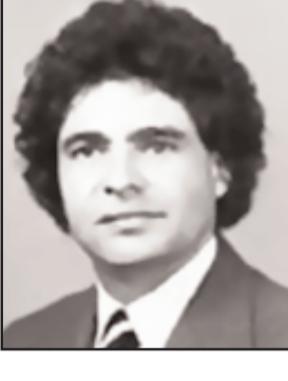
Kenneth leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Malissa of the home; four children: Verida Sarratt (Larry) of Huntersville, NC, Michael Bellamy (Ellen) of Albuquerque, NM, Norfrette Bellamy and Bridget Bellamy, both of Southport; NC; five grandchildren: Kristi Bellamy; Amo Bellamy (Arlene), Malissa Lyons (George), Marcus Bellamy, and Jason Palmer; six great-grandchildren; two sisters: Barbara Wilson of Kinston, NC and Ethel Bellamy of Petersburg, VA; two brothers: Luther Bellamy of Washington, DC and Tennyson Bellamy of Supply, NC; four sisters-in-law: Virginia Bellamy of Supply, NC, Violet Gill of Fayetteville, NC, Rebecca Smith of Southport, NC, and Anna Clemons (Harvey, Sr.) of Boiling Spring Lakes; one other brother-in-law, George Riggs of Yonkers, NY; special nephews: Alfred Bellamy, Dana Clemons, Dwight Price and Harvey Clemons, Jr.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who loved him very much. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Lois Marian Grady Dutton**

Lois Marian Grady Dutton, 85, of Wilmington, died Saturday, September 5, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 12, 2015 at St. James AME Church, Castle Hayne. Burial will follow in Grady Family Cemetery, Castle Hayne. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Shirley Batts Robinson**

Shirley Batts Robinson, 77, of Wilmington, died Monday, September 7, 2015 at home. Funeral will be held 1:00 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2015 at New Covenant Holiness Church, Wilmington. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery, Wilmington. A Davis Funeral Home service.

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You are always at our side  
Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same  
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Author unknown.

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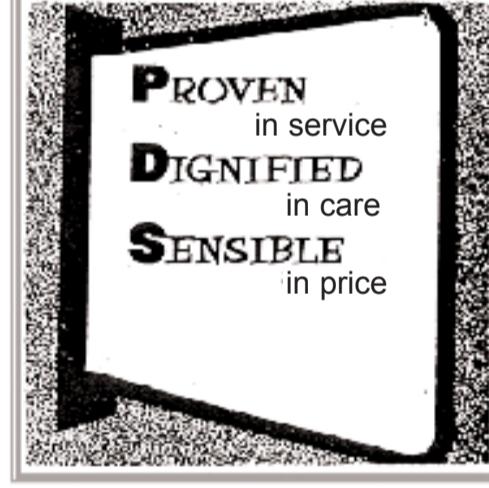
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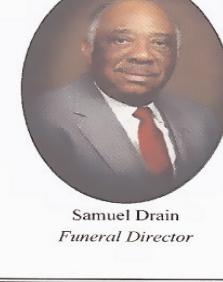
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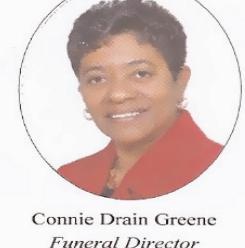
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## New Hanover County

**Central Missionary Baptist Church**, 702 Red Cross St. will celebrate their Pastor Reverend Richard Robinson's sixth Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, September 20th at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Reverend Willie Sidbury, Associate Minister of Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church will be the morning speaker and Reverend Dr. Terry Henry along with his choir, ushers and congregation of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church will be the evening guest. Dinner will be served immediately following the morning service.

## Religious Briefs

**First Baptist Church Scotts Hill**, 8800 Market St., Gospel Choir of Scotts Hill will celebrate their anniversary on Saturday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. Various choirs and groups will be on the musical program.

**Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center**, 4875 New Centre Dr., Men of Honor will celebrate their Annual Men's Day Service, "A Workman Approved By God" on Thursday, September 10th with guest speaker Superintendent A.L. Peterson of Greater Love Chapel Church, COGIC, Friday, September 11th with guest speaker Pastor Stephen Bradley of Ekklesia United Holy Church and Sunday, September 13th with guest speaker Pastor Bruce Miller of The Lord's Church.

**St. Phillip AME Zion Church**, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will be celebrating their 144th Church Anniversary on Sunday, September 20th at 3:30 p.m. The Reverend Jerry T. Pearson will be the guest speaker along with New Kelly Chapel AME Church family. Dinner will be served after the service. Please contact Reverend Dr. Mary C. Nixon at 910-540-4406 or Sister Dentral Boykin at 910-200-4953.

