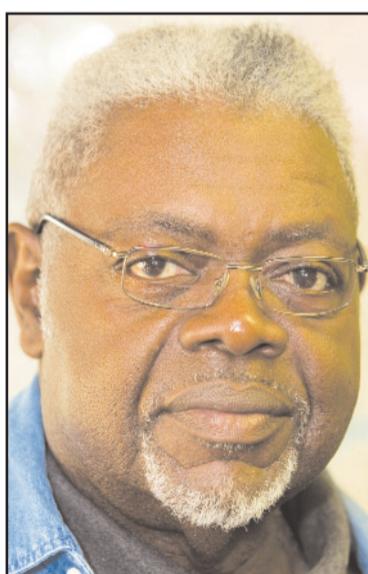


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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Eboney Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Eboney's whereabouts.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


LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources requests public input as it plans the state's first Capitol Grounds commissioned monument to honor African-Americans. Members of the N.C. Historical Commission and the N.C. African-American Historical Commission will review suggestions during the next few months. Individuals or groups wishing to voice opinions regarding preferred topics, images, or captions for the design and development of a permanent monument for the southeast corner of the Raleigh Capitol should visit www.nc.dcr.gov/monuments-feedback, or telephone (919) 807-7388 for more details or questions.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE


BERNEST HEWETT

STILL LOOKING FOR PROGRESS

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, where are we now? New Hanover County is looking forward to another plant's coming, but we don't have the first one yet in thirty years. Brunswick County has a great deal of land for industry, but we have very little industry. We have elected officials who have promised jobs, but there are very few

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THE "BLACK EXODUS" AT THE RNC

Editor's Note: The N.C. Republican Party ousted its first African American chair Saturday in a two-thirds majority vote after months of infighting that has mirrored divisions in the national GOP.

Hasan Harnett will be replaced by former U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes, who will serve out his term that runs to next year. Hayes, a businessman from Concord, served as N.C. GOP chairman from 2011 to 2013.

This week both Senator Ted Cruz and Governor John Kasich withdrew from the presidential Republican nomination race. Donald Trump's road to the Republican Presidential nomination has now been made clear with the Sen. Cruz and Gov. Kasich exits.

Voting law challenges, as well as Dr. Ben Carson's endorsement of Donald Trump, have caused many political observers to wonder what impact, if any, the endorsement will have on the African American vote. Although the GOP has an ongoing minority outreach program, Andra

Gillespie, associate professor of political science and director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute at Emory University says, "There's nothing in Trump's campaign that's going to be attractive to rank-and-file Black voters. His racist, xenophobic, misogynistic language has undercut any support he may have gained among minorities."

BY STACY M. BROWN
OF NNPA NEWS WIRE SERVICE

The Republican National Committee (RNC) is refuting claims that a number of key African-American employees were either fired or forced to resign and officials are pointing to the hiring of Telly Lovelace, the GOP's newest liaison to the Black media, as proof that the party remains devoted

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NNPA PHOTO
Telly Lovelace, the New National Director of Black Initiatives says that the staffers left because of opportunities they simply couldn't or didn't want to pass up.

A MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE



THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL PRESENTS MOTHER PATRICIA DAVID LOFTON

N.C.'s 2nd Jurisdiction Supervisor of Women

BY SYLVIA HOOPER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Giving honor to God is something that comes naturally for Mother Patricia Lofton! It comes as no surprise that God would choose to recognize her as an honorable woman, before the community and the nation. The consistency of her conduct

and character, down through the years, personifies the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that of the love and nurturing of a dutiful mother.

Mother Patricia David Lofton is currently the Supervisor of Women for N.C. 2nd Jurisdiction of The Church of God in Christ, headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina,

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GEORGE DANIEL

Service and mentorship shape George Daniel's life

BY TRICIA VANCE
OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
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WILMINGTON, NC -- Service, mentorship and the will to succeed have shaped George Daniel's life. They are why he joined his fraternity at UNCW, why he became a resident assistant, and why he eagerly took time recently to talk with elementary school children at the chancellor's house about reaching high and making the most of their education.

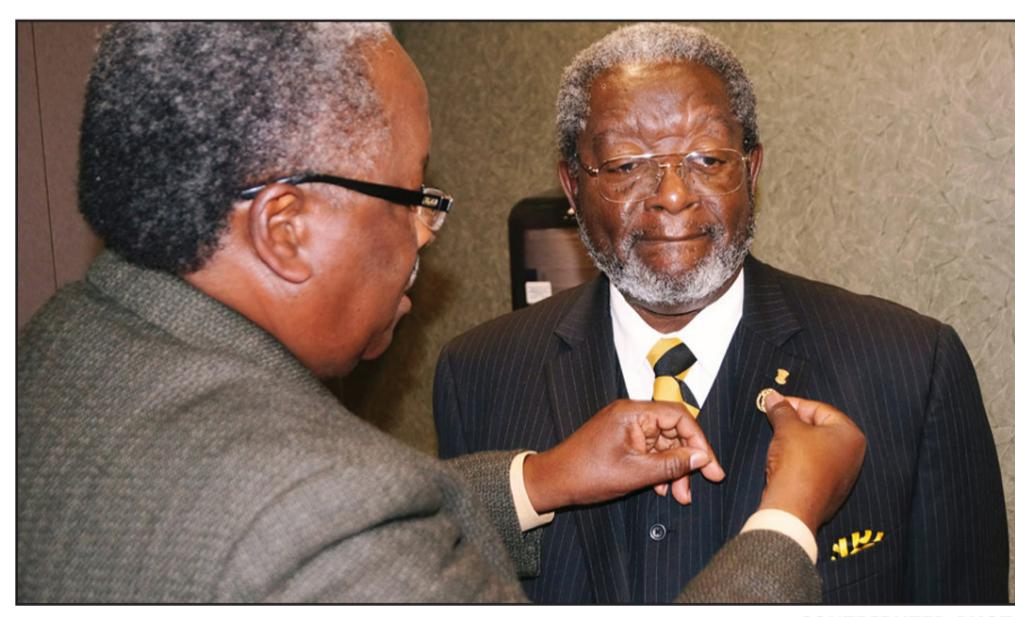
"I live by the philosophy that 'Blessings go

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A GOLDEN MAN AMONGST US

BY JAMES FULLWOOD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Rev. Dr. Covia L. Stanley, M.D., Div., is now a Golden Alpha. He has been an Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity brother for 50 years. He actually "crossed the burning sands" in Gamma Beta chapter at North Carolina College at Durham, in Durham, North Carolina on December 4, 1965. That was on the 59th anniversary of the founding of the fraternity at Cornell University. Due to paperwork, the initiation certificate was signed for January 8, 1966 by the national headquarters. Bro. Dr. Stanley has the distinction of being pinned by then 22nd General President Lionel H. Newsome who was also president of Barba Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina. That was a



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
JAMES FULLWOOD PINS HIS FRATERNITY BROTHER, REV. DR. COVIA STANLEY. REV. DR. STANLEY HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. FOR FIFTY YEARS.

very humbling experience. There were 10 Sphinxmen on that line. Names that can

be remembered are Grafton Gilchrist, Willie Otto Kent (deceased), Marvin

Johnson, William Chapman, Michael Smith, Frederick Chadwick, Fred Wright,

Thomas Elliott, and James McNeil. We are thankful that "stepping" was not required during those days. We sang songs of the Temptations, 5th Dimension, Wilson Pickett, and other artists as we danced down the walk in front of the old cafeteria and Annie Day Shephard dormitory. That was called the Freshman Bowl. Our initiation fee was \$65. The campus had many Alphamen in administration such as President Albert Whiting, the dean of the law school, chairs of different departments, faculty, and staff associates. Upon graduation from NCC at Durham in 1968, Bro. Dr. Stanley became a member of Beta

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We must not forget from where we've come here in Brunswick County and determine not to go back. We

Virginia governor restores voting rights of 206,000 including disenfranchised African-Americans

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE

BY JEREMY LAZARUS
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David Mosby no longer feels like a second-class citizen.

After years of being barred from the ballot box because of his criminal record, the 46-year-old home improvement contractor is finally able to vote

and fully take part in the life of his community.

"I never thought I'd have this opportunity," said the teary-eyed Varina resident, one of more than 200,000 Virginians whose lives have been changed with a stroke of Gov. Terry McAuliffe's pen.

Gov. McAuliffe has gone further than any state chief executive to eliminate the last big barrier to voting in Virginia - a felony conviction.

