

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

Willistonians one and all!



This a reminder of the request the Scholarship Committee asked during our 100th Anniversary this past July. We asked that everyone give \$50 toward the Scholarship Fund. Encourage your classmates, family and friends to give. This will be an annual event. As Willistonians, this is our way to "Continue the Legacy" of excellence we received. We are helping students further their education beyond high school. Let us pay it forward to the coming generations. Send your gifts to Williston Alumni Assn., Inc., PO Box 2, Wilmington, NC 28402. Thank you for making this a success.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

ONE GOAL

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, I am headed to the NAACP Winter Conference Humanitarian Dinner, to be held at Abundant Life Christian Church on Poole Rd. in Raleigh, N. C. The church is our foundation and root. We need to always keep it first and as a top priority in our lives.

As we move forward in today's society, here in Brunswick County, I find that we have a very diverse population, racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity. We have both those who were born here and those who came here from elsewhere to make Brunswick County home. This is because it

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NC NAACP REJECTS MAPS

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

State Republican lawmakers may be pleased with themselves after redrawing North Carolina's 13-district congressional maps last week, but the NC NAACP is not.

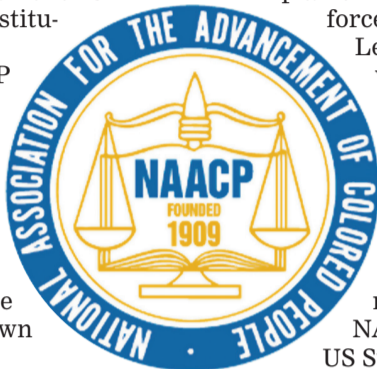
Civil rights organization told reporters Monday that they are asking the federal appeals court that ordered the new voting maps to now reject them, and redraw new ones itself, because GOP lawmakers substituted partisanship for race in their new maps, making them just as bad

as the previous voting districts the federal court ruled earlier this month to be unconstitutional.

The NC NAACP insisted that the Republican lawmakers who drew the original maps cannot be trusted.

The original plaintiffs in the case have asked that the new maps be thrown out by March 18th.

Attorneys for the NC



NAACP are joining with the original plaintiffs in the lawsuit that forced the state

Legislature to reconvene last week to redraw the congressional maps, in asking the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to expedite its review, and toss out the new maps. The NC

NAACP also wants the US Supreme Court to consolidate the various North

Carolina cases involving congressional and legislative maps, and declare them unconstitutional so that voters will be able to have confidence in their voting districts.

A state court case involving the constitutionality of the 2011 legislative maps is scheduled to be heard in April.

Thanks to the Feb. 5th ruling by a three-judge panel of the Fourth US Circuit Court of Appeals, the 2011

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MR. WILBUR JONES (CENTER) AND MEMBERS OF ALPHA PSI OMEGA

Mr. Wilbur Jones, St. Stephen A.M.E. Church and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated@ Alpha Psi Omega Chapter gather

CONTRIBUTED BY ALPHA PSI OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, INC.

In September 2015, St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in Wilmington celebrated its 150th anniversary. During the anniversary worship service, a souvenir journal was distributed to worshipers. It included a congratulatory ad with heartfelt memories from Wilbur D. Jones. A local author and historian, Mr. Jones is also a retired USNR Captain and chairman of the World War II Wilmington Home Front Heritage Coalition. Most notable is the fact

that he spent a great deal of time during his formative years at his aunts' home at the northwest corner of Fifth & Red Cross Streets, now home to Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Given his childhood memories of the community, he visited with the Rev. Dr. Rachel Stephens (president of Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated) and members of the sorority to share stories about Wilmington's history and the Brooklyn Community. Following is

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DEMS DEBATE IN US SENATE BID



DEMOCRATS SEEKING TO UNSEAT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN US SENATOR RICHARD BURR ARE (LEFT TO RIGHT) BUSINESSMAN KEVIN GRIFFIN, SPRING LAKE MAYOR CHRIS REY, FORMER STATE HOUSE REP. DEBORAH ROSS, AND US ARMY VETERAN ERNEST REEVES.

US Senate Democrat hopefuls debate tonight

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Tonight, the four Democrats seeking to unseat Republican incumbent US Senator Richard Burr will gather to debate to the issues, and why they would be the best nominee to face Burr on Nov. 8th.

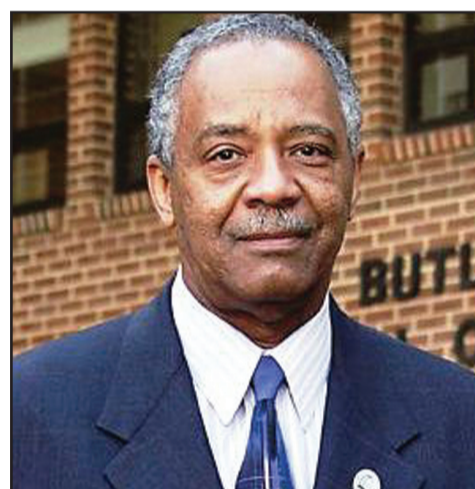
But over a month ago, at the behest of the African-American and Hispanic caucuses of the NC

Democratic Party, the four candidates indeed debated several issues dealing with economic opportunity, immigration, terrorism and more.

Taking part in that debate at NC Democratic Party headquarters were former NC Rep. Deborah Ross, Spring Lake Mayor Chris Rey, Durham businessman Kevin Griffin and retired US Army Officer Ernest Reeves.

All four candidates answered the first and fourth

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DR. JAMES A. ANDERSON

FSU chancellor: "Proposals perpetuate unequal treatment of 'select' UNC schools"

Editor's note: Below is a commentary written by Dr. James A. Anderson, Chancellor of Fayetteville State University. We felt this deserved front page attention because of the controversy surrounding state supported HBCUs and their future.

SPECIAL TO
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BY DR. JAMES A. ANDERSON

Recent articles published in several newspapers and online have attempted to represent the position of those who publically call for radical changes in the UNC system. Specifically, one of these proposals involves potential changes to mandate that the least qualified of students accepted to UNC schools be required to attend community colleges and earn an associate's degree before they are allowed to attend a UNC school. Other proposals include such options as:

a) Raise the admissions criteria at all UNC institutions from the current Grade Point Average of 2.5 to 2.7;

b) Specify that a percentage of students already committed to UNC schools be directed to NC Community Colleges)

c) Lower the in-state tuition to \$500 and out-of-state tuition to \$2,500 of "selected" campuses, a plan that would potentially alter the size and diversity of certain "select" campuses; and

d) Merge and re-name certain "select" campuses. Generally, these potential options are proffered as ways to increase graduation rates, to reduce student debt, to increase college readiness, and to reduce the number of UNC campuses. However, the potential also exists to have a disparate impact on certain campuses.

At the outset I unequivocally state that it is the responsibility of the General Assembly and the Board of Governors to monitor persistence and graduation rates, student debt, and the efficiency and effectiveness of all 17 UNC institutions. And, when possible changes are discussed, especially radical changes, that they involve a review of the best research, best practices, best models, best data/metrics, and predictive analytics that are available. Anything less embodies conjecture, subjective projection, and the dangerous possibility that outcomes will be produced that are harmful to our most precious commodity - students enrolled in UNC institutions who will drive

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is a very good place to live, or it
used to be. I also find that most
of our elected officials have
moved to special interests and
have slowly moved away from
the style of life which attracted
people to Brunswick County in
the beginning. When this is
allowed to happen, everybody
loses.

We must vote for a change in
the way we "do business"! We
must not restrict our citizens'
rights, promote racial hatred,
nor oppress the aged, sick, or
otherwise disenfranchised
people. If we continue to follow
this course of action, we will
fail and freedom for all will not
stand! There will be freedom
for one or two and the oppres-
sion of conservatism for the
rest. We must remember to
keep our freedom. We have to
come together with that one
goal in mind!!

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

**REGISTER!
THEN VOTE!
A VOTELESS
PEOPLE
IS A
HOPELESS
PEOPLE!!**

A GATHERING

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an excerpt from his presenta-
tion and also from informa-
tion shared with Bertha B.
Todd in 2014:

"When I was boy growing
up in Wilmington during
World War II, my mother's
aunts Lillian and Katie
George, and Jean Archer,
with her husband Mervin
Archer, owned and resided in
the home on the northwest
corner of Fifth & Red Cross
Streets across from St.
Stephen AME Church. "Bill,"
a former registered nurse,
maintained the local nurses'
registry, a muster and assign-
ment list for the county's
white nurses who served pri-
marily at James Walker
Memorial Hospital. My

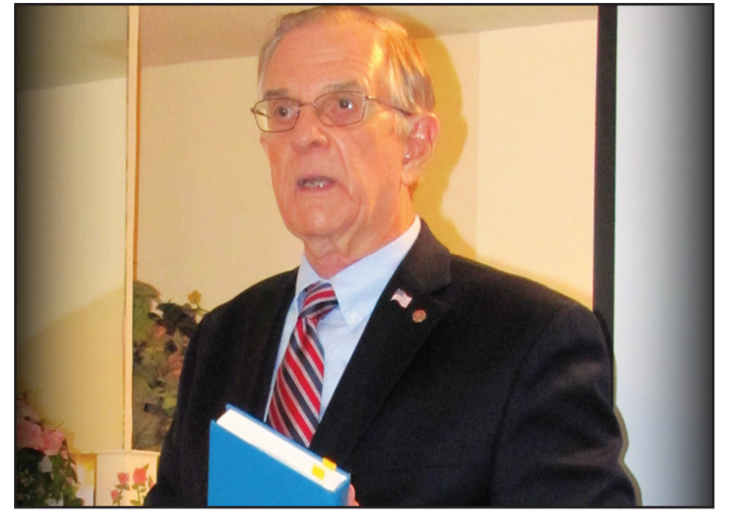
mother grew up poor on
North Fifth Street. This was
her old immediate neighbor-
hood.

Frequently my parents
dropped me off at my aunts'
house while performing their
service or enjoying their
church and social contacts.
My aunts made excellent
baby/child sitters. Many
were the hours I played hap-
pily, but alone, along Fifth
Avenue, tending their back-
yard chicken coop. I sat on
the solid porch railings eat-
ing Bill's specialty snack:
hunks of white break thickly
spread with gooey oleomar-
garine (no butter available)
and sprinkled with sugar,
watching for passing cars
and walkers, and listening
through an open window to
my afternoon radio shows.
Sundays added the joyous
and lengthy services at St.

Stephen, the music and
singing, the loud "amens" and
the ladies wearing their
white dresses and hats."

He further elaborated on
Wilmington's history during
and immediately after the
war, recalling the vivid social
life in the African American
community, the separate but
staunch wartime support of
both the black and white
communities, and the active
and faithful religious activi-
ties of the era. He noted his
childhood observations that
while Wilmington was very
segregated at the time, he
could easily see from his
aunts' front porch that the
community did so many of
the same things - just not
together.

By 1966, while he was liv-
ing in Los Angeles, his aunts
died. Upon returning to
Wilmington, he would fre-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
MR. WILBUR JONES PRESENTING TO ALPHA PSI OMEGA

quently drive by the home
and enjoy fleeting look-backs
at his childhood. February 6,
2016 provided him an oppor-
tunity to reach across old
boundaries that divided com-

munities, share stories from
his childhood and learn more
about the ladies of Alpha Psi
Omega Chapter who now
occupy a special place from
his childhood.

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the economy of this state one
day and emerge as its future
leaders.

The "select" institutions who
are the primary targets of
many of the proposals are three
of the five Historically Black
Universities and UNC
Pembroke whose original mis-
sion involved the admission of
American Indian students. But
the question remains: Why
these institutions? Fayetteville
State University is one of the
most diverse campuses in the
system so why is a diversity
criteria being applied to us? We
are racially diverse and we
serve high percentages of adult
students, commuters, the mili-
tary, and online students. One
would think that a discussion
this critical about potential
radical changes to certain UNC
institutions would involve their
respective Chancellors and
Board of Trustee chairs. This is
more striking since our insti-
tutions have a history of being
underfunded and treated in a
less than respectful manner. I
have not been contacted by any-
one who previously has sug-
gested changes. Like most peo-
ple I read about it in the media
or have picked up information
on the grapevine. Since the size,
make-up, and economy of any
UNC institution are fundamen-
tal to their very existence, I find
it profoundly unprofessional
that others, who know little
about FSU and the other
"select" institutions are having
public discussions about our
future.

The only person who has
contacted me and some of the
other Chancellors is Mr. Craig
Horn, the Chair of the House
Standing Committee of
Appropriations for Education. I
am very grateful for his cour-
tesy and for extending us his
professional respect. He is seek-
ing to encourage thoughtful
and collaborative discussions
about the proposals.

LITTLE EVIDENCE TO
SUPPORT PROPOSALS

As I indicated earlier it is
reasonable, professional, and
ethically important that discus-
sions about radical changes
among UNC institutions be
guided by what we know that
works, what is effective, and
what benefits students the
most. Virtually little evidence
has been offered to support the
aforementioned proposals. In
fact, there exists a strong body
of research and evidence that
directly contradicts some of the
proposals and suggests that
they will result in more harm
than good. Some states that
have instituted radical changes
in tuition and performance
measures have experienced
unexpected outcomes.