**St. Matthew AME Church**, 6805 Wrightsville Ave., will celebrate Women's Day September 20, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Wilma Hansley, Choir and Congregation of Mount Moriah AME Church, Rocky Point, North Carolina. Everyone is invited to attend.

**The Episcopal Church Women of St. Mark's Church**, 600 Grace St., will host the First Culture African American Quilting Show on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The church will also celebrate and observe Women's Day on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Ms. Elsie E. Kirton will be the keynote speaker.

**The New Spirit of Truth** will celebrate Chief Apostle Vivian Whitehead's 32nd Pastoral Anniversary from September 11th-13th. On Friday, September 11th - 7:00 p.m. the speaker will be Apostle Cynthia Powell of Valour Ministries of Grace, Inc. Wilmington, NC. On Saturday, September 12th - 5:00 p.m. the speaker will be Apostle Erskine Hawkins of True Life International Fellowship Ministries Jacksonville, NC. On Sunday, September 13th - 4:00 p.m. the speaker will be Apostle Robert Covington of Harvest Time Christian Center International Ministries Wilmington, NC. All services will be held at The Spirit of Truth, 216 Marsteller Street, Wilmington, NC. For more information, call Kathy Grear at 910-617-4542.

## Bladen County

**The Laymen League of Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church**, 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC., will hold their 4-day 2015 Men's Conference, "Building Men for Christ" on September 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Otis McMillian of Fayetteville NC is the guest clergyman September 16th; musical ministry by Mt. Olive AME Zion Male Chorus of Elizabethtown. Rev. Dr. Thurman Everett, pastor of Bryant Swamp Missionary Baptist Church; Bladenboro NC is the guest clergyman September 17th. The Baldwin Branch Male Chorus will "kick-off" the conference each week day. A health fair with breakfast is scheduled for that Saturday at 9:00 a.m. The health fair features Dr. Melvin C. Gerald of Whiteville NC, Dr. Stephen B. Bridgers of Clarkton NC and Cape Fear Valley BladenHealth Care; Elizabethtown NC. Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin, pastor will present the message on Sunday morning, September 20 with the musical ministry by the Baldwin Branch men. Men, male youths and teens of the community and surround areas have a cordial invitation.

## Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their Annual Usher's Anniversary on Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 p.m. The special guests will be Reverend Latonia Thomas, choir, ushers and congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC. Fellowship repast will be served following the service.

**Graham Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church** will celebrate the church's Annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 20th. Services will begin at 9:45 with Sunday School, and will be followed by the Morning Worship at 11:00. The special guest speaker for the afternoon Homecoming Celebration is the Reverend Donald Mapson, pastor of the Mount Pleasant A. M. E. Zion Church and Presiding Elder of the Clarkton District. Immediately following service dinner will be served.

**Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church**, Homecoming 2015 will be held on September 27th. The theme is "Honoring Our Past as We Embrace Our Future." The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President of Hood Theological Seminary.

**Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church**, 1490 Village Rd., Leland Park (Senior Bldg.), will hold Fall Revival, "Revive Us Again" from Wednesday, September 9th- September 11th at Speaks Temple AME Zion Church, 1120 Dawson Street, Wilmington, NC. Reverend Maria Lacewell, pastor of Price Cathedral AME Zion Church will be the Evangelist. Also on Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 p.m. Prophetess Rosalyn Robbins Shaw will be the guest speaker for "Empowering the People."

## Pender County

**Mount Moriah AME Church** will celebrate their Annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 13th. Pastor Reverend Wilma Hansley will speak at 11:00 a.m. and Reverend Joseph Nixon of Bethel AME Church, Northwest will speak at 3:00 p.m. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation. Dinner will be served between the services. For more information call 910-228-9966.

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## SENIOR MOMENTS

**"We should work together to uplift our community"**

My Fellow Seniors:

Our public schools have been somewhat integrated for several years, but we are still hearing about the achievement gap. We have read about it in the newspaper and heard about it on TV, but there seems to be no easy solution. You would think two children of the same age would have about the same ability to understand, but the conversation they have heard since birth has a lot to do with their

comprehension as they enter the first grade.

Children whose parents are professional would probably have a better grasp of the English language than those who came from poor neighborhoods where proper English is rarely heard. Even though we know better, we are more comfortable speaking broken English. It just sounds friendlier, but it is not good for the children.