He signed an order restoring the right to vote to anyone who had completed a prison term as well as any probation or parole requirements as of April 22.

The change also allows the former felons to serve on a jury or to run for political office.

Even more stunning, the governor made no distinction between those with records for violent crimes such as robbery and rape and those who committed nonviolent offenses

such as fraud and illegal drug use.

The policy change represents a victory for the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, which have been urging such action from the past three governors.

Immediately, state Republican leaders charged that Gov. McAuliffe had overstepped his authority and urged him to call

a special session of the General Assembly to review his action, a call he rejected.

Yet despite the GOP backlash, the Democratic governor has promised to update the order monthly to include other Virginians who fully complete felony sentences after April 22.

Essentially, Gov. McAuliffe

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ed to diversity.

Lovelace said that the top Black staffers who left did so after being presented with opportunities that could have helped to boost their careers.

"The staff [people] that left were not fired," he said, countering public comments by Raynard Jackson, a veteran Republican consultant, who recently wrote an op-ed that said that, "these staffers deserved to be fired and it should have happened a long time ago. They were in way over their heads and their level of arrogance was just astonishing."

Lovelace said that Kristal Quarker-Hartsfield, the former national director of African American Initiatives was with the RNC through the 2014 election cycle and that she left to take a position with Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. Orlando Watson, the communications director for Black media, resigned at the beginning of March. BuzzFeed News reported that Tara Wall, the senior strategist for media and engagement for the RNC, departed sometime in November and NBCBLK reported that Raffi Williams, the former RNC Deputy Press Secretary, left last year to pursue a job in the media.

"I was not fired, I left and there are no problems," Watson said, declining to further elaborate.

Lovelace said that the staffers left because of opportunities they simply couldn't or didn't want to pass up, but

Jackson remained incredulous about the timing of their exits.

"This time of the year is like the Super Bowl of politics," said Jackson. "You want to be on a presidential campaign or in the RNC during an election year, because this gives you a close-up view of all these things that are going on. You'll not only have all the access at the Republican National Convention, but you'll be privy, to some extent, to the inner workings of the presidential nomination process as well as the inner workings of the RNC."

Jackson continued: "If you are a true political junkie, this is what you live and breathe for. This is a political junkie's dream."

Jackson compared the RNC staff departures to a player in the NBA asking to be traded away from the Golden State Warriors to the Los Angeles Lakers, right before the start of the playoffs.

"If you're on staff now you're probably going to be a part of history that probably hasn't happened in a lifetime, in a generation," said Jackson, referring to the potential of a contested nomination process set to take place this summer at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jackson, who is the founder and chairman of Black Americans for a Better Future (BABF), a 527 Super PAC established to get more Blacks involved in the Republican Party, also wrote that the former RNC officials were ill-equipped to discuss real solutions to the challenges facing the Black community and that

"many in the GOP felt the need to hire Blacks, not because they really wanted to diversify the party, but in some of the party's thinking, they can't be called racist because they hired a few Blacks."

Lovelace said that "Raynard Jackson is 100 percent incorrect" and the only way to describe what he said, is that he doesn't know what he's talking about at all.

"Instead of making such false and unfortunate accusations, he should be working with us," said Lovelace. "He hasn't contacted anyone at the RNC since I've been here and, from what I understand, he hasn't contacted anyone here since at least the beginning of the year."

When reached by telephone, Jackson said that he stood by his column, adding that the idea that he's not in touch with RNC officials is preposterous.

Jackson said he definitely considers himself part of the Republican team and that he's loyal to the party. In 2013, Jackson created the RNC Trailblazer Awards to honor Black Republicans who have made a "substantial, positive contribution to the Black community, the Republican Party and America." That same year, he led the planning for the RNC's celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Jackson said that he also coordinated an on-the-record media session between then-Chairman of the House Budget Committee Paul Ryan and a handful of Black journalists. In 2014, the long-time Republican consultant even escorted RNC Chairman

Reince Priebus to deliver a speech at the National Association of Black Journalists' conference in Boston.

"I have some 25 years [in the party]. I stood with Paul Ryan and even Trent Lott through his troubles. That's what friendships are, they are battle tested," he said.

Watson was hired in 2013 amid much fanfare and proclaimed that it was imperative that the Republican party articulate its message in a "language that's relatable to the people we're speaking with and... to recruit candidates that look like the people we want to engage with."

Tod Watson and his vision are gone replaced by Lovelace who now finds himself trying to explain and mitigate the so-called mass exodus of African-American staffers from the RNC.

Lovelace said the RNC has more African-Americans now than it did during the disastrous election year of 2012 when presidential nominee Mitt Romney received just four percent of the Black vote.

Lovelace also noted the continued success of the Republican Leadership Initiative (RLI) that Priebus designed that trains minorities how to engage with their communities as leaders and allows them to learn the ins and outs of field organizing using the latest digital and

data-driven tools. He said that RLI now has a total of 160 fellows.

With a significant drop in those who now identify as Democrats, a growing number of Black voters - 10 percent - who turned out to support Republicans in the midterms and a historic slate of new Black Republican leadership in Congress, Lovelace said that now is the time for Black America to vote its interests.

"They are on the ground continuing to build relationships in the communities and they are continuing to strengthen the relationships that were already built," Lovelace said.

Benjamin Chavis, the president and the CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a trade group that represents over 200 Black-owned media companies, said that the NNPA recognized that the RNC had retained the "good services" of Mr. Lovelace.

The African American community across the nation will be turning out the vote in record numbers this year, yet no political party should take the African American vote for granted," Chavis said. "The NNPA will be closely monitoring both the RNC and the [Democratic National Committee] to discern whether or not their stated commitments will actually be implemented."



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**THANK YOUR TEACHERS:
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WEEK IN NC**

[RALEIGH] This is the week North Carolina caregivers and parents are encouraged to go out of their way to thank and recognize their child's teacher. May 2nd to 6th is PTA Teacher Appreciation Week and while the state continues to pay its teachers less than most states in the country, parent organizations are encouraging citizens to do what they can for teachers.

Increasingly North Carolina teachers report they aren't feeling appreciated when it comes to their paychecks in the Tar Heel State. According to a documentary produced by WRAL-TV in Raleigh, teacher pay has dropped by 13-percent in the last 15 years, when adjusted for inflation. While policymakers debate education funding at the state and local levels - this week is P-T-A Teacher Appreciation Week and caregivers are asked to show their child's teachers how much they are appreciated, explains Kelly

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has transformed Virginia from one of the most restrictive states in restoring citizenship rights. A majority of states allow for automatic restoration of rights once a felon completes his or her sentence. Only Florida, Kentucky and Iowa were like Virginia in barring felon voting unless a governor restored rights.

In a state where 307,000 people with felonies are believed to be disenfranchised, according to the Washington-based Sentencing Project, Gov. McAuliffe stated that his order would impact 206,000 people immediately, possibly half being African-American.

He has rebuffed a request from the General Assembly to release the names and backgrounds of those whose rights are restored. However, newly appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth Kelly Thomasson has put up a searchable database on her office's website giving individuals the ability to check to see if their rights have been restored.

Should the next Virginia governor rescind the order when he or she takes office in January 2018, state Sen. A. Donald McEachin, D-Henrico, said that Gov. McAuliffe's action could not be reversed for those whose rights he has restored and who now can register and vote for the next president and for others seeking local and state office.

Before signing the order, the governor said his action would help undo the state's long history of trying to prevent African-Americans from full participation.

As he and others noted in remarks made on the South Portico of the Virginia Capitol, African-Americans did not gain full voting rights until 1965, when Congress passed the federal Voting Rights Act.

Virginia's Constitution has prohibited felons from voting since the Civil War, helping to reduce African-American influence at the polls. Those restrictions were expanded in 1902 as part of an updated state

Langston, the state P-T-A president.

This week parent organizations across the state are encouraging caregivers to send in thank you notes, volunteer, offer gift cards and host meals for North Carolina teachers. Governor Pat McCrory's proposed budget on K-12 education maintains funding at pre-recession levels and nearly half of funding for pay raises is in the form of bonuses, versus a permanent raise.

North Carolina's per-student spending is also down by more than \$500-dollars in the current budget proposal and textbook funding has been cut in half compared to pre-recession levels.

**LAND TRUSTS:
SUSTAINING THE
FARMS THAT FEED NC**

[BRASSTOWN] Farmers' markets are in full swing across North Carolina, with tables full of locally-sourced produce, meats and crafts. In addition to water, sunshine and sweat equity to create the bounty of crops, land also is needed to meet the demand.