Of course persistence and
graduation rates need to
improve and no one challenges
that. However, relying solely on
a four-year graduation rate
masks the fact that those rates
are influenced by multiple fac-
tors: students may lack funds,
students are raising families,
academic majors are not avail-
able every semester, state bud-
get reductions cause a loss of
faculty and a reduction in avail-
able classes, etc. Over the last
several years the UNC system
schools have increased admis-
sion standards and progression
standards (semester-to-semester
persistence), and have
accepted their evaluation
against 10 mutually agreed
upon assessment/evaluation
metrics initiated by the Board
of Governors. We have also
limited the acceleration of tuition
and fees. Acceptance of these
changes were grounded in col-
laborative discussions about
the merit of proposed changes,

a review of good research and
data, and most importantly, a
desire to improve the quality of
education for our students. The
supporters of some of the new
proposals have offered little
evidence other than to say that
graduation rates need to
increase and then to arbitrarily
suggest two options. Moreover,
the belief that forcibly sending
students to community college
first will increase their transfer
back to a UNC campus is con-
tradicted by data that has been
documented and generated by
many sources and other state
systems. Journalist John
Newsome cites evidence in the
Greensboro News and Record
("The Syllabus: Drowning
Bunnies in North Carolina, 2-
15-2016) that North Carolina
trails the national average on
three community college per-
formance measures: fewer com-
munity college students on the
average transfer to a four-year
school (24 percent); b) fewer get
a certificate or degree before
leaving community college (25
percent); and c) fewer end up
getting a four year degree (40
percent). It is important to note
that community college stu-
dents do perform fairly well
when they do go to UNC
schools. The 2+2 agreement
between Fayetteville State
University and Fayetteville
Tech CC assures that students
who get associates' degrees will
be successful when they enroll
at FSU mainly because our fac-
ulties have collaborated on
developing a success model. It
is essential to put faculty and
staff at the center of this dis-
cussion, not politicians.

UNC Chapel Hill scholar Dr.
James Johnson has developed
an articulate and evidenced-
based argument on the
inevitable impact of the
"browning" of North Carolina.
Demographic changes involv-
ing the increased presence of
people of color will become a
primary factor that drives the
state economy in the future.
Some may perceive that there is
a lack of commitment to diver-
sity in that certain proposals
for change may target under-
served students of all races: stu-
dents of color, returning adults
and commuters who have to
work, and low income students.
It is essential to put faculty and
staff at the center of this dis-
cussion, not politicians.

THE FALLACY OF
STATE-MANDATED
TUITION

It has been suggested by
some that reducing the tuition
to \$500 (in-state) or \$2500 (out-
state) for "select" UNC schools
will increase their enrollment
as more NC residents will be
encouraged to enroll. Three
major issues need to be under-
stood because they challenge
the purported logic of this flat
tuition suggestion. First, a pow-
erful study that recently
appeared in the *Economics of
Education Review*:47 (2015) 80-
89 concluded this about state-
mandated tuition policies:
"although these laws offer pre-
dictability in tuition for stu-
dents, the inherent financial
risk built into these programs
appear to encourage overall
tuition increases, which is not
clearly beneficial to students
and families. In fact, a guaran-
teed tuition law appears to be a
driver of tuition increases." The
study examined a national
data-set and the Illinois Truth-
in-Tuition law.

The second concern is that
families and students will find
it difficult to compare a state-
mandated guaranteed rate (\$500
& \$2500) to a traditional rate of
tuition. While sounding entic-
ing, it may lead to a competitive
disadvantage for the "select"
institutions. After all if some-
one offers to sell you a \$500 car
wouldn't you question its value?

The authors of the study sug-
gest that allowing annual
adjustments to tuition charges
will create more transparency
surrounding tuition inflation
and potentially more straight-
forward policy discussions of
tuition.

Finally, a reduced flat tuition
policy for "select" UNC schools
may further challenge the
capacity of community col-
leges as UNC schools mandate
that more students attend com-
munity colleges. As open-
admissions institutions they
have to absorb students sent to
them by the UNC schools, and
they will be faced with absorb-
ing all new costs.

I am waiting on a rational
explanation as to why there
needs to be a name change
among the "select" institutions.
Let's be honest: Appalachian
State, East Carolina, Western
Carolina, and North Carolina
A&T are not going to be asked
to change their name. So why
us or other HBU's? Is it because
of what has recently occurred
in South Carolina where insti-
tutions were merged and some
names then changed? That
alone is not enough of a rea-
son. Excellence is the name of
the game - not name changes.
FSU recently entered into a
memorandum of agreement
with one of the most promi-
nent national research labora-
tories in the world: Oak Ridge

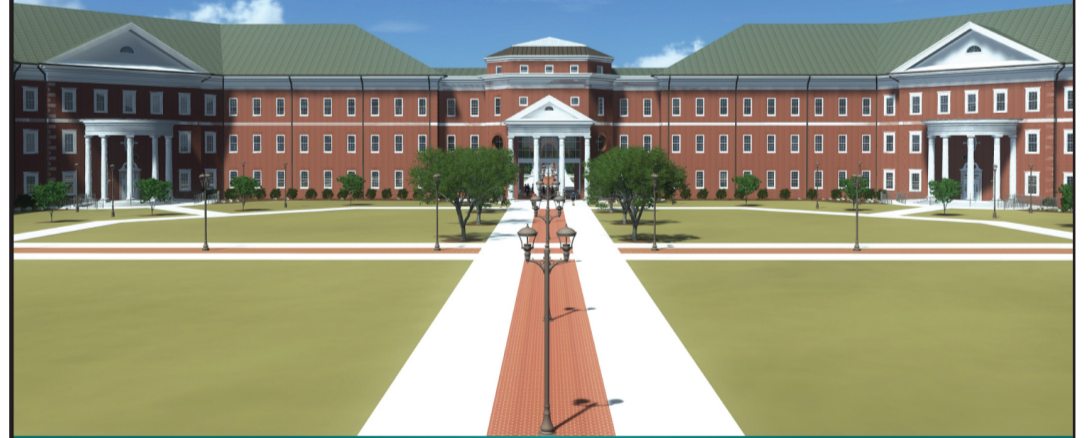
National Laboratories in
Tennessee. We are the first
HBCU to be selected for the
mentor-protégé program. This
is the same laboratory that
supports research among insti-
tutions like UNC Chapel Hill,
NC State, Harvard, Stanford,
Virginia Tech, U of Michigan,
etc. They valued our commit-
ment to STEM and the success
to date of our Center for
Defense and Homeland
Security, and our elite high
school STEM initiative (the
A.G.O.R.A. project). Many of
our students now intern at Oak
Ridge and at MIT Lincoln labs.
FSU is the first HBCU and only
the 10th university nationwide
to be awarded the FSU
Geospatial Intelligence
Certificate Program. We are
now designated as a Center for
Academic Excellence for
Geospatial Sciences by the
National Geospatial
Intelligence Agency.

Many of our academic and
online programs are now
nationally ranked compared to
all institutions in North
Carolina and in the country.
Several are in the top ten and
these are not weak rankings
like the U.S. News and World
Report. Nurse Journal.org
ranks FSU's nursing program
as #2 in the East and Southeast
based upon an evaluation of
1,189 programs. A 100% pass
rate on the nursing licensure

exam has become a standard (3
of the last 4 years). The
Criminal Justice program is
ranked #5 in the U.S. by
GoGrad.org. According to the
Social Science Research
Network (SSRN.org) the FSU
School of Business and
Economics is ranked 3d in
North Carolina behind Duke
and Chapel Hill. So, why do we
need to change our name? I can
offer many other examples of
our excellence and our commit-
ment to student success. I
repeat, Excellence is the name
of the game - not name changes.

In 2017 Fayetteville State
University will have a 150th
birthday celebration. Our 149
year history to date has led us to
this point of excellence and
more is to come. NC leaders are
charged with examining big
important issues across many
social, political, economic and
educational dimensions that
affect the future of this state.
The UNC system has historically
been identified as one of the
premiere systems in the coun-
try and its minority serving
institutions receive similar
accolades. Now, is not the time
to abandon the collaborative,
respectful, and evidenced-based
discussions that will help us to
shape our future.

Dr. James Anderson is
Chancellor and Professor of
Psychology at Fayetteville State
University.

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RALEIGH POLICE ASSOCIATION VOTES NOT TO BOYCOTT BEYONCE CONCERT

[RALEIGH] In the wake of superstar singer Beyonce's controversial protest Super Bowl halftime show and music video against police brutality, several police unions across the country where her concert tour will play have been calling for a police boycott. Beyonce is scheduled to bring her concert to Carter-Finley Stadium on May 3rd, the



STATE BRIEFS

Raleigh Police Protective Association voted Tuesday night not to boycott the event, opting instead to do their jobs to keep the public safe. Nation of Islam leader Min. Louis Farrakhan had vowed to provide security for Beyonce's concert tour if police departments failed to do so.

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR BLACK MEMORIALS ON STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS

[RALEIGH] The NC Historical Commission and NC African American Heritage Commission, in conjunction with Gov. Pat McCrory, the NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural

Resources and the State Capitol Memorial Study Committee are joining together to sponsor statewide public hearings into memorials on state Capitol grounds honoring African-Americans. Those hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 at the International Civil Right Museum in Greensboro at 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Harvey B. Gantt Center in Charlotte; Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Braswell Memorial Library, and Tuesday, March 29th, 6:30 p.m. in Shaw auditorium, Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville. For more information call 919-807-7290.

STATE LAWMAKERS TO COUNTER CHARLOTTE NONDISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

[CHARLOTTE] Gov. Pat McCrory and Republican legislative leaders have vowed to counter a new Charlotte City nondiscrimination ordinance that allows transgender people to use the public bathrooms of their choice in restaurants and locker rooms. The Charlotte City Council passed the controversial measure Monday 7-4. It goes into effect April 1st. Gov. McCrory, a former Charlotte mayor, issued a statement saying, "As governor, I will support legislative action to address this regula-

tion and will remain committed to protecting the privacy and safety of all men, women and children of all ages in North Carolina."

CLEMMONS MAN WINS MAYA ANGELOU'S LIMOSINE

[CLEMMONS] The 1985 Lincoln Continental limousine once owned by author/poetess Maya Angelou was recently raffled off by charity, and won by Brian McGrail of Clemmons. The charity, The Children's Home, reportedly raised \$5300 from the sale. The limo was donated by Ms. Angelou's estate. The charity provides therapeutic home

care for children.

RETIRED DURHAM JUDGE PLEADS GUILTY TO DWI

[DURHAM] Retired Durham Superior Court Judge David LaBarre has pled guilty to a Dec. 16th charge of driving while impaired. As part of his plea agreement, LaBarre must undergo substance abuse treatment, complete 24 hours of community service, and be on unsupervised probation for a year. Judge LaBarre has served on the Durham bench for over 20 years.

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VOTING MAPS

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redistricting maps drawn by the NC General Assembly were determined to be unconstitutional because black voters had been "stacked and packed" into the First and Twelfth Congressional districts.

Race cannot be the primary reason for creating voting districts under the US Constitution. Party affiliation, however, can be used. The court ruling disal-

lowed the 2011 maps, which had already been used in the 2012 and 2014 elections, from being utilized in the upcoming March 15th primaries and subsequent Nov. 8th general elections.

The NC NAACP says the two elections that were conducted under the 2011 maps were illegal, given the federal court's ruling that maps were unconstitutional.

State lawmakers were given until Friday, February 19th to redraw the districts, and submit them to the federal appellate court for review.

Republicans had hoped that the US Supreme Court would stay the lower court's order, thus allowing the 2011 maps to still be used for March 15th, but the US High Court refused to stay the order Friday, meaning that the new congressional maps drawn will be in force on June 7th, the new North Carolina congressional primary day state lawmakers decided on last week.

"The fact that no justices on the court issued a dissenting opinion gives us real hope that the Supreme Court is tired of these cases coming

from North Carolina that are constructed for the sole purpose of undermining the voting strength of African-Americans," said attorney Irving Joyner, legal counsel for the NC NAACP.

With the new date, there will no runoff date, which means whoever gets the majority of the primary vote wins outright.

Legislative Democrats complained bitterly as the new maps were being drawn last week, charging that Republicans were not accepting input from anyone but

themselves, that hearings were really sham exercises since they already knew how the maps were going to be redrawn, and that the new maps were just as bad as the 2011 districts because Republican partisanship served as a proxy for race in their redrawing.

Republicans denied the charges, countering that race was not a factor at all in their new maps, which changed the configuration of several districts beyond the First and Twelfth, and now have several incumbent congressional members facing off against

each other.

Much of Twelfth District Congresswoman Alma Adams' district, for example, has now been absorbed into the Thirteenth District. Adams still vows to run to represent the Twelfth District.

The NC Republican Party charges that there is nothing wrong with the new congressional maps, and the NC NAACP only wants them redrawn so that Democrats can have an easier way of winning in the upcoming elections.

DEBATE

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questions. Two candidates answered the second, and the two others answered the third.

First question - How is Sen. Burr failing North Carolina and failing the nation?

Ms. Ross charged that Sen. Burr has not been taking care of "ordinary people's needs" or reflecting North Carolina's values. She continued that "people are hurting today," adding that children are entitled to a high-quality public school education. Burr, she says, has voted against ways to manage student loan debt, and increasing access to Pell grants for higher education. Ross also charged that Sen. Burr is opposed to raising the minimum wage, and has voted against equal pay for women. Burr also opposed the Affordable Care Act, and came up with a plan that would have allowed insurance companies kick people off their insurance. Burr has also voted to privatize Social Security and other social safety programs for the elderly. Ross promised to be on the "right side of those issues" if elected to replace Sen. Burr.

Mayor Rey charged that Sen. Burr has failed North Carolina "miserably and miserably." He said he was "sick and tired of an economy...health care system and criminal justice that doesn't work for everyone." Rey blasted Burr's positions on Social Security and immigration reform. "So my position on running is very simple...it is our time, and it is our turn."

Kevin Griffin said Sen. Burr "worked hard to forget about the people, taking the "Sen. No" title form Jesse Helms." Griffin said Burr has forgotten about

the problems facing common people.