Since the church is the center of the community, that would be the place to start conversation about the gap and other issues. Perhaps several churches could come together and start an enrichment program for the neighborhood

children.

Every church has a number of professional members who would be able to outline a program for the children. They should learn to speak in a complete sentence rather than answer a question with one word. The older children could help out, and various churches would take turns providing snacks.

This would be an after school program designed to eliminate the achievement gap and build confidence in children of all ages. This type of activity would uplift the community as people from various churches

come together in a united way. Just as we get together

to protest the negative, we should join hands to uplift the positive.

I remember being at the Lincoln Memorial more than fifty years ago when two hundred and fifty thousand people joined hearts and hands together. They blended smiles and tears, while singing "We've Come This Far by Faith." That was a moment to remember!

We should always work together to uplift our community. Centuries ago, we would say, "It takes a village to raise a child." Now we say, "It takes a church," but something is holding us back.

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

## TELL SOMEBODY

**"A True Worshipper"**

**"G**od is a Spirit and those that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

Worship - To honor; To treat with reverence

To admire; To show submissive respect

To stand in his presence and to worship the Lord God is an honor and a privilege. All souls belong to God, and he commands all souls to give him praise. "Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 150:6.

A True worshipper takes praise to an even higher level because it includes and involves the Spirit of the Lord. God requires "true worship" from every true Believer. Jesus said in John 4:23-24, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship

him in spirit and in truth."

Many of God's servants today are blessed and highly favored because in addition to their true devotion and loyalty to the Lord, they are also "true worshippers"! For those who are living in this present world with a heavenly goal, true worship is conducted while here on earth, because when we get to heaven, worship is the order of the day, and goes on in the presence of God continuously. "And all the angels stood round about the throne and about the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God." Revelation 7:11.

Several of God's true servants are recorded in the scriptures as being "true worshippers." These notable men who we read about in the scriptures were greatly used of God and shared the common factor of being a "true worshipper." They were used to do great exploits in the Name of the Lord, but continued to humble themselves before the Lord. Proverbs 15:33 says, "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility."

Abraham, who is known to some as the "Father of Faith" was a worshipper! He trusted

in the mercy of God. Genesis 22:5, "And Abraham said unto his young man, abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder and worship and come again to you." Joshua was a faithful servant of the Lord, who understood the need for humility before greatness.

"And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, what saith my Lord unto his servant?" Moses was also a "true worshipper" of God. He was meek, and he was not weak! The Lord God used his servant Moses to perform mighty miracles, signs, and wonders. Moses showed reverence and respect for the God he served. "And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped God." Exodus 34:8.

Apostle Paul was a great man. He was an eloquent speaker and a great teacher who traveled extensively and planted churches. He wrote at least thirteen letters that make up much of the New Testament, and yet he acknowledged his unworthiness by having no confidence in the flesh. He was a "true worshipper". He boldly stated in Philippians 3:3, "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ

Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."

From his birth, men have sought to find Jesus Christ to give him true worship. (Matthew 2:11) Christ is worshipped in Hebrews 1:6; and continues. Rev.5:8

Prayer: Lord, I am thy servant. Make me a true worshipper, for your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen. ....Tell Somebody

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

**Black Methodist leaders organize for justice**

BY JAZELLE HUNT  
NNPA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Flanked by images of the nine men and women at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, S.C., and the four little girls killed in the 1963 bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., among other victims of racial violence, a coalition of Black Methodist leaders stepped squarely into the current fight for racial justice.

The coalition announced its social and political goals via a "Liberty and Justice for All" press conference, held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

"We...are complicit due to our lack of follow-through. God alerted us in March of 2010 when we gathered in Columbia, South Carolina to sound the alarm regarding the plight of African American males. Prior to Trayvon [Martin], prior to Eric Garner, prior to Michael Brown," said Rev. Staccato Powell of Grace A.M.E. Zion Church in Raleigh, N.C.

"We were saying this then. However, to our own shame and detriment, we confess the lack of follow-through. We wrote the check, but failed to deposit the resources to make it a negotiable instrument of fact."

Comprised of representatives from the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.), African Methodist Episcopal Zion (A.M.E. Zion), and Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) churches, the coalition hopes to influence federal, state, and local governments in changing biased and discriminatory policies. It also aims to call the faith community to political action.