That's what North Carolina's land trusts bring to the table.

They secure agricultural easements on farmland to pro-

tect it from development, explains Sharon Taylor, executive director for the Mainspring Conservation Trust.

"What that allows in a lot of cases is for some families to hold on to their property long-term," says Taylor. "It also allows for it to stay available for agriculture, which is important for the greater public because then, the property is available for growing our food."

Mainspring holds the conservation easement for Ridgefield Farm, home of Brasstown Beef.

By definition, an agricultural land easement prevents land from being used or sold for non-agricultural purposes.

Taylor says farmers who might be interested can connect with the local land trust in their area through the group Blue Ridge Forever.

Hickory Nut Gap Farm outside of Asheville is protected by an easement with the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy.

William Hamilton, farmland program director with the conservancy, says easements are important because farmland is often just as appealing to developers as it is to farmers.

"Our river bottoms and

creek bottoms and our soils that we can actually grow food on are extremely limited," says Hamilton. "They're also the types of properties that are very often easiest to develop, because they're flat; they're usually right next to an existing road."

Taylor says in addition to protecting the land, agricultural easements protect a food supply that's becoming even more valuable as consumers demand to "buy local."

"Conservation and farming go hand in hand, and so it's really important, as more and more land gets developed, that some land is available to produce the food for the future generations," she says. "We need to keep land available for that too, and particularly good, rich farmland."

These easements receive funding in part from the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, and the USDA's Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

**AFFORDABLE
INFORMATION SUPER-
HIGHWAY: PROGRAM
OFFERS LOW-COST
INTERNET**

Home Internet is no longer

a luxury. Many people consider it a necessity for North Carolina families as they go to school, work and lead their daily lives, but until now, the monthly cost of the service has been prohibitive for many families.

That's changing with a new program offered by AT&T that offers online access for as little as \$5 a month. Josh Gelinas, a spokesman for the communications giant, explained why it is offering a low-cost option.

"An Internet connection has the ability to change lives," he said, "and access from AT&T will enable low-income households to apply for jobs online, connect with family and friends, research health information, complete an online education and much more. We feel that's very important."

AT&T's program is part of an agreement made with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) when the company acquired Direct TV in 2015. The program is based on income eligibility, and the company will waive installation and Internet equipment fees for qualifying individuals.

Sharon Goodson, executive director of the North Carolina Community Action Association, said the program

will be valuable to thousands in the state and help them advance in life.

"For many of the families that we serve, affordability is a factor," she said, "and this service is valuable to us because it will allow us to connect students to the information that they need for papers and projects as well as being able to connect families to the tools and the resources they need to be able to better manage their finances."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 74 percent of all households report using the Internet. Gelinas said the widespread use of the technology makes it a necessity as people try to compete in the modern world.

"We believe that access to the internet is something that is definitely going to already has improved our economy, education, health care," he said.

Census data also indicates that internet use is significantly lower for households with incomes of less than \$25,000 a year. Last year, President Obama announced a national initiative to promote fast and affordable broadband access in more communities across the country.

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Gov. Terry McAuliffe triumphantly holds up the historic order he signed last Friday outside the state Capitol.

Constitution that included poll taxes and literacy tests that were not eliminated until the passage of the Voting Rights Act.

In researching the provisions, aides to the governor turned up a 1901 quote from a principal author of that Constitution, Lynchburg state Sen. Carter Glass, noting that its voting provision would "eliminate the darkey as a political factor in this State in less than five years, so that in no single county of the Commonwealth will there be the least concern felt for the complete supremacy of the white race in the affairs of government."

As Gov. McAuliffe noted, "Too often in both our distant and recent history, politicians have used their authority to restrict people's ability to participate in our democracy," he said.

"Today we are reversing that disturbing trend and restoring the rights of our fellow Virginians who work, raise families and pay taxes in every corner of our Commonwealth."

The right to vote "is the essence of our democracy and any effort to dilute that fundamental principle diminishes it for all of us," he said, in addressing the crowd of more than 100 people, including ex-convicts like Mr. Mosby, as well as supporters of his executive action like Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott and seven Democratic members of the General Assembly.

"This makes me feel so good," said Darlene Jewell, 61, of Richmond, who, for the first time, signed a voter registration application. Her checked past had ensured she could not vote until now.

Other speakers added their words of support, including former Secretary of the Commonwealth Levar Stoney, who helped the governor reach this step before stepping down from his post to run for mayor of Richmond; his successor, Secretary Thomasson; and the Rev. Benjamin Campbell, former director of the ecumenical Richmond Hill retreat center in Church Hill; and Raja Johnson, a 40-year-old

Richmond mother who spent two years in prison. Her rights were restored in 2014, more than 15 years after being convicted of grand larceny. She now is completing her associate degree in medical technology.

How many of the people whose rights have been restored will register to vote is unknown. An early estimate from the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia suggested about 35 percent, or about 72,000 people of those whose rights were restored by the governor. That represents 1.3 percent of the 5.3 million Virginians currently on the state's voter rolls.

In Richmond, as well as most communities, there is no data on the number of people with felony records or the number affected by the governor's order.

However, Census data and other information can provide a guess. Currently, 134,500 people are registered to vote in Richmond, state figures show. The city has about 179,000 people of voting age, 18 and over, according to the U.S. Census, a difference of about 44,500.

According to the Sentencing Project, 20 percent of African-Americans in Virginia cannot vote because of felony records. Applying that percentage to Richmond's population, which includes about 107,000 African-

Americans, at least 15,000 and possibly more of those 44,600 unregistered people would have felony records. Non-citizens and college students who maintain residences in other states would be among the rest.

Advocates such as Richard Walker, founder and chief executive of Bridging the Gap in Virginia, a felon support and advocacy group, are planning to step up efforts to find people who now qualify to vote.

However, he noted that the governor can only go so far and that his action would not expunge felony convictions, leaving most of the beneficiaries still struggling to find housing or an employer willing to give them a second chance.

Ms. Jewell agreed, saying that the action is unlikely to make employers hire her after seeing her criminal record.

"I wish it would," she said, "but I'll take what I can get."

The question of the governor's authority to undertake such a sweeping action is sending people to read Article 5, Section 12 of the state Constitution which spells out the governor's clemency power.

A strict reading of that section indicates that the governor's power to "remove political disabilities," as restoration of rights is called, is unfettered, according to Secretary Thomasson.

Removal of political disabil-

ities is not on the list of items the governor must report on a case-by-case basis to the General Assembly. The Constitution states the governor must report to the General Assembly the particulars of each case in which he uses his authority to grant pardons, issue reprieves, commute sentences or reduce or eliminate fines and penalties.

Secretary Thomasson said the governor sidestepped the reporting requirement by keeping intact the obligation of those with restored rights to pay court fines, fees and penalties. That obligation is unchanged, she said.

Instead, the governor decoupled the obligation to repay, said Congressman Scott said. The governor said such debts would constitute "a poll tax" if they were used to block the right to vote, Scott said.

Away this week on a trade mission, Gov. McAuliffe said he was assured by state Attorney General Mark Herring and the author of the current state Constitution, University of Virginia law professor A.E. "Dick" Howard, that he had authority to take executive action.

Through a spokesman, Mr. Herring confirmed his support: "We believe that the Constitution provides sufficient authority for the governor's restoration order and are

prepared to defend it in court if necessary."

Republican Delegate Bob Marshall of Prince William County, however, has asked Mr. Herring to issue a formal, written opinion to spell out that view.

Howard did not respond to a request for comment, but has previously written in his commentaries on the state Constitution that governors have considered the restoration of rights "on an individual basis."

Others who have reviewed that section of the Constitution agreed. Paul Goldman, a former state Democratic Party chairman who served on a panel that then-Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli created in 2013 to find ways to expand restoration of rights, said that was the conclusion the panel reached. Everyone on the panel "who looked at it agreed the governor could not" issue a blanket restoration.

Among those gasping at the governor's action is Republican House Speaker William J. Howell.

"I am stunned at (the governor's) broad and unprecedented view of executive power, which directly contradicts how past governors have interpreted their clemency powers. And I am stunned at his willingness to restore the rights of the most heinous criminals without batting an eye."

Speaker Howell went further to claim the governor was simply trying to make it easier for his friend, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, to win Virginia. The governor denied that charge, saying that "there are elections every year in Virginia," and that his action was based on principle, not partisanship.