Ernest Reeves said Sen. Burr has done little to support teachers, increasing the minimum wage for working people, or Medicaid expansion.

Second question - Blacks and Hispanics comprise the lion's share of prison populations across the nation. As US Senator, what could you do about this?

Spring Lake Mayor Chris Rey said one of the first local ordinances he signed into law upon his election in 2011 was "Ban the Box," which allowed ex-felons to apply for jobs without initially revealing their criminal history. Rey said he's also working with President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" initiative to help young black males build more productive lives. If elected US senator, Rey said he wants to look at implementing "second chance" programs and alternatives to incarceration.

Businessman Kevin Griffin said removing mandatory sentencing guidelines is one step towards reducing incarceration. But Griffin also advocates improving educational opportunities for poor children. Griffin said he's also for helping small businesspeople in depressed areas have an easier time getting loans so that they can help build stronger economies in their communities.

Third question - As a US senator, what would your priorities be in the areas of national security and unemployment?

Candidate Ernest Reeves said, given his extensive military background, that national security would be his "number one concern." "National security is a must. We must protect the homeland." Regarding unemployment, Reeves said

Republicans have done very little to create jobs.

Ms Ross said "keeping people safe" would be her "number one priority per national security. People are feeling insecure from external threats like Isis that "need to be taken out right where they are. Stronger international partnerships to fight terrorism have to be made. Ross also called for stronger efforts at safety domestically, redoubling efforts with the intelligence and law enforcement communities to root out internal threats.

Regarding unemployment, Ross agreed with Ernest Reeves that the Republicans have done very little to help create jobs and rebuild the economy. She said the state government alone could create numerous jobs by rebuilding roads, bridges and other infrastructure across the state.

Fourth question - As US senator, what would you do to make sure that immigrant refugees are treated properly upon entering the country?

Kevin Griffin said immigrants need to be "brought into the system instead of being forced into hiding," meaning that they able to work and build better lives for themselves and their families.

Ernest Reeves said he is not for a pathway to citizenship, and those that are here illegally must follow the law until the courts decide on what to do with them.

Mayor Chris Rey said he is for a pathway to citizenship for immigrants, and that he has confidence that the current system in place is proper, and keeps Americans safe.

Deborah Ross said America is "a nation of immigrants, and that's something we need to be proud of." But the country also needs comprehensive immigration reform, but unfortu-

nately, Republicans in Congress have "over politicized" it. Ross said she would have voted for the reform pack-

age put before the US Senate several years ago if she had been in the US Senate. Richard Burr voted against it.

"Comprehensive immigration reform is the only solution, and if elected, I will make that happen."

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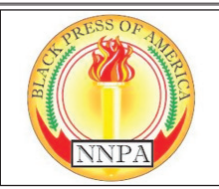
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GUEST EDITORIAL

BLACKONOMICS

Hillary and Bernie discover and re-discover Black people

(Via George Curry Media)

One thing is for sure: Black folks are enjoying this latest political mating dance with Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. Sanders is discovering Black people in South Carolina and Georgia, and Clinton has reopened the "leading Blacks" vault to rediscover their loyalty and willingness to present her to the Black electorate one mo' time, y'all.



James Clingman

Sanders, after years without doing anything specific for the 1 percent Black population of his state, much less for Black people in general, has now discovered, and some would say rediscovered, his love and concern for us. In the vast majority of cases it is really a case of Black people discovering Sanders, because most Blacks knew absolutely nothing about him prior to a few months ago, but for Ed Schultz and Black folks' penchant for watching MSNBC. Sanders started out by traipsing up to Harlem, cameras in tow, of course, to sip tea with Sharpton at a popular Black restaurant. I am sure that boosted his "street creed" bona fides with Black voters.

Uncle Bernie then goes to MLK's alma mater, Morehouse, and tells thousands of Black folks how much he loves them now and how much he will do for them - now. It's almost like he is waking up from his five-decade "I marched with MLK" respite and discovering that Black people exist and, yes, they are important to court because he cannot win without them. He is pulling out all the condescending platitudes to get the Black vote, and Black folks are lovin' it.

Hillary, far more knowledgeable and adept at getting Black voters, reached into her bag of politricks and pulled out an old, tried-and-true, sleight of hand tactic. She met with the Great Triumvirate of Black "civil rights" leaders, folks who will hurt you if you get between them and a TV camera, to subliminally suggest she is "down with the bruthas." Sitting at a table with Marc Morial, Al Sharpton, and a guy Black folks have yet to discover, the NAACP's Cornell Brooks, was her springboard to vie for the Black vote.

Mama Hillary called on old stand-by Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) to tell Black folks that Sanders has no street creed because Lewis "never met him" back in the days of fire hoses, dogs, and billy-clubs. (Maybe Lewis had a concussion back then and simply forgot.) Hillary then got members of the Congressional Black Caucus to endorse her, a monumental victory that will surely bring home the ultimate victory. After all, we cast from 93 percent to 95 percent of our precious votes for Barack in both elections, and he won. Why not the same thing this year for Clinton?

Black folks are discovering and being discovered by Bernie; we are also being rediscovered by Hillary. And while we are making political campaign ads, going to rallies and cheering for the Democratic candidates, as Gil Scott-Heron said in reference to Richard Nixon and the Republicans, "All is calm and quiet along the white sands of San Clemente." In today's political world that simply points to the Republicans continued strategy of ignoring Black people by saying absolutely nothing on our behalf or in support of issues that specifically pertain to Black voters. But why should they? We are "all in" for the Dems.

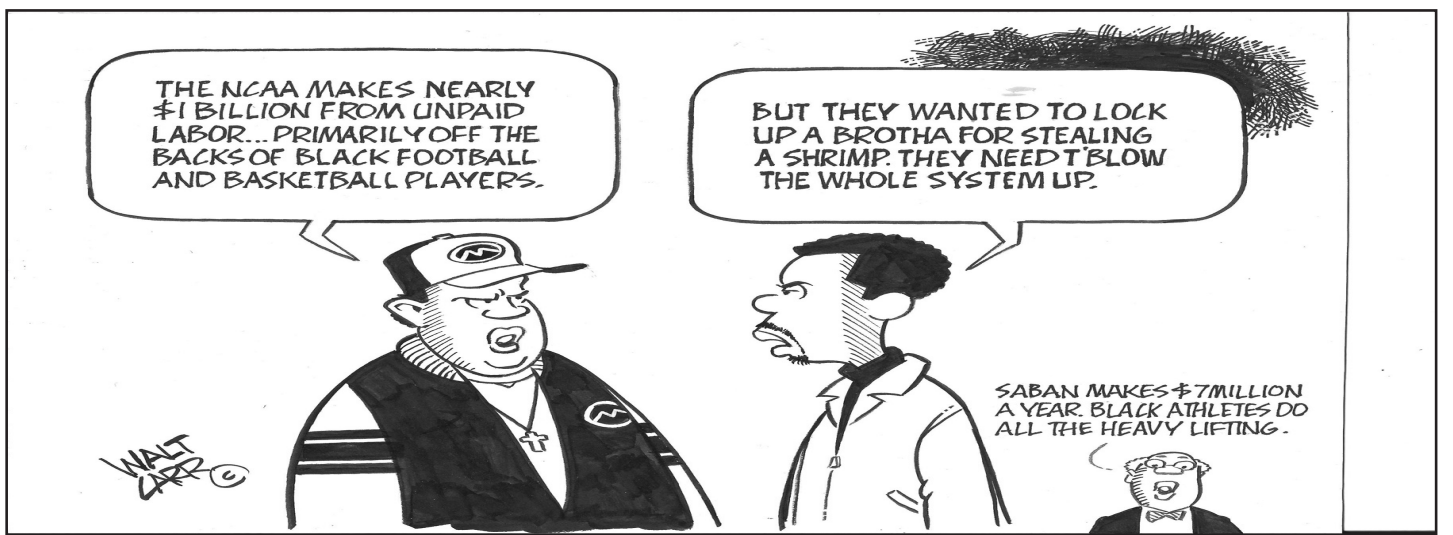
Hype is meaningless unless it is accompanied by real accountability and substantive results. If the Black vote is so important and so precious, as we like to say, then why is it literally given away for a song and a dance or a rousing speech? Saying how bad it is for Black people is not doing something about it. Glad-handing and hobnobbing with two or three leading Blacks is not doing anything to elevate Black people to a state of economic empowerment - and not even political empowerment. Feeling our pain and walking in the streets with us does nothing to alleviate that pain or stop the injustices we suffer.

It is embarrassing to see our people fawning over folks who, when they get what they want from us, will return to the political status quo. If that were not true, we would have seen huge benefits by now. It's always, "this time it will be different" when it comes to Black voters.

One practical question to ask candidates who are running around our neighborhoods, churches, and college campuses seeking our votes: "How much campaign money have you spent with Black-owned media, i.e. newspapers, radio?" That's just one of many acts of reciprocity and the bare minimum of what we should demand. If they do as the current POTUS did in 2012, spend one-tenth of 1 percent with Black media, don't support them until they increase that amount, and then move on to the next demand. Stop allowing them to use and insult you, and stop slobbering over this latest discovery process; Black people have been in this country since the show started.

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Matters of Opinion

Who will work to earn the Black vote?

(TriceEdneyWire.com) -

Michelle Alexander, the brilliant author of *The New Jim Crow*, writes in *The Nation* - that Hillary Clinton does not "deserve" the Black vote.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

She makes a strong case. She reminds us that the Bill Clinton administration yielded a draconian crime bill and welfare reform (I call it reform because the Clinton changes made a bad system worse) that demonized poor women. While Bill and Hillary Clinton are two different people, Alexander uses Hillary quotes to illustrate the ways she supported her husband's policies.

Michelle Alexander is right to say that Hillary does not deserve the black vote. She declines to endorse Bernie Sanders, though, describing

him as "the lesser of two evils". To his credit, says Alexander, Sanders opposed welfare reform and has been a far more vocal and aggressive critic of banks than Hillary. But Alexander says he still doesn't get "it" around issues of racial justice, and notes that both he and Hillary supported the Iraq war.

I'm intrigued by the concept of "deserving" a vote. From my perspective Bernie doesn't deserve it, Hillary doesn't deserve it, and none of the motley crew of Republican candidates deserve it. No Democrat or Republican has ever deserved the black vote. The dictionary defines deserve as, "to do something or have or show qualities worthy of (reward or punishment). To say someone 'deserves' the black vote, suggests that someone is entitled to it or has a right to it. I don't think any candidate has a right to the black vote. Frankly, with the possible exception of Lyndon Johnson in 1964 (after the passage of the Civil Rights Act) and Rev. Jesse Jackson

(after his history of activism) I don't think any Democrat (or Republican) for that matter. What has either Hillary or Bernie done to "deserve" the black vote?

No candidate should claim the sentimental right to the black vote either, and I think, in some ways that is what Hillary Clinton is attempting. As Michelle Alexander correctly points out in her article, some African Americans are almost irrationally loyal to the Clintons. Many other African Americans, though, have a measured view of the Clinton years, celebrating historic appointments, like that of Alexis Herman as Secretary of Labor, condemning the ways that Lani Guinier and Jocelyn Elders were abandoned by the Clintons, and balancing policy failures like welfare reform with some policy successes. Hillary Clinton's stand-alone record includes sensitivity to diversity that Sanders lacks. As a Senator and as Secretary of State, she had staffs that were very

inclusive, with several African American women, in particular, serving in leadership roles in the State Department. Her record shows that, as President, she would continue her commitment to diversity and that we might finally have a cabinet that "looks like America". Does her commitment to diversity alone make her entitled to the black vote?

The black vote should be earned, not bequeathed. But too many African Americans seem to think that voting is the most, not the least, they can do. We must vote for politicians based on their track record and also on their promises. But then we must hold them accountable so that they keep their promises. We didn't do it with Clinton in 1996 when we voted for him even after welfare reform. We didn't do it with Obama in 2012, when we voted for him after a disappointing first term. African

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RAINBOW COALITION

Minority voters must focus on what, not who

(Via George Curry Media)

In South Carolina, African-Americans will constitute a majority of Democratic voters in the primary on Feb. 27. On March 1, Super Tuesday, people of color - Blacks, Latinos, Asian-Americans - will constitute large portions of the voters.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The press is focused on whom we want. But we would be far better off to be focused on what we want.

Democratic candidates - not just

Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton, but contenders in Senate and gubernatorial races as well - have to listen and respond. They can no longer simply expect to inherit our votes or to ignore our concerns. Their prospects in both the primaries and the general election depend, in significant part, on giving us a reason to vote and to vote in large numbers.

We've already seen the impact of this new reality. Black Lives Matter demonstrations across the country have raised the demand for criminal justice reform - and Sanders and Clinton have responded. The Dreamers and the Latino uprising raised the commitment to comprehensive immigration reform.

So what do we want? We

know the goal: a level playing field, equal opportunity and a fair start. Carolina lost the Super Bowl. Clemson lost in the college football championship game. But they accepted the result because of five fundamentals: the playing field was level; the rules were public; the goals were clear; the officials were fair; the score was transparent. If the game had started with one team 21 points down, the protests would have stopped the game. Instead, both teams had a fair start and an equal opportunity to win. That is what we want in our society as well as our sports.

But that is not what we have. We have entrenched and often concentrated poverty. Schools that are unequal. Criminal justice systems that are biased. Our neighborhoods are redlined by banks. We get charged more when we finance the purchase of a car. Fraudulent mortgage brokers have targeted Blacks and Latinos for loans that they knew they could not repay. There are active efforts to suppress our right to vote. The field is not level, the start is not fair, the rules are skewed, and the officials are too often biased.