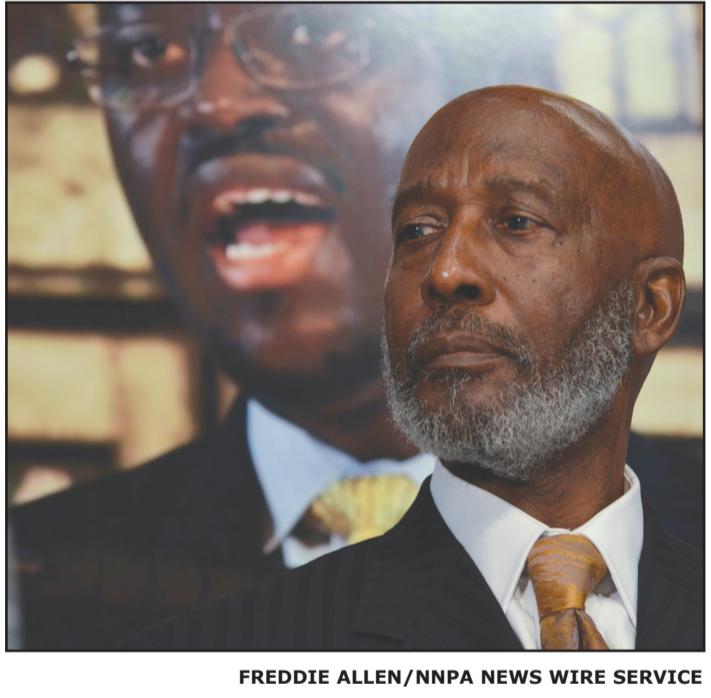
About 150 clergy members, faith professionals, National Pan-Hellenic Council members, media, and more - including Black Lives Matter affiliates and a relative of Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, one of the Charleston Nine victims - attended the press conference.

At the event, A.M.E., A.M.E. Zion, and C.M.E. faith leaders outlined a list of political demands, with criminal justice reform chief among them. Others included a reversal of biased drug laws, body cameras for all law enforcement and deployment of special prosecutors in cases when police kill unarmed civilians.

Other action areas included education reform, economic justice, gun control, and a restoration of broad voting rights.

In tandem with its grassroots political approach, the coalition aims to have this agenda addressed during the 2016 presidential campaign. In November, Allen University in Columbia, S.C., an HBCU founded by A.M.E. church leaders - will host a Presidential Justice Forum in which all candidates will be invited to present their criminal justice platforms. Additionally, the presumed nominees of both parties will be invited to the general conferences of the A.M.E. and A.M.E. Zion churches in July 2016.

Coalition co-convenor Bishop Reginald T. Jackson of the A.M.E. Church, who is based in northern New Jersey announced that the coalition would be sending letters this week to request meetings with Congressional party leaders. The coalition also informally asked to be included on the agenda for the Congressional Black Caucus Leadership Conference next



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**Bishop John R. Bryant, Senior Bishop AME Church listens to a speaker during a press conference with clergymen representing the African Episcopal Church (AME) at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on September 2. A portrait of the slain Rev. Clementa Pinckney of Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C. is in the background.**

week in Washington, D.C.

"As people of faith we believe hearts can be changed. But the problems and consequences of racism cannot and should not wait for changes of heart alone. And as has been the case in the history of our nation, political leaders must act to do - in legislative action and fairness and equality - what changes of heart may be slow to do," said Bishop

Redick in his sermon last night addressed the fact that folks may not know Christ, may not be in our church, but they have something to contribute - and to their credit, have already contributed," said Bishop Jackson.

"We're making a concerted effort that, this is not just for church folk, but this is for all of us - one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

leaders are encouraged to lead their congregations in National Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath Weekend, which will be observed December 10-13.

The coalition also hopes to collaborate with community partners and other influential bodies to reach unchurched people in the community.

"The Black Church cannot do this alone. In fact, Bishop Redick in his sermon last night addressed the fact that folks may not know Christ, may not be in our church, but they have something to contribute - and to their credit, have already contributed," said Bishop Jackson.

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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This 13th of August, 2015

Rebekah Carolyn Williams, Administrator  
4162 Breezewood Drive Unit 201  
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 13, 20, 27, Sept. 3, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Dallie Durwood Baggett**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of November, 2015**, 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 20th of August, 2015

David Durwood Baggett, Executor  
2133 Oakton Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27606

August 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2015

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR OF THE  
ESTATE OF GLADYS R. BENNETT  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
15-E-001037

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the **ESTATE OF GLADYS R. BENNETT** 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 **November 27, 2015** 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 27th day of August, 2015.