Since taking office in 2014, Gov. McAuliffe, with the help of Mr. Stoney, already had gone further than any previous governor in restoring rights. As of this year, he had restored the rights of 18,000 people, particularly after eliminating in 2015 a requirement that felons had to repay court debts before their rights could be restored and after changing drug crimes to nonviolent offenses.

ishing, and pray for the sick.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10 "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands: and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:30-31.

"Rich in Faith. Full of Power. Strong in Compassion. Radiant in God's Love."

**Mother Patricia D.
Lofton, Happy Mother's
Day!**

LOFTON

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under the leadership of Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Stenneth Powell. This woman servant possesses a spirit of excellence that has benefited the entire N.C. 2nd. Jurisdiction as she leads the Women's Department, to "Move Forward With Great Expectation of God".

Mother Lofton Is an original founding member of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, located in

Wilmington, North Carolina. She is a faithful follower and supporter of her Pastor, Elder Lorenza Edge. She is a lovely lady with a beautiful personality. She is a teacher of good things and an advocate of holiness and righteousness. She is married to Deacon Archie Lofton, and they are the proud parents of a beautiful daughter, Mrs. Vondra Evans, Morganton, N.C. She is also a caring and loving grandmother and great grandmother.

This humble Servant of the Lord has won many souls into the Kingdom of God and in doing so, has become a "spiritual mother to many". She has been instrumental in building Men and Women of God, who have risen to do great works in the Kingdom of God. She is an Anointed Teacher, Preacher, Psalmist, Soloist, and musician. Her gifts and talents are too numerous to mention, but one of her greatest assets, is her ability to win souls and make disciples of Christ. She is a powerful Prayer Warrior, strong in faith, and knows the

worth and value of Prayer. Her gifts have brought her before great men and opened many doors of opportunity for her to minister the Word of God. For many years, she has humbled herself under local, district and Jurisdictional leadership. She is now positioned in leadership and authority over The N.C. 2nd. Jurisdictional Women's Department as Supervisor of Women. She has been recognized and appointed by our International Church of God in Christ Women's

Department leader, the esteemed Mother Willie Mae Rivers, to work among her personal staff of International Elect Ladies. Even though she has been elevated to Jurisdictional and National prominence, she continues to actively support her local church.

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Chadwick of Durham. They have been married for 47 years. They are the proud parents of 2 sons, Covia L. Stanley, II and Quenton Chadwick Stanley. They have 1 daughter-in-law, 2 granddaughters, and 1 grandson.

50 YEARS

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Theta Lambda Chapter in Durham and Rho Lambda Chapter in Buffalo, New York prior to residing in

Wilmington. Bro. Dr. Stanley and Bro. James Fullwood orchestrated the reactivation of Gamma Kappa Lambda Chapter of Wilmington with about 20 Brothers in the New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender counties in 1978. The chapter consisted of brothers with diverse and first professions in addition to educators and preachers. The chapter won first place in ANCA in 1979 and 1980. Bro. Dr. Stanley joined Xi Delta Lambda chapter in

Richmond, Virginia for 10 years. In 1998, he became affiliated with Mu Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Conway, South Carolina. He was the president of MEL in 2000/2001. Bro. Dr. Stanley retired as

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Our Voice GUEST EDITORIAL

BLACKONOMICS

Stop whining -- Start grinding

(Via George Curry Media)

It's interesting how the young folks have started using a term that describes what the older folks should be doing. I hear young people saying, "I'm grinding," and I hear older folks whining. Young people know they have to "just do it," as the saying goes, in order to achieve their dreams. In many cases, they are willing to take risks and forego the creature comforts that could accrue to them via high level corporate salaries. They are willing to sacrifice in order to pursue their own path in life, unconstrained by the "rules" someone else sets for them.

We older folks are not as willing to do the work appertaining to progress; instead we are still relying on politicians to make things better for us. We do a lot more whining than grinding when it comes to our collective - and sometimes even our individual economic freedom.

I hear it on the radio and on news shows all the time from so-called leaders and from so-called liberated Black folks. They whine about what the "Man" is doing to us, how our collective fate is not in our own hands but someone else's, what "we need to do," how "unequal" we are in income, wealth, and social opportunities, and how many of us are in prison. They can recite all the stats and all the history surrounding our current demise. They reminisce about Kemet and other ancient African contributions to the world. They talk about "Black Wall Street" and invoke the names of our great icons; and they continue to lament and chronicle, as Maulana Karenga says, "Litanies of lost battles."

While many of us are very adept at talking about our problems, far fewer of us are willing to get into the fray and do the work to ameliorate our problems - even though the solutions to our problems are relatively simple to implement.

Co-convenor of the One million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors, Amefika Geuka, wrote a "Black Paper" in 2007 in which he stated, "[Our] vision is of a transformed Black community where our people radically improve the quality of their lives and surroundings. We will accomplish this by implementing programs and ventures designed specifically for the unique needs of people of African descent - without apology! This will result in the complete elimination of the 'slave mentality' and dependence on the gratuity of others that it promotes. We will cease to be the 'weakest link in the chain,' or weakest 'patch' in the 'quilt-like' fabric of American society and that of the world."

Rhetoric not followed by action is meaningless; and whining not supplanted by grinding only displays weakness and apathy. Booker T. Washington said, "The world might pity a whining nation, but it will never respect it [until it respects itself enough to do for itself]."

If we would turn our whining into grinding, not worrying as much about the external factors but concentrating on our internal resources with which to "accomplish what we will," Black people would be much better off.

Politically speaking, Black folks are now so engulfed in presidential candidates, thinking once again that our salvation somehow lies within them. Some of our Black political hacks are whining about which candidate will do the most for us, which is kinda like two enslaved people arguing over which plantation and "master" are better. If we continue to seek the largess of a political candidate without having a reasonable assurance that he or she will do more than talk about our situation, we will continue to get the same thing we have always gotten from them: more rhetoric. Stop waiting to hear their patronizing words regarding Black issues; start demanding what we want, and then be prepared to respond with our votes and our dollars. We must negotiate from a position of strength not with idle threats and saber-rattling, but by withholding our votes and our dollars if they do not support our demands. What do we have to lose?

The state of North Carolina is currently being economically punished because of its stand on which bathrooms transgender persons can use. Corporations are withdrawing their dollars and other threats abound by athletic groups and such. Question: Why isn't the same thing happening on behalf of Black folks when it comes to voter suppression in that state? Have you heard any corporation threaten to leave or boycott Carolina on behalf of Black people? The POTUS even spoke up for the transgender people. Similar to the Indianapolis, Ind. case and the purported discrimination against gay people by businesses, corporations said they would move and the NCAA said it would cancel its events in that city if the law was not reversed. Guess what. The law was changed.

We are too busy counting votes to realize that our dollars count for more. Stop whining and start grinding.

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He can be reached through his website, blackeconomics.com. He is the author of *Black Dollars Matter: Teach Your Dollars How To Make More Sense*, which is available through his website; professionalpublishinghouse.com and Amazon Kindle eBooks.

Voices

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

Are you a lady or man for all seasons?

The football season ended with the Super Bowl on February 7, 2016. My team, the Carolina Panthers lost to the Denver Broncos. Most of us football fans prepared for the season by upgrading our TV, stocking up on our favorite foods

/beverages, buying special cable packages and making a list of where to watch the games and with whom. We also tell our spouses/friends/co-workers and other non-football fans to give us space to enjoy the games; no phone calls, visitors, dinners out, evening church services to raise money for the building fund, long conversations that can wait or shopping trips on those precious few days. I block off time for the pre-game show, the game and if my team wins, the post game show.

We do the same for professional basketball. I do not watch college or professional sports, baseball, track, golf, soccer, hockey or tennis unless one of the Williams sisters is playing.

The sport season is very short, so if my teams do not win this year, I only have to wait a few months before the season starts again. During those months, the general manager is making trades, changing coaches and drafting players to make the team better next season. Spectator sports are entertainment and the only thing you can lose if you bet on the games is a few dollars. If you do not participate in the political games by voting, you can and will lose some of your civil right and millions in services.

NOTE#-House Bill 2 passed in a special session costing \$70,000 with no debate and was signed into law by our "thrifty", Governor Pat McCrory. To date, North Carolina has lost over eight hundred million dollars in jobs, conventions and cancellations by professional groups and performers.

We are all in the middle of the election season which will end in November. Unlike sports seasons, the people that win are not there for a few months, but for two, four or six years. The laws they make to govern us, our children and grandchildren, and the appointments they make will last long after they leave office. In the case of the United States Supreme Court, they are appointed for

life. The Supreme Court Justices are split with four liberals and four conservatives. A majority of Republican Senators, including our \$174,000 per year Senator Richard Burr, said they will not even have a hearing on the judge our President nominated to fill the vacant seat. The new justice, when confirmed, will either take us back to the "good old days in the land of cotton" or lead us forward to more diversity.