So we need targeted action to overcome targeted inequity. Rep James Clyburn (D-S.C.) has called for a 10-20-30 plan: arguing that 10 percent of all social spending be targeted on the 474 counties where 20 percent or more of the population has lived in poverty for the last

30 years. These counties are White, Black and Latino. They are represented by Republicans and by Democrats. They need targeted investment.

That's a good step, but not enough. We need a development bank to provide credit to communities that are written off by the big banks. We need a fair start for every child: adequate nutrition, health care, affordable quality day care, and universal access to pre-K.

We need funding to insure our schools can provide the basics: safe buildings, modern learning materials, small classes in early grades, skilled teachers, after-school programs and more. We need advanced training and college to be tuition free, so all who qualify can pursue their dreams. We need a jobs corps, with the government serving as the employer of last resort for young people who cannot find a job.

We need a counteroffensive against the systematic efforts to make it harder for us to vote. Revival of the Voting Rights Act. A national constitutional right to vote. Universal same-day registration. A national floor on voting rights rules. Action to curb the role of big money, particularly dark money in our politics.

We need an agenda to empower workers. Lift the floor with a \$15 minimum wage and a union. Guarantee paid family leave, paid sick days, paid vacation days. This

isn't a radical idea: the U.S. is the only advanced country without these guarantees. We need universal, affordable health care. In South Carolina, the governor has turned away billions in federal funds by refusing to expand Medicaid. In the resulting crisis, even Bamberg County Memorial Hospital, where she was born, has been forced to close.

Yes, we need police reform and sentencing reform. We need to give those who have served their time their full citizenship back, including the right to vote. And we need to challenge the private prison-industrial complex, in which prisoners serve as a kind of slave labor leased out to private companies as cut-rate rates. And this of course is but a beginning.

We've learned that a rising tide doesn't raise all boats. Some boats are buoyant yachts, others small row boats and some are stuck at the bottom. People of color represent a rising force in American politics. Many of our communities - as well as many White communities - are in deep distress. We need assistance targeted to those in need. So before we decide whom we support, let us make certain they have heard what we support.

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

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MALVEAUX

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Americans, like others, must make demands of those who hold public office, or they are free to ignore us.

The challenge is that our two-party system too often fails to provide us with a satisfactory set of alternatives to the status quo. While I was disappointed with President Obama's first term, I proba-

bly would have cut my hand off before voting for Mitt Romney. Similarly, as disappointing as Clinton's welfare reform was, another Clinton term was far preferable to a Bob Dole presidency. We too often are faced with imperfect options, and in choosing the lesser of two evils.

Michelle Alexander addresses the flaws of the two-party system in her article, and talks about a "revolutionary movement" of people

who believe that human rights and economic justice are attainable goals. There won't be a revolutionary movement before November 7, 2016. So who deserves the black vote? The candidate who works hardest for it. The candidate who addresses the black community most directly and with the most relevance. The candidate who not only schedules very public meetings with Rev. Al Sharpton, but less-well cov-

ered meetings at a day care center, in a halfway house, in a hospital. The black vote should not be something a candidate deserves. It should be something a candidate earns!

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VANTAGE POINT

Why Bernie Sanders' campaign matters

In 1988 Rev. Jesse L. Jackson galvanized the progressive movement and much of the Democratic Party as he campaigned for President on the slogan: "Bold Leadership and a New Direction." The 1988 campaign was the sequel to the electrifying campaign of 1984 in which he popularized the notion of a Rainbow Coalition as a multiracial, multi-constituency force to advance a progressive agenda. Rev. Jackson challenged the Democratic Party to hold true to and fight for its principles by unapologetically articulating a vision to improve the quality of life for the majority of Blacks, people of color, the poor, working people and the struggling middle class. His slogan and platform was proclaiming that vision matters! As a result, millions of people flocked to the Jackson campaign, large numbers of whom were young people who had never voted or participated in electoral politics before.



Dr. Ron Daniels

I believe it is "the vision thing" that is producing stunning results as surprising numbers of people, particularly young people, are enthusiastically joining a movement fueled by their feel of and affection for the "Bern." Let me be clear, Hillary Clinton is a far better choice for President than any of the extremist candidates from a Republican Party whose views on some issues border on atavistic. Bernie Sanders made it clear in his victory speech in New Hampshire that it is absolutely imperative that these rightwing, retrograde forces be stopped. However, having said that, for decades there has been a pent-up yearning for a truly progressive candidate like Bernie Sanders who could stretch the imagination to envision and articulate what should be rather than what's "practical."

Under fierce assault from reactionary forces on the right, for decades the Democratic Party has retreated from the hard fought gains secured over generations of struggle, a culture of rights for poor and working people, much of which is reflected in Roosevelt's New Deal. At the heart of this culture of rights is the notion that the "public space," public education, housing, health care, transportation, jobs and other government provided services and opportunities function as an "equalizer" to ameliorate the harsh edges, the negative outcomes for ordinary people in a Capitalist political-economy. For decades the "public space" has been withering away as Democrats have largely capitulated to the conservative onslaught, demanding smaller government, privatization of public services, elimination or drastic reductions in social programs, tax cuts for the wealthy and reduced regulations to ensure unfettered, free markets - free rein for corporations and financial interests, "freedom" for Wall Street!

A good case can be made that this capitulation was aided and abetted by the Democratic Leadership Conference (DLC), an organization within the Democratic Party led by former President William Jefferson Clinton. The DLC never claimed to be "progressive." It was a self-avowed moderate/centrist organization whose claim to fame was its opposition to the liberal-progressive wing of the Party. The DLC's formula for success was to achieve electoral victories, including winning the White House, by minimizing discussion of the traditional values and policies of the Democratic Party. The DLC advocated cooping aspects of the Republican Party's platform and message on policies like defense, the size of government, welfare, social programs and trade. They essentially favored an incremental, pro-business, "Republican light," pragmatic agenda!

The consequences of the DLC led capitulation have been disastrous, particularly in terms of dramatically increased inequality, the downward spiral or stagnation of wages/incomes for working people and marginalization of the poor. Indeed, the working class and the poor became virtually invisible in the public discourse on public policy as Democrats, no doubt influenced by the "consultant class," increasingly focused on the "middle class."

There is also a State of Emergency in America's "dark ghettos," Black communities/neighborhoods in cities like Ferguson and Baltimore which is the product of decades of disinvestment, deindustrialization and blatant neglect. Clinton abandoned urban policy and responded to the crises in Black communities by proposing the Omnibus Crime Bill of 1994 which opened the flood gates to staggering levels of incarceration of Black people. The Clintons are not progressives; they consciously/deliberately, calculatingly chose to be moderate/centrists.

The Sanders' Campaign matters because he is audaciously declaring that workers, the poor and people on the margins and the struggling middle class, the vast majority of people in this nation, matter. His relentless popular education of the electorate about the utter unfairness and injustice of the insatiable greed and obscene accumulation of wealth on Wall Street, as brilliantly exposed by the Occupy Wall Street Movement, is resoundingly resonating on Main Street. Sanders is not only excoriating the greed of the 1%, he is exposing and condemning the corrosive effect of the death grip of "billionaire classes" on the electoral political process through lobbyists and superpacs.

One year before his death Dr. Martin Luther King mounted the Podium at Riverside Church and proclaimed: "True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it comes to see that the edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring." Dr. King also called for a "radical revolution of values," stating that "when machines, computers, profit motives, and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered." In that spirit Bernie Sanders, in a manner reminiscent of Dr. King's call for an Economic Bill of Rights, is calling for a "revolution" to loosen the grip of Wall Street, the billionaire class, on the political system in this country by articulating a vision of what should be rather than drowning hope, dwelling on what is and what's practical/realistic. As Dr. Maulana Karenga, the creator of Kwanzaa, once said, "we are realistic but as for reality we have come to

change it!"

Why should the richest and most technologically endowed nation on the face of the earth accept the fact that 25 million human beings in this society suffer without health insurance while millions more are underinsured? This despite the passage of the Affordable Care Act which was/is an important incremental victory. Why is it that every western industrialized nation in the world has universal health care "except" the United States? This is not the kind of "exceptionalism" Americans should be proud of or have to endure. Bernie Sanders would have us envision a society where health care is a basic human right, not a privilege. Therefore, he advocates a Medicare-for-all, Single Payer health care system that would cover every American and drastically reduce costs; a system based on health care for people not profits for the giant insurance and pharmaceutical companies.

Why should the poor, working class and struggling middle class families and their children be burdened with enormous debt to secure an education in America? Bernie Sanders asks us to dream of a nation which provides free, "public" education for the daughters and sons of ordinary people. He also calls upon us to dream of a society which provides a decent standard of living for all its people by establishing a national living wage of at least \$15.00 an hour; offering paid sick leave and pregnancy leave for mothers and fathers; fighting for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to guarantee women equal pay for equal work; ensuring that our seniors will live in dignity by expanding, not reducing, Social Security benefits; and promoting a green, sustainable, well-paying, job generating economy. And, Bernie Sanders is urging us to join the fight to end the scourge of mass incarceration brought on by an ill-conceived War on Drugs that has devastated Black and Brown communities across this nation.

Bernie Sanders is articulating a bold vision of what should and can be achieved if millions believe and join the "revolution" by educating, mobilizing and marching on ballot boxes to chasten the billionaire class, the oligarchy, to transform the face of this nation. A parasitical billionaire class, Wall Street, must be compelled to pay the price for a more just and humane America. Millions of people are "sick and tired of being sick and tired" of pedestrian politics and business as usual. Vision matters and it is Bernie Sanders' vision and the meaning of the message that is motivating millions to join the "revolution and march on ballot boxes to embrace a truly progressive policy agenda.

However, it is important to caution that the progressive "revolution," which Sanders is inspiring, will fall short of its potential if it does not clearly recognize and emphatically assert that "race matters" in this country; that because of structural racism, the ravishes of inequality and the exploitation and neglect of poor and working people disproportionately afflict Blacks and people of color. In a recent appearance on the Melissa Harris Perry Show on MSNBC Dr. Khalil G. Muhammad, the brilliant Director of the Schomburg Center in New York was correct to point out that in the past progressives have often de-emphasized or ignored racial issues while emphasizing

issues of class. Put another way, White progressive reformers have too often minimized racial concerns and remedies for fear of alienating Whites.

Black lives matter. Bernie Sanders would do well to address the issue of structural racism and its effects on Blacks and people of color head-on. Indeed, it would be useful if he took time to deliver a major address on race in American society and outline a comprehensive policy agenda for addressing racial issues, particularly as they effect Black and Brown people. And, on the question of his position on Reparations for Blacks for slavery and ongoing discrimination, Sanders should at least support HR-40, Congressman John Conyers bill that would authorize a Commission to study slavery and its aftermath and determine whether reparations are warranted. These steps would be major strides towards constructively bridging the race-class divide in order to advance an inclusive, unified revolution!

Will the Sanders' inspired "revolution" dismantle America's Capitalist political-economy? No, it will not. But, it will be a significant interim or transitional step forward advancing a politics of social transformation in this country. The "Bern" is encouraging millions of people to envision, to dream of a nation that is more humane than the indignities and injustices they suffer with the status-quo. In that regard, the Sanders' campaign is already victorious! Millions of people are awake, seizing the moment to take matters into their own hands to contest the oligarchs, to battle Wall Street, proclaiming we are human beings, and we deserve to live with dignity and decency in this nation!

This remarkable, improbable revolution may well propel Bernie Sanders into the White House and other progressives into elected offices across the country. But, winning an election should not be the sole objective. Win or lose the election, the movement, the revolution must continue. One of the worst things that could happen is for Sanders to win and the movement is disbanded. Or for Sanders to fall short and fail to strenuously work to make the movement, the revolution, a permanent new force in American politics broadly defined. Some years ago, Danny Glover and veteran labor and social justice activist Bill Fletcher proposed the creation of a new Rainbow Coalition (I was honored to serve as an Executive Director of the Rainbow Coalition). Perhaps, the time is ripe for Bernie Sanders to revisit that idea. What the success of his campaign suggests is that millions of people are ready to be part of a new progressive force in American politics. That's why Bernie Sanders' Campaign matters. Let the "revolution" continue!

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Only Democrats compromise on court appointments

President Obama has announced that despite threats from Republican leaders, he plans to nominate someone to fill the Supreme Court vacancy created by the death of Antonin Scalia.

I hope he ignores the advice of Vice President Joe Biden who wants him to select someone who isn't staunchly liberal. Biden said, "... my advice is, the only way we get someone on the court, now or even later; is to do what we've done in the past...we have to pick somebody, as the president will, who is intellectually competent, is a person of high moral character, is a person who is demonstrated to have an open mind, and is a person who doesn't come with a specific agenda.

"...the idea that we're going to go in and decide we're going to pick an, I don't know, a new Justice Brennan, I don't think that's going to happen. That's not how the system works."

That's not how it works for Democrats. And it doesn't work because they are such wimps when it comes to standing up for their beliefs.

You have never heard nor will you ever hear a Republican talk about not nominating any judge because he or she is too conservative. In fact, they have made a point of putting rightwing reactionaries on the court: Clarence Thomas, John G. Roberts, Samuel Alito, Anthony M. Kennedy and, of course, Antonin Scalia.

Yet, Democrats - and only Democrats - feel compelled to appoint less doctrinaire justices in order to appease Republicans who oppose them at every turn. That's a one-way street to nowhere.

Conservatives have created a vast network through The Federalist Society "dedicated to reforming the current legal order." From establishing chapters on every law school campus, to arranging internships with like-minded lawyers, and screening potential judges for Republican presidents, The Federalist Society is leaving its right-wing imprint on the courts.

To their disappointment, David Souter was nominated to the Supreme Court by President George H.W. Bush, but ended up siding with liberals on the bench. "No More Souters" became the boisterous chant of disappointed conservatives.