**DALLIE E. BENNETT**  
Executor of the Estate of  
GLADYS R. BENNETT  
SAFFO LAW FIRM, P.C.  
5900-B Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Barbara Napier**, 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 **3rd day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 3rd day of September, 2015  
James Napier, Executor  
16783 NE 86th Ct.  
Redmond, WA 98052

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Lucy Ann Glover, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Lucy Ann Glover**, 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 **November 30, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of August, 2015.

Eugenia Ann Glover Gretz  
Executor of the Estate  
of Lucy Ann Glover  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2015

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Maria L. Lamberton**, 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 **3rd day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 3rd day of September, 2015  
Rolland II. Lamberton, Executor  
Of the Estate of Maria L. Lamberton  
616 N. Colony Circle  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor &  
Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Linwood Allen Hill, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 3rd day of September, 2015  
Zina Hawes, Administrator  
905 Glenarthur Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

NOTICE TO DEBTORS  
AND CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
15 E 1062

The undersigned having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JACQUELINE DIANE RANNENBERG**, late of Wilmington, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **7th day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of September, 2015.  
Kent A. Jenks, Executor  
Estate of Jacqueline Diane  
Rannenberg  
Susan K. Hill  
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed,  
L.L.P.  
P.O. Box 4  
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September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF PENDER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
COUNTY OF PENDER  
FILE #: 15-CVD-799

**ELIZABETH JUNE TOLL-SALGUERO**, Plaintiff,  
v.  
**DOUGLAS ARMANDO SALGUERO**, Defendant.

TO: **Douglas Armando Salguero**

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 an absolute divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 24th day of September, 2015 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 25th day of August, 2015.

R. Kent Harrell  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 625  
Burgaw, N.C. 28425  
(910) 259-7772

August 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2015

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Grace B. Andrews AKA Grace B. Garton**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of November, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 20th of August, 2015  
Raymond J. Schmitt, Jr., Executor  
20 N 15th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF LINWOOD ALLEN HILL, JR.

The undersigned having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Linwood Allen Hill, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of November, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 19th of August, 2015.  
Obeta Hill, Personal Representative  
Terry B. Richardson,  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
15 E 1062

The undersigned having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Roy Floyd**, 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 **3rd day of December, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 3rd day of September, 2015.  
Stewart A. Floyd, Collector  
P.O. Box 1065  
Roanoke, VA 24005

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Virginia L. Ferguson**, 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 **30th day of November, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of August, 2015.

Robert B. Ferguson, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Virginia L. Ferguson  
24 Sheridan Avenue  
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Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
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August 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2015

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September 3, 10, 17, 2015

## LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON  
THE SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB  
(SJAFB) AND FORT FISHER  
RECREATION AREA (FFRA)  
PRELIMINARY DRAFT  
INTEGRATED NATURAL  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
PLAN (PDINRMP)

Seymour Johnson AFB (SJAFB) has prepared a PDINRMP in accordance with the Sikes Act that describes the strategies and methods that will be used to manage natural resources on the SJAFB and FFRA. The PDINRMP will be available for public review and comment from 14 August through 12 September at the Wayne County Public Library, 1001 E Ash St in Goldsboro, the Carolina Beach Library at 300 Cape Fear Boulevard, Carolina Beach, NC 28428, and also on the SJAFB website: [www.seymour-johnsonafb.af.mil](http://www.seymour-johnsonafb.af.mil). Written comments must be mailed to 4 CES/CEIE, 1095 Peterson Ave, SJAFB NC 27531, and must be postmarked no later than 12 September 2015. Inquiries should be directed to the SJAFB Environmental Element at 919-722-5168.

August 13, 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2015

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 84, 85

IN THE MATTER OF:  
I.S.D. (dob: 5/4/2010  
A.N.A. (dob: 1/22/2009)

TO: RESPONDENTS:  
**WILLIE BERNARD DAVIS**,  
BIOLOGICAL FATHER AND  
ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL  
FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED  
FEMALE, CHILDREN  
BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW  
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH  
CAROLINA TO **JASMIN RHODES**

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 **September 3, 2015**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney **Garrison Michael**, has been appointed to represent **Willie B. Davis**, and may be contacted at [Garrison@speakslaw.com](mailto:Garrison@speakslaw.com), 910-341-7570, 2802 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR October 12, 2015, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of September, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsorth  
Senior Staff Attorney - New  
Hanover Co. Dept.  
of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
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September 3, 10, 17, 2015

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, Nancy S. Garner, having qualified on the 3rd day of September, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate of **Thomas J. Garner, Jr.**, deceased this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **15th day of December, 2015**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 9th day of September, 2015

Nancy S. Garner, Administrator  
ESTATE OF THOMAS J. GARNER, JR.  
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