The extreme conservatives researched infamous leaders in past history then, developed a master plan. They used our history of failure to vote in off year elections to elect their extreme conservatives as governor, U.S. House/ Senate, county commissioners, city council, school boards and even dog catcher. Their goal is,

as it was in the segregated past, to give more rights to the states. Our once respected and proud state, North Carolina, is a great example of what happens when the Koch brothers, (financial supports), Art Pope, (former budget director) Governor Pat McCrory, Senator Richard Burr and the extreme conservative majority in the General Assembly take complete control of our state.

Can we overcome this? Yes, we have a proven solution to

solve this serious problem. We have the intelligence, energy, power and numbers to return our state to respectability. The same enthusiasm we displayed in supporting Cam Newton/Luke Kuechly and the Panthers, UNC in the NCAA basketball finals and Kemba Walker/Al Jefferson and the Hornets to get past the 1st round in the NBA playoffs must come to life during our important election season!!!

Please register and vote in new people, so we can hold our heads high and say "yes I am proud to say I live, play and work in North Carolina".

To keep up with the true information on candidates and issues, please read and support our local Black newspapers.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens".

James J. Hankins graduated from "all Black" Williston Senior High School, Army veteran, North Carolina A&T State University alumnus, retired vocational education teacher, past president on the New Hanover County NAACP, charter member Friends of Abraham Galloway and author of the book "What We Blacks Need To Do" - www.jjhankins.realty.com is the site to comment on his commentary and buy his book.

CURRY'S COMMENTS

Washington, D.C.'s version of 'Saturday Night Live'

(Via George Curry Media)

Last Saturday, President Obama attended his eighth and final White House Correspondents Dinner as president. Below are my favorite Obama zingers from the night:

I do apologize - I know I was a little late tonight. I was running on C.P.T. - (laughter) - which stands for "jokes that white people should not make." (Laughter and applause.)

My eighth and final appearance at this unique event. (Laughter.) And I am excited. If this material works well, I'm going to use it at Goldman Sachs next year. (Laughter and applause.) Earn me some serious Tubmans.

Next year at this time, someone else will be standing here in this very spot, and it's anyone's guess who she will be.

But the prospect of leaving the White House is a mixed bag. You might have heard that someone jumped the White House fence last week, but I have to give Secret Service credit - they found Michelle, brought her back, she's safe back at home now.

I love Joe Biden, I really do. And I want to thank him for his friendship, for his counsel, for always giving it to me straight, for not shooting anybody in the face. (Laughter.)

We've got the bright new

face of the Democratic Party here tonight -- Mr. Bernie Sanders! (Applause.) There he is - Bernie! (Applause.) Bernie, you look like a million bucks. (Laughter.) Or to put it in terms you'll understand, you look like 37,000 donations of 27 dollars each.

And then there's Ted Cruz. Ted had a tough week. He went to Indiana -- Hoosier country -- stood on a basketball court, and called the hoop a "basketball ring." (Laughter and applause.) What else is in his lexicon? Baseball sticks? Football hats? (Laughter.) But sure, I'm the foreign one. (Laughter and applause.)

The Republican establishment is incredulous that he is their most likely nominee - incredulous, shocking. They say Donald lacks the foreign policy experience to be president. But, in fairness, he has spent years meeting with leaders from around the world: Miss Sweden, Miss Argentina, Miss Azerbaijan. (Laughter and applause.)

Comedian Larry Wilmore gave a mixed performance at the White House Correspondent Dinner and was justifiably criticized for closing his stand-up routine with, "So, Mr. President, if I'm going to keep it 100: Yo, Barry, you did it, my n--ger. You did it."

The n-word is one of the most obnoxious words in the English language and should never be used - period. And it definitely should not be used when addressing the nation's first Black president in public or in private.

Many of Wilmore's jokes simply were not funny. But he did manage to land quite a few

on target:

Well, welcome to "Negro Night" here at the Washington Hilton, or as Fox News will report, "Two thugs disrupt elegant dinner in D.C."

And not to throw any shade, but Fox News is the highest-rated cable news channel among viewers who have no idea what "shade" means.

I think Fox News secretly likes Beyoncé, though. They just renamed "The Kelly File," "Becky with the good hair."

MSNBC - MSNBC here tonight? No? Which actually now stands for "Missing a Significant Number of Black Correspondents." Am I wrong? They like fired Melissa Harris-Perry, they canceled Joy Reid, they booted Touré. I heard they put Chris Hayes on probation because they thought he was related to Isaac Hayes. That's wrong.

You know, I should say some of America's finest Black journalists are here tonight. Don Lemon's here, too. But to say a little bit about me, so, I am a Black man who replaced a White man who pretended to be a TV news anchor. So, yeah, in that way Lester Holt and I have a lot in common.

President's hair is so white it keeps saying "all lives matter."

All I'm saying is that in less than eight years, Mr. President, you've busted two time-honored stereotypes. Black does crack, and apparently once you go black, it looks like we are going back. Thanks, Ben Carson.

Lots of big news this year,

the Treasury promised to put Harriet Tubman's face on the \$10 bill, but now we have to wait until 2030 for the \$20 bill. Yeah. Man, women haven't been this deceived by a bill since Cosby [groans].

Donald Trump said that if Hillary Clinton were a man, he didn't think she'd get 5 percent of the vote. Okay, alright, alright. First of all, if Hillary Clinton were suddenly a man, her biggest problem would be finding a bathroom she'd be allowed to use in North Carolina.

And I can't understand why everyone treats Donald Trump with kid gloves. And then I realized they're the only gloves that'll fit his stupid, little baby hands.

And this is your last year in office, right, so now your legacy begins. So I wanna talk about what you're leaving behind, and I don't mean the Black Jesus in the Lincoln bedroom...No, I'm just saying, make sure you take all of your culturally specific items with you so you can get your security deposit back, Mr. President.

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New Hanover County

Citywide Youth Day, "Families United", will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Portia Hines Park/10th St. Park. Free food, drinks, games, live music, dancers and fun activities. For more information call or text Cynthia at 910-202-7733 or Liz at 910-218-6373.

DC Virgo Alumni will hold a Sock Hop on Friday, May 13th from 7:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. at DC Virgo Preparatory Academy, 813 Nixon St. The DJ will be DJ Neal Disco. Tickets available at Pat's Wings, 614 S. 17th St. For more information visit the website at 10tech-girl.wix.com/dcvirgoalumni or email at virgoalumn i2016@gmail.com.

New Hanover-Pender County Medical Society will offer free 2016-2017 school year athletic pre-participation screening exams for New Hanover County middle and high school athletes and cheerleaders for males on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. and females on Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Exams will be held at the Health Department, 2029 South 17th St. For more information or questions contact Bonnie Brown at 910-790-5800 or email MedicalSociety@NHPCMS.org or Matthew Triche at 910-251-6100 ext. 270 or email matthewwtriche@nhs.net.

The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19th. 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 Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men-and their partners-who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

Brunswick County

Hands Only Community CPR Day will be held May 17 in the aerobics room of the Dinah E. Gore Fitness Center at Brunswick Community College. The class is FREE for anyone in the community, and will teach CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator. Classes will start at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Dinah E. Gore Fitness Center is located at 210 College Road NE in Bolivia. For more information, contact Rich Burns at rich.burns@brunswickcountync.gov or call (910) 846-2348.

Meet your Fire/EMS Department on Wednesday, May 11th from 6:45—UNTIL , Town of Belville Town Council Chambers. ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF BELVILLE ARE INVITED. SOCIAL MEET AND GREET 6:45 p.m.—7:00p.m. PRESENTATION BY FIRE CHIEF 7:00 p.m.—8:15 p.m. QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION AFTER THE CHIEF'S PRESENTATION

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Mother Janie Fox wins 1st Runner Up Award



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Mother Lofton presenting award to **Mother Janie Fox.**

BY MOTHER PATRICIA LOFTON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Friday, April 22, 2016, Mother Patricia Lofton, Supervisor of the NC Second Jurisdiction Department of Women, proudly presented the 1st Runner Up Award to Mother Janie Fox at their annual Women's Convention Held at the Rock Worship Center in Charlotte, NC.

Delegates from all over NC, SC, VA, and Michigan came together embracing the convention theme: "Moving Forward with Great Expectations".