Though they are arch-conservatives, Chief Justice John Roberts and Anthony Kennedy have been sharply criticized by conservatives for certain votes. Roberts provided the deciding vote to uphold the legality of the Affordable Care Act and Kennedy voted to legalize same-sex marriage.

The Washington Times noted in September, "As a precursor to the upcoming Republican presidential debate, a conservative group is starting a campaign push to get the candidates on the record about how they would approach Supreme Court nominations.

"Demand justices with a proven record of upholding the constitution. We can't afford more surprises," a narrator says in the first advertisement by the Judicial Crisis Network, which features the faces of Justices John Roberts and Anthony Kennedy and retired Justice David Souter; all Republican picks to the court."

The narrator added, "On the most important issues, the Supreme Court decides. The next president could appoint a new majority to last a generation."

Selecting a progressive to replace Scalia would shift the balance of the court, which is now tilted 5-4 in favor of conservatives. And the next president may get two or more additional appointments.

All of the remaining Republican candidates for president are contending that President Obama should not appoint a replacement for Scalia, which would leave his seat open for a minimum of 11 months. And, according to FactCheck.org, critics of Obama are distorting the history of the Supreme Court to make their argument.

"Let's take Cruz's statement first," FactCheck.org states. "He's right - or close to right - that it has been 80 years since a Supreme Court nominee was 'nominated and confirmed in an election year.' It has actually been 76 years. But here's the missing context: There have been only six outstanding court vacancies in an election year since 1900, and in every case the vacancy was filled."

Rubio said on "Face the Nation" (Feb. 14): "...There's been precedent established over 80 years that, in the last year, especially in the last 11 months, you do not have a lame-duck president make a lifetime appointment to the highest court on the land."

Again, that is not true. FactCheck.org stated, "In fact, this is the first time in at least 116 years that a Supreme Court vacancy occurred in a lame-duck president's final year in office. The chart above also shows there was only one lame-duck president - Reagan - who had a vacancy to fill, but that vacancy occurred when Reagan had more than a year in office. Rubio said the precedent extends only to a president's last year 'especially in the last 11 months,' which would only cover Obama."

Republican front-runner Donald Trump, who has dismissed Chief Justice John Roberts as "disgraceful" and a "disappointment," named Clarence Thomas is his favorite Supreme Court justice.

Critics notwithstanding, President Obama plans to nominate a judge to succeed Scalia. It would be the height of cowardice to shy away from nominating a progressive to the nation's highest court.

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National Black Church Initiative says *Every Student Succeeds Act* fails Black children *NBCI Calls for Higher Standards*

Washington, DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, oppose the recently signed law, *Every Student Succeeds Act*, is embodied with good principles given the most vulnerable population in public education, poor and minority students. Standardized testing allows for the progress of students to be tracked and show areas of growth and/or decline. Decisions about school policies and practices involving curriculum rigor, teacher quality, and related teaching and learning areas can be determined because of the competitiveness or lack thereof of test scores. With that principle alone, the black church supports President Obama and the bipartisanship efforts taken to maintain this important tracking system of student progress.

However, for as much as the *Every Student Succeeds Act* reaffirms the legitimacy of

standardized testing in closing the achievement gap, the capacity to protect and prepare poor and minority students from noncompetitive standards and outcomes unfairly remains at the subjective will of the states and school boards where they reside. The ability to establish shared, highly competitive standards for the most vulnerable in public education gets compromised for the sake of decreased accountability and increased autonomy of the most powerful and influential.

Every Student Succeeds Act, unlike this legislation's progenitor, *No Child Left Behind*, eliminates access to federal enforcement tools that would hold states accountable for their actions in preparing students in general and minority students in particular. The absence of standardized accountability denies poor and minority students from access to quality education and standards that would allow them to be college and career ready as well as be competitive on a

global level. Thus, the black church is extremely disappointed in the majority of the law that does not protect poor and minority although the law offers provisions for the federal government to intervene for the students in the bottom five percent. What about the remaining 95%? What mechanisms or assurances of protection do they have? Simply put, rich school systems where there are tremendous resources will continue to do well as opposed to poor school systems who will continue to perform at the level of their investment.

The black church agrees with the former Education Secretary Margaret Spellings in her statements, "She worried that in removing the consequences for failing to meet a federal educational standard, the law would take the pressure off states and districts to perform, especially for poor and minority students" (New York Times, December 10, 2015). There are no incentives or

mandates for states to attain equality and provide equity for public school students. School district and/or state accountability are removed from any responsibility or liability according to federal legislations. Additionally, after a two-year analysis, much of the primary reason for which the black church insists on higher standards for this vulnerable student population is because laws like *Every Student Succeeds Act* undermine the capacity at which these students are able to compete on a global level. Thus, there are three major take-a-ways in light of this new law, *Every Student Succeeds Act*, which will have long-term implications in the future for poor and minority students:

- The quality and rigor of educational standards are determined by states and local school boards who are not mandated to consider the global market for generating competitive students.

- Shared accountability

between federal, state, and local governments is not valued within the quest to protect and prepare the most vulnerable population-poor and minority students.

While many people might not believe in this vulnerable population of poor and minority students, the black church believes in them and their perhaps untapped and raw capacity to be change agents. The black church believes in the importance of generating competitiveness that extends beyond local communities and the local states where these students reside. The black church believes these students should be prepared for a world that is uniquely different from what they see and/or experience on a day-to-day basis. That is the capacity of education and subsequent laws that we believe in. Through laws involving public school education, *Every Student Succeeds Act* falls short in the most important ways to protect and alter the destiny for the most vulnerable popula-

tion-poor and minority students.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.nalt-blackchurch.com.

Rev. Jesse Jackson pushes for diversity on Wall Street and in Silicon Valley

SPECIAL TO THE NNPA
FROM THE RAINBOW PUSH
COALITION

BY DON TERRY

NEW YORK CITY - At the Rainbow PUSH Coalition's recently concluded 19th annual Wall Street Project Economic Summit there was something for anyone concerned about fighting for racial and economic justice in corporate America. There were titans of tech and powerful politicians, investors and inventors, sports legends and music stars - from opera to Hip Hop - foreign ambassadors and big city mayors, shameful statistics and news to keep hope alive.

The three-day summit, which advocates that the resources and board rooms of Wall Street and Silicon Valley be opened to Black businesses and other minority groups who have been locked out, started on Feb. 16 with news that the Rainbow PUSH Coalition's hard work is paying off. It was announced that Apple is including African American, Latino and disabled veteran-owned financial services firms in a whopping \$10 billion to \$12 billion debt offering.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, founder and president of the Coalition, praised the deal and the company, saying that Apple is continuing to show "tremendous leadership" in the movement to "democratize capital."

Indeed, since Rainbow PUSH intensified its campaign in 2014 to open up and diversify Silicon Valley, Apple has included African American, Latino and diverse firms as underwriters in three consecutive debt offerings.

Castle Oak, Loop Capital, Ramirez & Co., and Drexel Hamilton are part of the Apple offering. "When there is inclusion, there is growth and where there is growth, everybody wins," Rev. Jackson said. "It's just good business."

Despite the good news out of Silicon Valley, Rev. Jackson cautioned, "we have a long way to go."

"We brag about the new smart device that we use, but Facebook does not have one African American or Latino on its board," he said. "Twitter does not have one. Our communities are barren, because we don't have access to capital. When they lock us out, it's like a one-eyed quarterback. They only see half the field."

Slowly, the whole field is coming into view. Over the past year, with constant pressure from the Coalition's PUSH2020 initiative, nine debt deals in the tech world have broken the color-line in what Chicago-based investor, philanthropist and longtime summit supporter, John Rogers, has called "a Jackie Robinson moment."

Apple, HP, Intel, Qualcomm and Microsoft (which has over the years excelled at minority inclusion in their financial

transactions) have all had such moments. Microsoft Chairman John W. Thompson, a graduate of Florida A&M, a historically Black university, was honored at the summit's gala dinner and joined tech-journalist and entrepreneur, Navarrow Wright, and Rev. Jackson in a fireside chat about Thompson's climb from IBM salesman to tech titan.

Sheila C. Johnson, founder and CEO of Salamander Hotels & Resorts and co-founder of Black Entertainment Television, and Bernard J. Tyson, Chairman and CEO, Kaiser Permanente, were also honored at the gala, which ended with the sublime sounds of Philip Bailey, lead singer and original member of Earth, Wind & Fire.

There were panels on financial education, reconnecting and sustaining the relationship between Wall Street and historically black colleges and universities, panels featuring urban mayors and policy leaders. During his panel, the mayor of Detroit, Mike Duggan, thanked Rev. Jackson for helping to secure \$2 billion in federal funds for blight removal and neighborhood reconstruction in more than a dozen states. There were sessions on healthcare disparities, the business of Hip Hop and two panels about the vast resources and business opportunities for African Americans in Africa.

"We must expand the



PHOTO MARGOT JORDAN/RPC

From left to right: Journalist Navarrow Wright, John Thompson of Microsoft and Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. speak during a "fireside chat" at the Wall Street Project Economic Summit in New York City.

exchange between Africa and African Americans," Rev. Jackson said, but not just to make money. "We must go to serve," he said. "Power comes through service."

The summit, as it has been for 19 years, was a "networkers" dream-come true. Hundreds of corporate executives, ministers, community activists, college students, minority entrepreneurs and United States Senator Charles Schumer of New York, the third-ranking Democrat in the Senate, attended. The senator joined a distinguished group of panelists - civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump, litigator Tricia "CK" Hoffer, Dr.

Reatha Clark King, chairman, National Association of Corporate Directors, Janice Mathis, executive director of the National Council of Negro Women and Nancy May, president and CEO, The BoardBench Companies - to discuss corporate board diversity.

Senator Schumer said he was "shocked" to learn that 74 of the Fortune 250 companies had no African American board directors. "I was educated here today," he said. "And I'm glad that I was."

"If you were to ask me," the senator added, "I'd say by now every company would have one. One thing I'd suggest,

maybe through the great work that Rev. Jackson does, I think that should be circulated among the senators. Getting the word out to people who have influence, it would matter to them."

Senator Schumer concluded his remarks by recounting French historian Alexis de Tocqueville's famous tour of the young Untied States in early 1830's. Tocqueville said that America was "going to become the greatest country in the world." "He said there's only one thing that could do this country in - racism," Senator Schumer said. "He said it in 1835. It's as true today as it was then."

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

STIP Project No. U-4902C&D

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 25, March 3, 10, 2016

Hyundai appoints Erwin Raphael to General Manager of Genesis USA

SPECIAL FROM
TARGET MARKET NEWS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) Hyundai Motor America president and chief executive officer David L. Zuchowski has announced the appointment of Erwin Raphael as General Manager for Genesis USA. Hyundai's worldwide Vice-Chairman Chung Eui-Sun, announced late last year that the company would be launching Genesis, globally, as an independent luxury brand of Hyundai. Industry insiders expect Genesis will be heavy competition for Lexus, Mercedes-Benz and BMW in the U.S. market.

As General Manager of the newly formed organization, Raphael will be responsible for the strategic direction and management of Genesis operations in the United States, including sales and marketing. This summer, he will oversee the introduction of the Genesis G90, a sleek, new large luxury sedan that has been awarded 5-star ratings for safety and design. Mr. Raphael will assume his duties March 1, 2016.

Consumers recently got a peek of the brand's creative marketing strategy during

the 2016 Super Bowl with a commercial featuring comedian Kevin Hart. USA Today's Ad Meter awarded the ad this year's best.

"The position of Genesis General Manager is a critical one to the growth of this brand in the United States and I couldn't be happier to have Erwin take this key position," said Zuchowski. "Erwin's depth of product knowledge, broad dealer experience and skill at flawless execution all will be called upon as he drives success for this new brand," he said.

Raphael has been at Hyundai for the last six years, serving in various roles. Most recently he was the Western Region Director and General Manager for Hyundai Motor America where he was responsible for overseeing the operations of more than 165 Hyundai dealerships in the 12 western-most states. He has held other leadership positions at Chrysler, Toyota Motor Manufacturing and International Truck and Engine Co.

"I'm delighted to assume the position of General Manager for the Genesis brand," said Raphael. "There's a lot of work to be



ERWIN RAPHAEL

done to make this brand the success we all know it can be. With the help of a great team, I know we will exceed expectations."

In addition to his operations roles at Hyundai, Raphael is a founding member and co-chair of Hyundai's Diversity Council where he advocates for greater dealer diversity, and multicultural marketing. A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Raphael is credited with creating a stronger relationship between Hyundai and veterans returning from combat.

He holds undergraduate and advanced degrees from The Ohio State University in Math, Chemistry and Economics.

New Hanover County

HASO Ministries will present "Feed The Needy" operation on Saturday, February 27th from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Creekwood South Community Center, 714 Emory St. Free Food, prayer, music, games, free give aways. For more information call 910-264-4530.



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

Community Briefs

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

The New Hanover County Democratic Party will hold its annual precinct organizational meetings on February 27th. Attendees will be electing delegates to the New Hanover County Convention on April 16, 2016. To find the location and time for your precinct meeting go to http://www.newhanoverdems.org/page/precinct-meetings.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-798-2004 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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

Williston Senior High Class of '61 will hold its February monthly meeting on Sunday, February 28th (Fourth Sunday) at Mount Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall, 1001 S. 7th Street at 4:00 pm. The focus will be on planning the 2016 reunion to celebrate the 55th anniversary of our graduation. We are inviting all graduates to participate in the meeting, as well as others who were "on track" with us at Williston but graduated from somewhere else. A special invitation is extended to out-of-town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 28th.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Know the facts near you and far away!