One of the highlights of the Convention is The Mother Of The Year Pageant designed to

honor and highlight the involvement of the senior Mothers in Ministry on the local, district and state level. Mother Janie Fox of Wilmington, NC is to be commended for representing The Greater Wilmington District for 2 consecutive years.

Her District Leaders are Superintendent Lorenzo Edge and District Missionary Sarah Rogers. She is a member of Faith Temple Church of God In Christ where she serves as President of the Mother's Board, Prayer Warrior and Senior Choir member. Mother Fox would like to thank everyone; community, church, family and friends, who supported her in her effort.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Criticism

Criticism is the act of making judgments or criticizing. It can be the passing of an unfavorable judgment of an art, skill, or profession. It is the making of discriminating judgments and evaluations, especially of literacy or artistic works.

As an American citizen, one has the right to speak freely within the laws of our democracy. Studies have shown that the progress made in society today is based on freedom of being African

American citizens. We are taxpaying citizens like the other Americans. American citizens are very anxious while waiting for the privilege to speak about economy, unemployment, healthcare, etc.

As we live in today's society, it could be easy to criticize our neighbor. Some comments I have heard include those such as the following: "I don't like the way you write your stories?" "When are you going to include me and the great things I do for my community?" Comments such as these help me to realize that there are people in my community who contribute to the betterment of society by doing what they do. For instance, some do crucial deeds, such as visiting

the sick in the community.

There are times when I want to write stories with good thoughts. Therefore, I find a quiet spot, and I write true stories. This I enjoy doing. I want my readers to be uplifted in ways that will bring comfort to their hearts and smiles to their faces. We cannot criticize everything into which we come into contact. That would be a waste of time. There are more important things. We may want to volunteer our time to help at the children's playground, or we may be able to go on bus trips to different places, such as Atlanta, Georgia. In times like these, we must find suitable things to do and fight for stronger laws to keep our communities safe.

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.

Smart Start of New Hanover County receives grant from Vertex Outreach Services

Wilmington, NC - Vertex Outreach Services has awarded Smart Start of New Hanover County a \$2500 grant to offer BLOCK Fest™, a research based exhibit that helps raise awareness of early math and science learning. The objective of BLOCK Fest is to encourage caregivers (parents, grandparents, and early childhood educators) to engage more in guided, interactive play that creates a "math friendly" culture. Playing with

blocks is one excellent way of having fun, being playful, exploring curiosity, and building imagination. Parents, early educators, and the community will become more knowledgeable about the importance of early math and science learning as it impacts both school readiness and later math success.

By modeling guided play and asking open-ended questions with children such as "what do you think will happen if you

take away that red block?" or "which tower is taller?" or "what are you building?" volunteers and staff at a BLOCK Fest event can help build the confidence and knowledge of caregivers. For children, BLOCK Fest is a fun filled hour of play with a whole lot of blocks. For the community and caregivers, BLOCK Fest provides insight and awareness of the importance of early math and science learning.

Smart Start of New Hanover County hopes to begin offering BLOCK Fest workshops in fiscal year 2016-2017.

Smart Start of New Hanover County is part of Smart Start, North Carolina's Early Childhood Initiative. Smart Start of New Hanover County acts as a local leader in development a comprehensive, collaborative approach to serve the needs of all children, birth to 5, in New Hanover County.

Soldiers of the Cross

BY DAVID DOWDY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

By the last days of 1864, Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia was slowly disintegrating. At the mouth of the Cape Fear River, where Abraham Galloway was born, Fort Fisher would fall in only a few days. With the fort's capitulation, Wilmington, the Confederacy's last seaport, would also be lost.

On the North Carolina coast, Black leaders felt confident of the Confederacy's

imminent collapse. At the state's founding AME Zion Conference in December, the Black delegates in New Bern had appointed missionaries to serve for the year of 1865 in Wilmington and Raleigh, though, at the time the Confederate flag still flew over both cities. As a sign of their confidence in a Union

victory, they even slated Wilmington as the site for their next annual conference.

At the dawn of 1865, Galloway was only 27 years old. One cannot help wondering what he thought at such a moment after a lifetime of slavery and war. How did he view the elders who still bore scars on their backs that would never let them forget their days in bondage? What did he feel when he looked down at the enthusiastic young faces before him and the array of proud Black men around him? How did he

envision the future when he watched the youngest children, born in war and freedom, who had never known slavery firsthand and who he hoped would grow up in a world of endless possibilities? The sight of the great crowd cheering him there by the meeting place of the Neuse and Trent Rivers undoubtedly filled him with pride and wonder.

David Dowdy is President of Friends of Abraham Galloway and Former Vice President New Hanover County NAACP.

Summer camp scholarships available for deaf and hard of hearing students

RALEIGH, N.C. - Summer camp scholarships are available for deaf and hard of hearing campers to participate in Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children June 26-July 1, 2016.

Scholarships are available to those who qualify for Camp Sertoma and need financial assistance. Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children is a week-long coed residential camp for youth ages 8-16 with any type of hearing loss, communication mode, or assistive listening technology.

Camp Sertoma also accepts applications from CODA children (hearing Children Of a Deaf Adult, or Siblings of a Deaf Child), as long as the hearing CODA camper is able to fluently communicate using American Sign Language.

Detailed camp and scholarship information can be found at www.campsertomaclub.org.

Scholarship applications must be received by May 15, 2016. A camper must be fully registered for Camp Sertoma to be considered for a camp

scholarship.

Applications may be submitted online, emailed to sertomadeafcamp@gmail.com, or mailed to Camp Sertoma Registration Coordinator Sandy Waterman, 2923 Roderick Road, Frederick, Md. 21704.

ABOUT CAMP SERTOMA FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN: Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children gives deaf and hard of hearing youth an opportunity to meet and associate with others like themselves, as well as

interact with positive adult role model who are deaf, hard of hearing or hearing in a fun, safe 4-H camp environment. For more information about Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, visit www.campsertomaclub.org.

Sertoma Clubs and Sertoma members in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland provide the volunteer leadership and support for the week of Camp Sertoma for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children each year.

Fiber-based technology provides opportunities for new jobs in New Hanover County



L-R: Officials Scott Satterfield, Beth Dawson, Julie Wilsey and Jonathan Crane look on as AT&T's John Lyon speaks.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

New Hanover County, NC - The New Hanover County Board of Commissioners joined the Wilmington

International Airport Authority, Wilmington Business Development, City of Wilmington, and AT&T to announce that the ILM Business Park is the first international airport in the United States to be certified

as "AT&T Fiber Ready."

"Utilizing the Pathways to Prosperity report...we are focusing our decisions that will target sector industries that will result in quality business, and good paying jobs," said New Hanover

County Board of Commissioners Chairman Beth Dawson. "This fiber ready designation gives our economic developers an additional benefit to utilize to attract new jobs."

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Happy Mother's Day
Mrs. Virginia Mae Miller

Mother,
You will always be loved and missed.
We never would have imagined that trying
to live without you would be so difficult.

Love you,
Jesse "Pokie" Miller and Jada Miller



Mrs. Ezmas Marscine Carmichael
Ms. Ezmas Juanita Carmichael
Mrs. Julia C. Johnson
Ms. Wanda F. Carmichael

Our Mother's Day without a Physical mother still gives us reasons to celebrate because the Spiritual Mothers are with us always. The years has not dimmed our memories of your smiles, tender touches, time of rejoicing, tears and sadness that we shared together. We thank you because your lives spoke volumes for you and continues to speak to us today. Love of the Savior and family was your legacy to us and we will try to continue to live up to your expectation of us. Every day is Mother's Day to us because we were blessed to have you as parents. Someday we will be together again, what a glorious time that will be but until then, rest on, we loved you but God loved you best.

The Family

PS: To the living Mothers, please enjoy this Special Day,
may someone brighten your souls today and know that you are loved.



In Memory Of
Mrs. Mamie Locke Henry
March 30, 1900-May 2, 1977

Mother our hearts are heavy but the never ending love and all the years the nurturing you gave, finds us eternally grateful to our loving Savior Jesus Christ. God gave us a

God fearing mother who guided her through life. She trusted God's word and their relationship was strengthened daily.

Parenting was a blessing for her. She knew that through prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the life her family lived would be blessed. She always encouraged us to listen to God and encouraged us to follow His instructions. We are forever thankful to God and to our mother for all her kindness, love, and great deal of admirations shown throughout her life.