As an American citizen, one has the right to speak freely within the laws of man. Studies have shown that the progress made in society today is based on freedom of speech. It is interesting that the liberal media won't tell you about Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East. Israel is facing the most dangerous and difficult days in its modern history. No conflict on earth can be won until it has first been fought and victory gained in the spirit realm.

Looking at facts, how can we ignore the fact that Iran has missiles that can strike anywhere in Israel, Europe, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Iran is deadly serious in its intention to bring

death and destruction to Israel. We know that Hillary Clinton stands with us in key issues. We know all students deserve a great education, no matter where they live, whether poor neighborhoods or rich neighborhoods. Children may be poor, and their ability to retain specific skills may still be as good as students able to attend rich private schools.

Some of our poorer schools have cut off all extracurricular activities. They have taken away art classes. We need to get back to looking at individual children, looking at age appropriate learning experiences, looking at enriching the classroom experience. The educators should have a voice in every way possible when it's time to decide what's best for students. Most educators believe that educators should have a strong voice in decision making in public education in order to achieve a great public

school for every student.

Clinton supports the idea of charter schools, but not as a substitute for the public schools. It is essential to learn what works as far as private/charter schools and then apply them in the public schools. She says that too many charter schools don't take the hardest-to-teach kids, or, if they do, they don't keep them. Therefore, the public schools are often in a "no win" situation because they do, thankfully, take everybody. Then they don't get the resources or the help and support they need in order to take care of every child's education.

We found more facts about Medicaid that forces nursing homes in African American, Hispanic and low income areas to declare bankruptcy. Medicaid is a federal-state program that pays the healthcare costs for low income people, including indefinite stays in

nursing homes. The Democrats are building staffs and utilizing volunteers in all 50 states and territories. The Democrats have more of the best interest of African Americans and Hispanics at heart than the Republicans.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

BLACK HISTORY

"Sometime During Lunch"

Sometime during lunch
Some folk showed up
And four of those folk
Who showed up
real late, black and hungry
Ezell Blair, Franklin McClain,
Joseph McNeil, and David
Richmond
Came from some Aggie type
college called A & T located in
the boro of Greens
And long overdue for a
dishofmocracy.
But
The manager dug their shades
Sorta black and beige
Told them to quit the haps

BREEZE!
But these cats being hip and
college too, would't move;
called their friends
Who started picketing, and
marching
And talking about how
They got rights and things
All writ down in the
Constitution
And places of that sort and
all.
Then Woolworth told them
No chance! Not one plate in
America
And the managers denied
them.

Until they damned near
starved to death.
Thereafter,
Down
In
The
South
Students started some swing-
ing sessions
Like
Funky
Religious hops
And
Dollar waving jam meets at
The White Rock
Still some Cats are starving
In their wayout Ivy League

tied cleanness
Cool and determined
And like,
Sitting
Down
All
Over
Waiting
For that dishofmocracy to be
served.
And yeah,
Waiting for jim crow to quit
the scene.

H. Wellington Shaw

Jephthah Chapter IV holds 17th Annual Sweetheart Tea

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What a mighty-mighty good time! On Saturday, February 13, 2016 Jephthah Chapter celebrated their seventeenth annual sweetheart tea. The tea was held at Giblem Lodge, 713 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

What a great time! Sister Ruby David, Chaplain of Jephthah Chapter was Mistress of Ceremony for this spiritual occasion. It was a "tea", but what a glorious time--praising GOD!

Opening song, I Love To Praise Him, really set the tempo for the rest of the program. A heart-felt greeting

came from Sister Karen McIntyre, Worthy matron of Jephthah Chapter IV. An uplifting prayer followed by Sister Carolyn Washington, after which, a warm and sincere welcome was given by Sister Johnnie Mae Pridgen and response from Mrs. Carolyn Green.

A poem (Valentine to the World) was read by Sister Geraldine Armstrong. This poem was read in memory of Sister Henrietta Evans, who first read this poem for many years, before her death. She asked the chapter to continue reading this poem, after her death. This is a great honor in love and memory of Sister Evans, a very faithful and supportive member of the

chapter.

Leroy (Martha) Brown Gospel Singers: Mind Stayed On Jesus, Let Jesus Fix It For you and God Did It added fuel to the fire.

Little Maurice White, Jr. (grandson of Sister Armstrong) read a poem-- A Valentine's Blessing.

The fire burst into higher flames--with The M & R Gospel Singers: When I Rose This Morning. The Lord Will Make A Way Somehow and He Brought Me Out alright when gas was added to the flames already burning.

Sister David followed with a special request, Prayer Will Change Things, after which, Sister David's daughter, Rachel Dixon, sang--" Lord I

Just Want To Thank You". By this time----the fire extinguishers were needed! To GOD give the glory for the things He has done! HE REALLY SHOWED UP FOR THIS GRAND 17th Annual Sweetheart Tea.

Tickets were drawn for Door prizes, and following brief remarks from Sister Armstrong, Chairperson and Sister McIntyre, Worthy Matron, a very tasty and delicious repast was served. The fellowship was terrific!

Special thanks to members of Jephthah chapter for their contributions and participation: Sisters: Eva Battle, Dorene Crumpler, Joni Callan, Keisha McIntyre, and Zelda Jackson.

PIONEER IN BLACK HISTORY

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"Throughout his life he was a tireless advocate for justice, freedom and equality for all"
-Michael F. Easley; Governor, State of North Carolina



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The John R. Larkins Award was established in 1998 to recognize human service, and is presented annually at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance Program.

Please include: a narrative describing how an action or event by the nominee improved human and race relations at work or in the community.
• The nominators relationship to nominee
• Supporting documents from colleagues, community leaders, etc.

Publications

While Working in State Government, He Wrote:

- Twentieth Annual Public Welfare Institute for negro social workers (1946) Raleigh, NC
- "The Negro Population in North Carolina: Social and Economic" (1944)
- The adjustment of negro boys discharged from Morrison Training School (1947)
- "The Employment of Negroes in Public Welfare in Eleven Southern States: 1936-1949" (1951)
- The Contribution of sociology to social work (1951)
- A study of Negro Parolees NC State Board of Public Welfare (1954-Parolee-66 Pages)
- "The Negro in North Carolina: 1945 - 1955" (1957)
- Patterns of Leadership among negroes in NC (1959)
- "Alcohol and the Negro: Explosive Issues" (1965)

Honors and Awards

- Certificate of Merit for Public Service (Wilmington Business and Professional Men's Club: 1957)
- NC Agricultural and Technical College: LLD Award (1958)
- North Carolina College: LLD Award (1967)
- Human Relations Council: Recognition Banquet (1977)
- North Carolina General Baptist Convention Public Service Award (1978)

Educational Background

- Williston Industrial High School, Class of 1932 (Wilmington, NC)
- B. A. in Sociology (Shaw University: 1938)
- Master of Arts in Social Work (Atlanta University, now Clark Atlanta University: 1941)
- Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from North Carolina Central and North Carolina
- A&T Universities for his Humanitarian Accomplishments
- University of Chicago, Chicago, IL: Continued Masters of Social Work (1947-1948)
- University of North Carolina: Special Student (1951-1952)
- Columbia University, New York City, NY: Continued Masters of Social Work (1953-1954)

Professional Background

State Government Official:

- 1942-1962: Consultant, Department of welfare (later The Department of Human Resources)
- 1968-1973: Associate Director of The State Probation Parolee Division
- 1973-1974: Director of Youth Development, Department of Corrections
- 1977-1980: Appointed by Governor James Hunt as Special Assistant for Minority Affairs

Instructor:

- Part-time Professor: Saint Augustine College, Raleigh, NC
Shaw University, Raleigh, NC

State Committees, Boards, Commissions and Memberships:

- Executive Committee: Farm Labor Commission
- Advisory Committee: State Recreation Commission
- State's Delegate: Annual Conference of the National Freedom Day Association
- Board of Trustees: North Carolina at Durham (later North Carolina Central University), and at Shaw University
- Good Neighbor Council: Created by persuading Governor Terry Sanford the necessity of it (now the Human Relations Commissions), 1960's
- Public Member: Reviewed Foreign Service Officers for Promotion, United States Department's Selection Board, 1960's
- Member of the Southern Sociological Society: American Public Welfare Association; National Association of Social Workers; American Sociological Society; Alpha Kappa Delta (Honorary Sociological Fraternity); Omega Psi Fraternity
- Elected First Black President: North Carolina Conference for Social Service, 1973
- Davie Street United Presbyterian Church: Member
- Democratic Party: Life Long Member
- Fellowships: General Education Board; and National Mental Health

Advertisement for Williston Industrial High School featuring a large image of the school building and the text "Williston Industrial High School" at the bottom.

Mr. Lee E. King

Lee E. King was born on August 11, 1947 and was called home on February 10, 2016, in Wilmington, NC. Lee E. King funeral was held Friday, February 19, 2016 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel in Wilmington, NC.

Lee was a father, son, grandparent and brother. He was a fun loving person and always knew how to make you laugh. Lee graduated from New Bern High School. He was a very hard worker; there were not too many jobs that he could not do. Lee enjoyed fishing, music and dancing.

Lee is survived by his loving Mother, Lucille Hall Williams of Wilmington, NC; his wife, Angeline Pierce King; his children, Leon E Pierce and Richard King; a host of step sons and daughters; his siblings, Sarah Sykes of New Bern, NC and Alfred Williams; his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of grand and great grandchildren. As well, a host of loving family and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Mrs. Lillie Mae (Deas) Hatcher Peebles

Lillie Mae (Deas) Hatcher Peebles, daughter of the late James Deas and Josephine Burton-Deas, was born January 19, 1928 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She departed this earthly life on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The funeral was on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at Mount Zion AME Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Willie James Hatcher, Sr. and Earl "Shoney" Peebles; two siblings, brother William Edward Deas and sister, Isabelle Nixon; four sons, Willie Hatcher, Jr., Harold Hatcher, Leon Hatcher, and Carle Gene Hatcher.

Lillie Mae united with Mount Zion AME Church in 2001. Lillie Mae retired in 1990 as head cook after thirty years of employment with Cape Fear Memorial Hospital. Prior to her illness, she loved to cook, visit her friends, and enjoy her family.

Lillie Mae was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, and friend. Never meeting a stranger, Lillie Mae was a constant and caring friend with everyone. Before her health declined, she was a strong woman who was full of wisdom, wit, and vitality.

While we will miss her, we humbly submit to the perfect will of God who loved her best. Her passing leaves a great void, but we are thankful to God for the years she

shared in our lives.

She leaves to cherish her memories; a devoted daughter, Mrs. Lula Mae Davis (Rev. Charles); and children, William Hatcher, Mr. Kent J. Hall, Sr. (Gale), Wanda Boynton, all of the city; and Hazel Weston of Navassa, NC; Brothers- James of Stamford, CT, Samuel of Port Chester, NY, and William Edward Deas of Dunn, NC; Sisters - Ramona of Port Chester, NY and Anna Robinson of Detroit, MI; Twenty-nine grandchildren; a loving granddaughter and caretaker, Wanda Thomas; a special "son" and caretaker, Bernard "Pop" Stevens; a special friend and caretaker, Geraldine Galloway; two cousins, Robert Jenkins, Jr. of the city and Barbara Smith-Johnson (Thurman) of Fayetteville, NC whom she loved like a brother and sister; a daughter-in-law, Judy Hatcher; and a host of great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

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What you should know about the "Greensboro Six"

BY MICHAEL DEAN
OF THE ARIZONA
INFORMANT

(NNPA) Recently this newspaper printed a story about the "Wilmington 10", a group of African Americans and one white female who were falsely accused and convicted of burning a store. After 40 years the group members were pardoned by North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue. But there is another story about a group of North Carolinians who bucked the system and left their mark on the game of golf. They are known as the "Greensboro Six."

On Wednesday, December 7, 1955, a Greensboro dentist Dr. George C. Simkins Jr., closed his office, grabbed his golf clubs and went across the street to Arthur Lee's Shell Station to await the arrival of his golfing buddies for their weekly rounds. But this day would be different from the others. In the past the six

golfers would travel to Nocho Park, a 9-hole course in Greensboro or to other public courses in High Point, Charlotte or Durham to tee it up. But the group that also included Phillip Cook, Sam Murray, Elijah Herring, Joseph Sturdivant and Leon Wolfe had a different plan in their minds. The six golfers planned to play Gillespie Park, a public course that was operated as a private facility. The city entered a \$1 a year lease agreement with a group of white citizens who saw fit to restrict play at Gillespie to "members" and their guests only. That meant, "Whites Only."

The Greensboro Six arrived at Gillespie Park, walked into the pro shop and announced their intentions to play a round of golf. The attendant told them that they couldn't play and put away the registration book that every golfer had to sign before play could begin. The six were determined. Each

golfer walked to the counter and paid the .75 cents green fee and headed to the first tee. According to reports, the group had played five holes before the head pro Ernie Edwards reached them and told them to leave. He held a golf club in his hand, rudely admonished the group for breaking the rules and told them to leave or be arrested. Dr. Simkins told Edwards, "We're, out here for a cause, the cause of democracy. We're taxpayers. This is a city golf course funded by our taxes and we should be allowed to play it." The golfers finished nine holes and went home. Later that evening the six were arrested and taken to the county jail for trespassing. After making bail, they were released and eventually convicted of trespassing and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Their first appeal in superior court was denied and they moved on to federal court. Judge J.J. Hayes ruled in their

favor and issued a declaratory adjudication stating that although the city had leased the course, it still had an obligation to see that no one was discriminated against. The judge ordered the course be opened to everyone within two weeks. Before that could happen, unfortunately, someone snuck onto the course, set the pro shop on fire, burning it down to the ground. The city refused to rebuild. The course was closed for seven years before nine holes were reopened to the public in 1962. The Greensboro Six eventually had their sentences commuted by Governor Luther Hodges which was little consolation after all of the "hell" they had to endure, just because they wanted to play golf.

Today we have a Black president and many things have changed, but only a few short years ago our freedoms were so limited. Lest' we forget.

Michael Dean is a reporter for the Arizona Informant.

The Death of a Conservative

BY DR. E. FAYE WILLIAMS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) Like most Americans, I was shocked to learn that Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia had died. His decisions and many of his remarks showed us to be polar opposites in political and social thinking. The nature and substance of the controversy and debate between Justice Scalia and his detractors are a fundamental part of our political system. In his own way, for over thirty years, Justice Scalia served his country as he believed he should.

Not surprisingly, the controversy for which he was known in life follows Justice Scalia into his death. The question that looms over the nation is whether it is right for President Barack Obama to exercise his Constitutional responsibility and send a nominee to the Senate for the Supreme Court vacancy or whether he should defer that duty to the next President, causing the Supreme Court to function without a full Court. President Obama is unequivocal and steadfast in his commitment to the responsibilities of his job for the FULL duration of his term which does not end until January 20, 2017.

The dis-loyal opposition (Conservative Republicans) has made it quite clear that they want the President to abrogate his responsibilities for one, or several, specious and illogical reasons. Within moments of the announcement of Justice Scalia's death, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell stated that the Senate would not consider a nominee submitted by President Obama. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley stated that a committee hear-

ing would not be held for a nominee submitted by President Obama. What their reasoning really demonstrates is the continuance of the same animus with which they began on the first day of his administration. Their rationale and hollow justification in opposition to President Obama doing his job translates to ABO - Anybody but Obama.

Now is the time in this article that I digress and issue an "I told you so!" During the 2014 election cycle I was adamant about the need for our community to visit the polling places in record numbers. I admonished every voter I knew and most that I didn't to consider the problem of a Republican controlled Senate. As Malcolm X and later Jeremiah Reverend Wright said so eloquently, "The chickens have come home to roost." The failure of the collective Progressive voter turnout is now evident in this process of selecting a new

Supreme Court Justice.

Traditionally and historically, minorities and Progressives have fared much better under moderate or liberal courts. More importantly, the shift in power that would accompany a successful nomination by President Obama would, optimistically, impact on Supreme Court decisions for the next two generations or more.

What would that mean for the average citizen?

A moderate/liberal Court would be more likely to protect the ACA guaranteeing affordable healthcare for most American citizens.

A moderate/liberal Court would be more likely to render decisions that assure the restoration and protection of voting rights. The current "blind-eye" approach of the House, Senate and Supreme Court would be over-turned to broaden voter participation instead of the current trend to disenfranchise as many voters as possible.

Such a Court would be more likely to protect a woman's right to choose and exercise self-determination in medical decisions; and equal pay for equal work would become a reality.

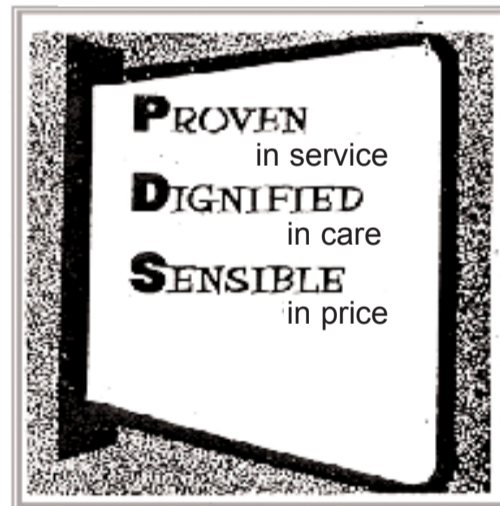
It's likely we'd see the end of the Citizens United v. FEC case where the Court held that the First Amendment prohibited the government from restricting independent political expenditures by a nonprofit corporation. The principles articulated by the Supreme Court in the case have also been extended to for-profit corporations, labor unions and other associations.

We, the people, must take back our Supreme Court. Tell your Senator to let the President do his job so they can do theirs.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. www.nationalcongressbw.org. 202-678-6788.

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New Hanover County

Barry Smith and Company will host a 7UP program on Saturday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. at St. John Church of Christ Disciple of Christ in the Browntown Community. The speakers will be Elder Ruth Green, Rev. Darlene Robinson, Apostle Byron McKoy, Dec. LeRon Montgomery, Elder Devonia Harrison, Evg. Maretta Wilson, Elder Cedric Tindall and Minister James Murphy.



Religious Briefs

Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C., 4th and Marsteller Sts., will host The Greater Wilmington District Revival from Wednesday, February 24th-Friday, February 26th. Evangelist will be Dr. Kevin Williams of Greensboro, NC. Pastor Lorenzo Edge, host. Bishop Stenneth Powell, presiding. Services nightly at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Old. Scotts Hill AME Church will hold a musical program on Saturday, February 24th at 5:00 p.m. with Topsail Gospel Group, St John Male Choir and many more.

St. James AME Church, 3425 Castle Hayne Rd., will host a Black History Program given by the Lay Organization on February 28th at 3:00 p.m. The featured guest Speaker will be Rev. Dr. James Jamison Jr. Senior Pastor of Hope Baptist Church for All Nations and Church without Walls, Wilmington NC.

St. Mark F.W.B. Church, 1801 Castle St., will hold their 8th Annual Pew Rally on Sunday, February 28th at 3:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be Bishop Charles Dixon, Shabach Ministries of Wilmington. The gospel music by Brother Roscoe Stanton of Union Missionary Baptist Church. For further information call Sister Valeria Jones at 910-465-0427.

Brunswick County

Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Stewardess Board will present 200 Men and Women In Hats on Sunday, February 28th at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Charlean Mapson and the The Saint Mark AME Zion Church of Whiteville, NC. For more information contact Janice Waddell at 910-655-4664.

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

Pender County

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 71 Bethel Church Rd., Currie, NC, will hold Women's Day, "God Expects Ordinary Women To Do Extraordinary Work" on Sunday, February 28th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Rachel Stephens of Mt. Pisgah MBC. The guest choir will be Moores Creek M.B.C. Please wear purple attire. Dinner will be served after the service.

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

Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

TELL SOMEBODY

"Fear Not !"

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Fear: A feeling of alarm or disquiet caused by an Awareness of or expectation of danger: A state of dread or concern

Since God has not given us the spirit of fear, we don't have to receive it. Through Christ that strengthens us, we have the ability to overcome fear, and not be overcome by fear.



Sylvia Hooper

Our minds should not be filled with all kinds of fears and phobias, because it is not the will of God that his children live in fear. He often tells us in his word, "Fear Not". Yes, we are living in perilous times, but as an act of our will and faith in God, we can decree, "I will not live in fear!"

There are all kinds of fear. Some fears are natural and logical. When your life or general well being is threatened, or the life and safety of family or loved ones is concerned, fear is a natural instinct. We should be careful as well as prayerful, yet not allow fear to grip our hearts and minds to the point we become prisoners of fear. We should use wisdom, caution, and common sense in carrying out our daily affairs, but still not be subject (and overcome) by the spirit of fear.

Psalms 11:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We are not to fear man, though he may be able to kill the body, because he cannot touch the soul. Matthew 10:28 says, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Luke 1:50, "His mercy is on them that fear him from

generation to generation." We should teach our children the fear of the Lord as well. They are going to need his mercy to be upon them, and they should know to ask for it when they need it. Psalm 56:9-11 says, "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." When we walk by faith and not by sight, we trust God to do what he has promised, therefore, we are not afraid of what man can do. Psalm 118:6 Says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

Deuteronomy 10:12 says, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." If you fear the Lord, why not accept his personal invitation he is extending to you in John 3:16?

Prayer: father, deliver your people from the spirit of fear, that we may serve you freely. In Jesus' Name. Amen. Tell Somebody...Fear Not!!!

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!

SENIOR MOMENTS

I will follow Him forever

My Fellow Seniors:

Many years ago, two ladies stopped by my house and offered to give me some Bible lessons. I wasn't the least bit interested. Therefore, I decided to ask them if they knew Hitler was in the Bible. Naturally, they thought I was crazy. Therefore, they said a short prayer and made a hasty exit. This was just what I wanted.

However, during my years of Bible Study, I had come face to face with a man I called "Hitler's twin brother." I know these men were born three

thousand years apart on opposite sides of the earth, but, in my view, they were identical. Hitler was trying to wipe out the Jews to the last man, and Joshua wanted to wipe out all who were not Jewish. He killed as many men with his own hands as any soldier on the field. I don't know their physical features, but, mentally, in my opinion, they were identical in their disregard for

Ruth Johnson

human life. I know of no other man who could match these two. So I see them as identical twins, but I would never mention this in church.

I once worked in a jewelry plant with several Catholic women. One day, I mentioned Jonah and the whale. These ladies were very religious, but none of them had ever heard of Jonah. I had to conclude that they don't do Bible study the way we do. We read it from cover to cover and believe it word for word. So there was no point in telling them what happened to Jonah. Since their leader had not men-

tioned it, why should I?

If you ask your pastor about Jonah and the whale, he will tell you that God can do anything but fail. This you already know. Furthermore, there is no other way to explain the unexplainable. However, I know that we can maintain the church for generations to come by basing our teachings on the teachings of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God. I know Him by His works, and I will follow Him forever.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Black History moments – Getting back to our roots

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLIA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

On this rainy Tuesday morning, February 23, 2016, we, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship, met at our usual place with grateful hearts. Our meeting was called to order by Minister Doris McQuillan. She said that this was the day that the Lord made and that we should rejoice and be glad in it. Mr. George Hill called the choir. We opened with "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood." A very warm and fervent prayer was prayed by The Reverend Tommy Durian. Our next song was "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Minister McQuillan turned the meeting over to Mrs. Shirley Drye, who introduced

The Reverend Jermaine Armour, Pastor of St. Luke AMEZ, Church, Wilmington, N. C. He expressed how great it was to be with us today. He asked the question, "Had it not been for our ancestors, where would we be?" He said that we are here because of prayers. He reminded us that young people need a foundation, someone to pull their coattails sometimes and tell them the truth. He reminded us that we all need someone. We have to take responsibility.

He said that his sermon should be in his heart, not just on his iPad. He said he looks at our ancestors as a tee that holds a golf ball. He said an African American invented the tee for a golf ball. The dents make the ball go farther and the dents in our

lives make us go farther also. He said that Black lives should matter to young and old.

There will be a Black History Program at St. Luke on Sunday. We all have a cross to bear. We should be slow to anger. We cannot forget from where we came. Booker T Washington told slaves they were free, but they didn't know how to survive. So some of them remained as slaves. We need to help young parents be parents. Young people need to pick up the newspaper and put down the Source paper. Mrs. Emma Saunders prayed for The Reverend Armour for God's protection as he continues to help Wilmington. He was thanked and given a round of applause for a great message and information.

We then had expressions. Vice President Gladys Taylor said we have a rich history and should be proud of where we are and where we came from. Minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. They were read approved. We then had roll call. We had one visitor, Percy Cephus, Sr. He was welcomed by Mr. George Hill. "Callers" winners were Mrs. Gladys Taylor, Ms. Carrie Nixon, and Mrs. Mary Martin, with 9 each. We then had announcements.

We formed our circle and sang "Bind Us Together." We had prayer, led by Minister Doris McQuillan. Mrs. Mary Martin came with her smiles. They are always good and make us laugh and give us something to think about. There were 50 present.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



MS. DEBORAH MCCRIMMON AS SEPTIMA CLARK



MR. RICHARD MORTON AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



DR. SHARON J. WILLIS AS ROSA PARKS



MS. DOROTHY DESHIELDS MAKES REMARKS

BY MARVIS W. MCCRIMMON AND DR. SYLVIA J. EZELONWU CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Ebenezer Baptist Church celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 18, 2016 by hosting its third annual Soup for Seniors Luncheon.

Many seniors gathered in the beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall to dine on homemade soup and to enjoy a dramatic performance.

The Americolor Opera Alliance and Theater Arts Ensemble returned from Atlanta, Ga. for their second year to perform for this occasion. The title of the mini-drama performance was "King Speaks." This was a magnificent drama consisting of monologues and songs. The Opera Company was received with great enthusiasm.

Three well - seasoned performers brought to life major leaders of the Civil Rights era. Ms. Deborah McCrimmon our very own home girl dramatized through monologue and

song the character of Septima Clark, Mrs. Rosa Parks' best friend. Ms. McCrimmon is a Hampton University alumnus and a retired registered nurse from the Atlanta Grady Health System.

Dr. Sharon J. Willis also used monologue and song to portray the great Civil Rights activist Mrs. Rosa Parks. She not only resembled Mrs. Parks physically, but embodied the essence of Mrs. Parks. Dr. Willis is truly a dramatist. Dr. Willis also performs "Rosa Parks," a one - woman show she created. Dr. Willis is the founder of the Americolor Opera Alliance, and is the Music Department Chair at Clark Atlanta University.

The third performer was Mr. Richard Morton who portrayed our beloved Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. As Mr. Morton entered the hall with the cadence and intonation of Dr. King's voice and began to speak an excerpt from Dr. King's "Mountaintop Speech," the guests became spellbound. He ended the excerpt by launching into a

heart wrenching musical interpretation of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mr. Morton is a retired social worker and a financial planner of DeKalb County, Georgia.

The outpouring of remarks from the guests proved there was a consensus of the greatness of their performance, as well as the importance of the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The drama brought forth the following for each of us. We could clearly see where we have been, where we are, and where we need to go.

After the dramatic performance of "King Speaks," the Crocheting Class served the guests homemade chicken vegetable soup and gourmet cornbread. Iced tea and water were the beverages. Homemade oatmeal raisin cookies were the sweet treat for all.