Happy Mother's Day mom

Lovingly your daughters, Marian Henry Simon, Carey Henry Cummings and Joyce Henry Sutton; grandchildren and great grandchildren



In Memory Of Carrie Mae Hicks



In Memory Of Joyce Age

If Roses Grown in Heaven

If Roses Grow in Heaven,

Lord please pick a bunch for me,

Place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me.

Tell her I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away.

John 14:1-6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."





In Loving Memory Of
Mrs. Edna Price Pearce
December 25, 1904
May 10, 1995

Sadly missed by your daughter,
Linda A. Pearce
Happy Mother's Day



A Mother's Day Memory Of
Mae Rachel Freeman

A woman who was a lot of things,
for a lot of people. For us, she was
"Mom".

Children, Rodney,
Darnell, Sharon, Elise and Missy



Rosa Lee Dowdy

Mother it's been some years since you've
been gone. Not a day goes by that I don't
think about you. Thank you for all the
things you taught me, for all the love you
gave me. Mom you were the best.

Happy Mother's Day

David Dowdy



Vivian White-Waddell
August 21, 1932 - May 15, 2006

Our Mother's Crown
Heaven lit up with a mighty presence,
as the Angels all looked down.
Today the Lord was placing the jewels
Into our mother's crown.
He held up a golden crown,
as our darling mother looked on.
He said in His gentle voice,
'I will now explain each one.'
The first gem, He said, 'is a Ruby,
and it's for endurance alone,
for all the nights you waited up
for your children to come home.'
For all the nights by their bedside,
you stayed till the fever went down.
For nursing every little wound,
I add this ruby to your crown.'
'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby,
for leading your children in the right way.
For teaching them the lessons,
That made them who they are today.'
'For always being right there,
through all life's important events.
I give you a sapphire stone,
for the time and love you spent.'
For untying the strings that held them,
when they grew up and left home.
I give you this one for courage.'
Then the Lord added a garnet stone.
Till place a stone of amethyst,' He said.
'For all the times you spent on your knees,
when you asked if I'd take care of your children,
and then for having faith in Me.'
I have a pearl for every little sacrifice
that you made without them knowing.
For all the times you went without,
to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'
'And last of all I have a diamond,
the greatest one of all,
for sharing unconditional love
whether they were big or small.'

It was your love that helped them grow
Feeling safe and happy and proud
A love so strong and pure
It could shift the darkest cloud.'
After the Lord placed the last jewel in,
He said, 'Your crown is now complete.

Happy Mother's Day

Husband: Richard Waddell, Jr.
Children: Patricia A. Waddell, Eleanor M.
Waddell, Richard B. Waddell, III,
Carolyn Waddell-Mack, Atty.
Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)
Grandchildren: Reginald E. Waddell,
Rodney L. Waddell, Richard Waddell, IV,
Samuel T. Waddell, Jillian N. Waddell,
E. Michelle Waddell, Jordan C. Waddell
(Meagan), Krystal L. Mack, Gordan E. Burrell
Great-Grandchildren: Rodja, Ja'Mez, Ja'Quirion,
Zoei, ZaTori and Kailynn



In Loving Memory Of
Mother Katie B. Johnson
1913-2014
What A Blessing
Happy Mother's Day

The family



Happy Mother's Day
Annie Marie Session

The moment that you died my heart
was torn in two one side filled with
heartache, the other died with you.
I often lie awake at night, when the
world is fast asleep, and take a walk
down memory lane, with tears upon my
cheeks.
Remembering you is easy, I do it every
day, but missing you is heartache that
never goes away.
I hold you tightly within my heart and
there you will remain.
Until the joyous day arrives, that we
will meet again.
-Unknown

Loving you always,
Netta, Andre, Adriena, Retha,
Mike and the grandchildren



Lula Waddell Cleamons
"MaMa Lula"

April 5, 1913 - March 1, 1998

You can only have one mother
Patient kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon your picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
My mother was a precious gift
from our glorious Lord above,
but the Lord chose to take her
and give her all His love.
I miss her more than anything,
especially this time of year.
There's something about Mother's Day
that always brings a tear.
Sweet Jesus, please take a message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.

Happy Mother's Day

Son, Richard Waddell, Jr.
Grandchildren: Patricia A. Waddell,
Eleanor M. Waddell, Richard B. Waddell,
III, Carolyn Waddell-Mack, Atty.
Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)
Great-Grandchildren: Reggie, Rodney,
Richard IV, Samuel, Michelle,
Jillian, Krystal, Jordan (Megan), and
Gordan,
Great-Great-Grandchildren: Rodja, Ja'Mez,
Ja'Quirion and Zoei, Ja'Tori and Kailynn



Ms. Retha Barnhill
January 10, 1910- January 17, 1997
Dedicated in remembrance of
my mother...

A Mother's Love
There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears
Can soothe our disappointments'
And calm our fears.
There are times when only a mother's love
can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real
There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help our life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day
A mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

Happy Mother's Day mom!

Sadly missed,
Your daughter and grandchildren
Mrs. Nolan B. Pittman





Lavar D. Riley, II

According to God's will, Lavar Demond Riley, life-long resident of Wilmington, North Carolina passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 29, 2016 at the age of 32 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral Services were held Thursday, May 5, 2016, at Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, 620 Nixon Street. Burial followed in the Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Lavar was born, along with his twin brother Billy, to Mr. Billy and Mrs. Betty Riley on September 1, 1983. Lavar's love for his family and his smile was his trait. He was blessed to have a twin brother; as they were best friends! His love for his nephews and nieces was unconditional. The joy that Lavar experienced from insuring that his nieces and nephews had all they needed and most of what they wanted was unfathomable. In his role as a doting uncle, he loved them as though they were his own. His primary goal in life was to make sure that he and his siblings maintained an unbreakable bond of love. He loved going fishing with his dad and playing video games. On October 10, 2011 he graduated from the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges with a High School Diploma.

Previously, Lavar worked at Coastal Precast Systems as a yard tech and Oceanic Restaurant as a line cook.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Bernice Riley and Maria Stokes; uncles, Franklin Stokes and Charles Stokes.

Remembering and cherishing Lavar's memories are his parents, Billy and Betty Riley; siblings, La Crystal Harvin (Joe), Billy Riley Jr. (1st born twin), Temekin Riley and Jewel Allen; Aunts, Dorothy Riley, Vernessa Riley, Yzosne Riley, Barbara Stokes Pigford, Melanie Stokes and Luetta Stokes (James); uncles, Derrick Riley, William Riley (Carol), Cornelius Riley, Larry Stokes, Ivory Myers (Jackie) and Freddie Lee Stokes; nieces and nephews, Teazjona Johnson, Ja'veon Harvin, Zuaki Hall and Jakiyah Hall and a host of cousins and friends. *Davis Funeral Home*.

Gwendolyn Marie Hicks Page

On Monday, April 25, 2016 having fulfilled her cause and mission, God claimed the sweet spirit of "Gwen" Gwendolyn Marie Hicks Page.

Gwendolyn Marie Hicks Page was born August 28, 1932 to the late Eli Hicks and Maggie Wilkins Hicks in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by

her husband Willie James Page and her daughter Joyce Chase.

Gwen as she was lovingly called was raised by her brother, James Rudolph Hicks and his wife Eunice. She was educated in New Hanover County schools being a member of Williston Class of 1950. Gwen was also the 1st Miss Black Wilmington.

Gwen leaves to cherish her memories; Six children, Sheila Ann King, Roseville, NJ; Casandra Yvette King, San Antonio, TX; Margaret Louise King Smith, Wilmington, NC; James Herbert King, Jr. (Christine), Wilmington, NC; Wyatt E. King, Wilmington, NC; Lawrence Cedric King, Palo Alto, CA; Twenty-three Grandchildren; numerous Great-Grandchildren; Devoted niece, Marie Hillman; Special nephew Leroy Hicks, San Francisco, CA; Devoted neighbor Kim Green; Special friends, Fibbie L. Bradley, Edna Smith, Joan Green and the Hutchins family; Devoted caregiver Johnetta Franks as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Arrangements by *Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mr. William Green Johnson, Sr. "Buster"

William Green Johnson, Sr., also known as Buster, departed his life on Friday April 22, 2016 at his home in Leland, NC.

Buster was the son of Bobby Thomas and Bertha Mae Johnson Thomas who preceded him in death. He was born in Florence, SC on January 24, 1949.

He leaves to cherish her memories, his beloved wife Katie Johnson, his son William "Twink" Johnson Jr. (Anna), his daughter, Stephanie Dunn, his son Dewayne Lemon, and his brother, Michael Thomas. Buster also leaves 15 grandchildren, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Arrangements by *Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Lerlene Jones

Lerlene Jones died Monday, April 25, 2016, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Anthony Johnson

Anthony Johnson died Thursday, April 28, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016 at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church; 504 S 6th

Street. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Roy Lee Hill, Jr.