Ebenezer's Crocheting Class sponsored this event, and a beautiful afghan crocheted by Mrs. Marion Y. Morris was won by Ms. Adell Jackson. The guests attending were from

many of our local churches. Rev. Dr. Wayne Johnson, Pastor of St. Stephen AME Church, gave very thoughtful and insightful remarks.

Churches represented were First Baptist Missionary, St. James AME, St. Phillip AME, Mt. Olive AME, St. Mark Episcopal, Chestnut Street Presbyterian, New Beginnings, St. Stephen AME, Shiloh Missionary Baptist, Macedonia Missionary Baptist, Warner Temple AME Zion and Ebenezer Missionary Baptist.

Rev. Dr. A. L. Gee, Pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, stated in his special closing remarks that this occasion epitomized what Dr. King stood for - service and love. The event closed by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The members of the Crocheting Class are: Marion Y. Morris, Marvis W. McCrimmon and Sylvia J. Ezelonwu (instructors); and Mable Brunson, Jacqueline Darden, Mary Jennings, Annie Smith and Delores Whitted (participants).

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LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Jerry Lee Watson, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jerry Lee Watson**, 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 **May 9, 2016**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of February, 2016.

Lisa Watson Scarborough
Executor of the Estate of
Jerry Lee Watson
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JoAnn Dumer Hoyt**, New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said JoAnn Dumer Hoyt to present them to John K. Hoyt, 6733 Cable Carr Lane, Wilmington, NC 28403 as Executor by **May 10, 2016** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 2nd of February, 2016

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

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Bonnie Sanders Burney**, late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said estate of said decedent to Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Administrator at 102 N. Fifth Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **May 5, 2016** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 4th day of February, 2016

Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Administrator
of the Estate of Bonnie Sanders Burney
Douglas A. Fox, Attorney
YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP
102 N. 5th Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Adam Stanley Adams, Jr.**, 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 **12th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 11th of February, 2016

Savannah Leigh Boyd, Administratrix
5332 Woodbark Dr.
Garner, NC 27529

February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jeffery Ward Kelly**, 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 **25th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 25th of February, 2016

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

February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Sara R. Page**, 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 **4th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 4th of February, 2016

Cathy Wang, Executrix
4622 Manchester Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Margaret H. Shannon**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of February, 2016

Kathleen Shannon Glancy,
Executrix of the Estate of Margaret H. Shannon
114 S. Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Jean E. Schaefer**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of February, 2016

Brian D. Schaefer, Executor of the Estate of Jean E. Schaefer
31 Orlando Road
West Norwalk, CT 06854
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Dora B. Fergar**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of February, 2016

Frances F. Carroll, Executrix of the Estate of Dora B. Fergar
5014 Thrush Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mable J. Everett**, 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 **12th day of May, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 11th of February, 2016

Pamela S. Everett, Executrix
1311 Stanley St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **McKinley Gore, Jr.**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **May 12, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 11th of February, 2016

Angela Faison, Executor of the Estate of McKinley Gore, Jr.
c/o Ms. Lisa T. McDow, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 2541
Wilmington, NC 28402

February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2016

**EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF LARRY SWANN
COLVIN
FILE NO. 16E 000104**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Larry Swan Colvin**, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Larry Swan Colvin to present them to the undersigned on or before the **May 11, 2016**, that being three months from the first date of publication of this Notice or same shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 11th of February, 2016

Sherri D. Colvin, Executrix of the Estate of Larry Swan Colvin
CULBRETH LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 446
Wilmington, NC 28402

February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY PENDER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO.: 14 JT 31**

In the Matter of: **C.T. M. C., a minor child**

To: Respondent, the Unknown Father of a male child born to Jessica Comfort on September 19, 2012, in Harris, New York.

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 TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS filed by the Pender County Department of Social Services.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 22nd day of March, 2016. Said date being forty days from the first publication of this Notice; and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

You are entitled to attend the hearing affecting your parental rights. You are entitled to have an attorney appointed by the Court if you cannot afford one, provided that you request an attorney at or before the time of the hearing. You may contact the Clerk of Juvenile Court for Burgaw, North Carolina to request counsel. This is notice to the above named respondent that FAILURE TO APPEAR may result in a decision adverse to your parental rights and adverse to any custodial or visitation rights.

This 11th day of February, 2016.

Tonya Laceywell Turner
Attorney for Petitioner,
PCDSS
P.O. Box 1386
Burgaw, N.C. 28425
910- 259-3180

February 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

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

This the 18th day of February, 2016

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

February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2016

Bladen Community College is soliciting bids for the college's insurance coverage. The college is requesting quotes for the following coverage:

1. General Liability
2. Law Enforcement Liability
3. Commercial Automobile Liability
4. Commercial Automobile Physical Damage
5. Commercial Crime
6. Commercial Excess Liability
7. Educators Legal Liability
8. Employment Practices Liability
9. Workers' Compensation

The bid process will be a fair and competitive process, but the college has the right to reject any bid that is not in the best interest of the college.

Mail bids to: Bladen Community College
Attn: Jay H. Stanley
PO Box 266
Dublin, NC 28332

All bids must be sealed and must be submitted to my office no later than 3:00 P.M. on Monday, March 7, 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 11, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 5th day of February, 2016.

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

February 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

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

This the 18th day of February, 2016

Theodore Martin Giedemann,
Executor of the Estate of Marilyn Giedemann Rogers
160 Beewood Road
Wilmington, NC 28411
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2016

**Notice of Sale to Enforce
Lien for Unpaid Storage
Charges**

The name and address of the lienor:
Smith Creek Boatyard, Inc.
805 Cornelius Harnett Dr.
Wilmington, N.C. 28402

The name of the person having legal title to the property:
Dennis Koch
805 Cornelius Harnett Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28402

Description of the property:
1963 Whitton/Walton Sailing Vessel, her tackle and appurtenances

Amount due for which the lien is claimed:
As of 8 February, \$2,450.00

Place of the sale:
Courthouse Steps, Princess Street side
New Hanover County Court House
316 Princess St
Wilmington, NC 28401

Date and hour when the sale is to be held:
10:00 AM
8 March 2016

February 25, March 3, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on the 15th day of March, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at 431 Evans Street, 441 Evans Street and 805 North 6th Street and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7873.

Steven L. Harrell
Community Services Director

The City of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs or activities.

All requests for appropriate auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability or need for a non-English-speaking interpreter, must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting.

February 25, 2016

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

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

This the 25th day of February, 2016

George Cole Venters, Executor of the Estate of Wayne Victor Venter, II
905 Williamson Drive
Raleigh, NC 27608
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016

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

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

This the 25th day of February, 2016

George Cole Venters, Executor of the Estate of Wayne Victor Venter, II
905 Williamson Drive
Raleigh, NC 27608
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 14 JT 262**

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

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 25, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR April 11, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of February, 2016.

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

1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

February 25, March 3, 10, 2016

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

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

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 25, 2016 which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR March 28, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of February, 2016.

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

February 25, March 3, 10, 2016

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

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

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following February 25, 2016 which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR March 28, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of February, 2016.

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

February 25, March 3, 10, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Daniel Walker and his wife, Janie Walker, and from Kirk Martells and his wife, Sandra Reynolds-Martells, dated July 29, 2008, and recorded July 30, 2008, in Book 5336, Page 200, New Hanover County Registry ("Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, formerly known as Elizabeth Wright Embrey, will expose for sale at public auction on the **3rd day of March, 2016 at 12:00 p.m** at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of 4753 Gordon Rd., Wilmington, NC 28411, as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

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

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

4753 Gordon Rd., Wilmington, NC 28411

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

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

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

parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence. Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

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

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

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

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

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

This the 5th day of January, 2016.

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

February 18, 25, 2016

ENTERTAINMENT

Reel-ality
TV Talk
By
Marquesa
LaDawn



These are the questions and thoughts in the minds of all the Real Housewives...

Should I say what I really think?

If I'm conservative with my thoughts, will they bring me back?

What if I offend another housewife and lose a friend?

I need to add spice, which means more scenes, more fame and more money

She dissed me last season I must position myself if I want this show to raise my profile

What we LOVE as viewers from the Real Housewives...

If I'm keeping it REAL... we want authentic, organic and entertaining television. Sometimes this means drama, love, anger, fantasy, failure, success and every emotion that exists. We want life on steroids.

Watching Nene lose her cool along with other housewives trying to get along with her is interesting. In life, there's always someone we cannot connect with who causes us stress.

We also understand having difficult family members, such as cheating husbands, children that may act out, siblings that may not make the right choices and the list goes on. On some level it makes us feel better to see others deal with similar issues.

Fantasy and Success is also another important component of the real housewives world. Every time I see Lisa Vanderpump's closet, I'm inspired. Yolanda's famous refrigerator was shocking and exciting; Nene moving on up professionally and personally, made us smile.

In addition, seeing Teresa Giudice go to jail was shocking and scary. Phaedra's husband on RHOA going to prison was just sad. All the drama with Kandi's mother was unbelievable. Seasons later, we also saw Kandi find her prince charming, get married and expand her family. This encourages us!

An A-list actress from the 80s and 90s joining the Real Housewives is always interesting. Kim Fields seemed like a misfit from the start, but she's proven she can play on any field. In the same breathe, we see the shock as she navigates this crazy group of ladies.

We also see the lessons housewives learn and how they change. Money does not equal a perfect life. Sometimes in the Real Housewives world it means being "less than." In some scenes, we see the beautiful mansions with unlimited fancy rooms and spas, plus so much more. A few scenes later, we see the same housewife being treated like a child by her husband.

We see housewives working hard to keep up with the Joneses and fighting even harder to not show vulnerability. At times it's a circus that's mega fun. There are also moments we see the pain and it's hard to watch.

What we see as important is not on the housewives radar and what they see as important is not within our reach.

Know this for sure...

Every housewife risks losing her marriage when she's in the spotlight. Even the most secure marriages, like Yolanda and Dave Fosters from RHOBH, cracked.

Some are a bit more predictable, like Phaedra and Apollo, we knew it wouldn't last. Porsha Williams, entered the scene as a stepford wife and a couple of seasons later she's single and sassy.

One more common thread shared by all the real housewives is promoting a product or service. After Skinny Girl, Bethenny Frankel, made a fortune doing her early housewives run, Bravo decided to take a piece of the pie with future housewives. Now, most housewives have another show, a product, a service, wine, or a song, they promote.

No matter what they do, many of us are hooked for life; I along with millions of others, enjoy every minute!

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To be Hated for
Telling the Truth

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In American society, we claim to support freedom of speech as a cornerstone of our democracy. Yet, when it comes to certain kinds of information, the freedom celebrated by many first amendment absolutists mysteriously disappears. If materials threaten the basis for white supremacy, censorship suddenly becomes justifiable. A teaching tool created by my organization - the African American Policy Forum (AAPF) - was recently subject to this form of censorship in Henrico County, Va.

As part of Black History Month at Glen Allen High School in Henrico County, Ravi Perry, president of the National Association of Ethnic Studies, showed AAPF's Unequal Opportunity Race video at an optional-attendance assembly. In consultation with school officials, Perry developed a program to facilitate dialogue with students about contemporary racial issues that responded to a recent instance of racism at the school.

Despite its accurate representation of historical events and ongoing racial inequities, the video has been demeaned as a "White guilt video" by a vocal minority, egged on by national outlets such as Fox News. Far more alarming than this backlash is School Board Chair Micky Ogburn's apology. Denouncing the content as "racially divisive," Ogburn proclaimed that "school leaders have been instructed not to use the video in our schools."

The tactics employed by those attacking and censoring us are as old as the Republic. It was once punishable by death to permit Blacks to read and write, squelching our capacity to contest the logic of an inhumane system. Materials that challenged the moral basis for slavery were not only banished but those who wrote them were punished by law.

This ugly past is brought to bear in the present moment through the banning of the Unequal Opportunity Race. The 4-minute video uses an age-old metaphor showing our society as a race that is rigged from start to finish, highlighting the conditions on the track that advantage White runners and disadvantage Black and Brown participants. Through calling attention to the conditions on the racetrack - including slavery, genocide, poor schooling, the wealth gap - the video displays that regardless of the character of the individual runners, the track's conditions determine who will win.

Since the controversy has received national attention, we have also been receiving a barrage of hate messages. This mirrors the

historical pattern of legal censorship sanctioning extra-legal harassment and even violence. Throughout American history, vigilante suppression led to printing presses being shut down and abolitionists being killed. Ida B. Wells was run out of town because she dared to question prevailing beliefs used to justify lynching. These acts of terror were justified as expressions of White supremacy - ideas deemed too threatening to the status quo were quashed by any means necessary.

Many Americans believe that racial repression is firmly locked in the past, and that ugly suppression tactics are forever lost to history. In fact, today's racial discourse is replete with cries that the real racial victims are white people, and the villains are social justice advocates who insist on holding a "divisive" dialogue about race in America. Perhaps it is because they know little of their country's history that those who buy into this notion of "reverse racism" don't see that the very tactics they use to deny race-based inequality prove the that racial repression isn't a problem of the past. As our experience demonstrates, both structural racism and censorship of content that seeks to dismantle the status quo are very much alive and well.

What is revealing about this moment is not simply a spirited debate about a YouTube video. Far more disturbing is that White discomfort with the Unequal Opportunity Race is spilling over into public policy. Through official banning of the video, we see the same logic employed by those who engaged in "massive resistance" half a century ago against efforts to remove white power from law in states such as Virginia. We see an emboldening of voices that were once written off as offensive or radical, which in the age of Donald Trump are seen as mainstream.

To put it plainly, in acceding to White demands for racial comfort, legally-backed censorship is now taking place in Virginia. This is not just avoidance of an uncomfortable topic. It is outright repression in the maintenance of White power.

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