Roy Lee Hill, Jr., died Friday, April 29, 2016 in Narrowsburg, New Jersey. Funeral services will be 3:00 PM Wednesday at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Frances Bellamy

Frances Bellamy died Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Brunswick Cove. Funeral services will be held 12:00 Noon Thursday, May 5, 2016 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ebony Williams

Ebony Williams died Saturday, April 30, 2016 in Atlanta, GA. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mary Tomlin

Mary Tomlin died Monday, May 2, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Merrick

James Merrick died Monday, May 2, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

In Loving Memory Of



Mrs. Julia C. Johnson

Julia, May 4th, was 17 years since you smiled at us. The years seems to tickle by but your precious memory is still fresh in our hearts and we smile whenever we think of you.

You always showed us that the Savior is the answer to all our needs and will be with us always. One day the family chain will be connected again and we will all rejoice with our ancestors.

Love always,
The Family

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BEYOND THE RHETORIC

The battle over Paisley Park is going to be one big mess

BY HARRY C. ALFORD
NNPA NEWS WIRE
COLUMNIST

Perhaps one of the greatest entertainers of all time suddenly left us on April 21, 2016. Kay and I were on a plane heading to Los Angeles when it came across the screen. I was in shock and it wasn't but a few minutes before tears came into my eyes.

It was so sad as this guy was supposed to live many more years. But nothing in life is guaranteed. Memories started to float in my head. This light-skinned, processed hair wearing guy singing falsetto and wearing nothing on stage but a diaper and high heeled shoes. Once you got over the shocking sight you would realize that his music was unique and the whole world was instantly loving it.

Kay's brother, Chuck, would start working his tours with his close friend Billy Sparks. Remember the night-club owner in the movie "Purple Rain." That was Billy and he played the role so naturally. Soon the stories of Prince were being relayed to us on a first hand basis. Chuck would be hired and fired again and again. Prince was temperamental and made quick decisions that would be sometimes taken back. All in all, we got great performance tickets.

It became clear to everyone in the music business - Prince was a genius. He left this earth with thousands of unreleased songs in "the vault." That will become one of the many "crystal balls" that will come into play while family members try to figure

out just how much money and value he has left. Since his death over 4 million albums have been sold. On the same day as his death 239,000 albums were sold and over 1,034 million song downloads were tracked by Nielsen. His estate is growing larger and larger by the day.

How do we total it? It is a moving target and the courts, IRS and countless attorneys will be tussling with this big behemoth for years to come. First off, there doesn't appear to be a will. They are searching but have no idea where one would be. He was so private and secretive.

Prince has one full sibling, his sister, Tyka, who is stepping up to help get a handle on this situation. There are three half siblings that his father had after the divorce of his parents. His mother, likewise, produced three half siblings. Right now, they all seem to be talking to each other and have not "lawyered up." Tyka has employed a reputable attorney and has agreed to Bremer Trust Bank to manage the estate funds. Prince had used them for his financial affairs so that makes something consistent here.

Then there will soon be a bunch of "baby mamas" claiming to have delivered a child of Prince. DNA tests will become an ongoing thing. If one hits that will throw another monkey wrench in the process of dividing up the estate that is at least worth over \$500 million and is growing day to day. His assets such as his recording studio/mansion Paisley Park are appreciating assets. The whole compound may become a tourist attraction the same way "Graceland" for the Elvis Presley estate, which delivers millions of dollars to the Presley estate each year.

It envision Prince going before St. Peter and shouting, "Baby, you're much too fast."

Harry Alford is the president, CEO and co-founder of the National Black Chamber of Commerce® (NBCC). For more information about the NBCC, visit <http://www.nationalbcc.org> or e-mail Harry at halford@nationalbcc.org.

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(T-B) Sadie Davis Graham, Robert "Butch" Brunson, Karen Davis Brunson and Javoke S. Terrell

New Hanover County

Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Darlene Robinson of Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church.



Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will hold their Annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. There will be a silent auction.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd., will hold their annual Women's Day celebration on Sunday, May 15th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Angela Richardson of New Covenant Baptist Church. Featuring The Heavenly Voices Singing Sensation and Masonboro Baptist Praise Team. Dinner will be served immediately after morning service. For more information please contact Brenda General at 910-200-0787.

Brunswick County

Brown's Chapel AMEZ Church will hold their Annual Women's Day Program Sunday May 15th at 3:00 p.m. Minister Linda Stevenson Jinwright of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC will be the guests along with her choir and congregation. Theme this year is "Women of faith working for Christ."

Graham Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 458 East Arcadia Rd, Mother's Day Observation will begin at 11:00 a.m. The choir and ushers will all be mothers in the church, and speaker will be the Reverend Marjorie Powell, superannuated minister on the Cape Fear Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church. Immediately following service dinner will be served.

Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will have Family and Friends day (ALL DAY) Sunday, May 15th. Rev. Michael Ballard and the Harrison Branch Church family will be the guest at 3:00 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Missionary Department will hold their annual prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 14th at 8:30 a.m. The speaker will be Ms. Portia Jacobs, Cape Fear Conference and Eastern North Carolina Episcopal Director of Christian Education for the A.M.E. Zion Church. For more information contact Mrs. Karen Cherry at 910-452-7439.

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Camesha McAllister Jones guest speaker at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, USA

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Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, USA will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Camesha McAllister Jones, a native of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Mrs. Jones grew up in Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, USA, where she became the youngest elder of the church, also serving on the youth choir, usher board and Women's Day co-chair.

She continued her Christian service in the Raleigh and Durham communities as a member of Grace AME Zion Church. Later, Mrs. Jones united with Union Baptist Church, where she now serves.

Mrs. Jones currently serves as Director of Talent Recruitment for KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program Public Charter Schools) for Eastern North Carolina.

Before joining KIPP, she served in higher education at Duke University School of Law in Durham, NC. Before leaving Wilmington she taught 7th grade in Brunswick County Public School System.

Mrs. Jones obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree from



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MCALLISTER JONES

the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law. Her bachelor's degree in English Literature with an concentration in Education from North Carolina Central University, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Mrs. Jones is a member of the illustrious women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Over the years she has been involved in many civic and community organizations.

Please join us on Sunday, May , 8, 2016 to welcome and support our very own Mrs. Camesha McAllister Jones.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Spiritual check up

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND
SHELIA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

O what a blessing it was to wake up to the rain this morning! The May 3, 2016, meeting of the Senior Citizens' Fellowship was called to order by President Eloise Purdie. She stated that it was a great blessing to attend the meeting, regardless of the rain. She then asked the choir to come forward, and we sang "How Great Thou Art." A prayer was then

given by Mrs. Thelma Gates. Our chant was "It Is Well with My Soul," and our next song was "Count on Me."

Our speaker for today was Mrs. Cherry Pearson. Her topic was "Doing a Spiritual Checkup." She said that people go to the doctor to get a physical checkup and that we can do the same for our spiritual health. She told us that we can do this by asking a few questions rooted in Mark 12:30. She said that we can ask ourselves, "Do we love God with all of

our hearts because He first loved us?" She said that we need to love God with all of our hearts, our souls, our minds, and with all of our strength. She told us that God will equip us with wisdom in order for us to build each other up. By doing this, we will become more spiritually fit and more useful to God. She also told us that, if we rely on anything other than love in our efforts to initiate change in people, we are neglecting to love God with all of our

hearts, souls, minds, and strength. In order to become spiritually fit, we must feed on God's word and exercise our faith.

Next, we had very encouraging expressions. We then had roll call, and information was given in reference to our upcoming trip to Myrtle Beach. Mrs. Gladys Taylor, who had 10, was our "Callers." Our circle was formed, and we sang, "Bind Us Together."

There were 39 members present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Seek common ground

My Fellow Seniors:

Does the Bible say, "Thou shall not spit in thy brother's face"? Of course not. It can't say everything. However, it does say, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It says, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," but I believe we misinterpret this. I feel that there is no such thing as a holy day, just holy people. It is a quality that one carries on the inside. It can be seen in the life that one lives.

If you let your light shine everywhere you go, people will see your good works, and they will give God the glory, but your light does not shine in church.

We go there to listen and learn. Knowledge is a good thing, and we never want to stop learning.

However, it is not what we know but what we do that makes up the person others know as us. We all know the Golden Rule. We learned it before our first day of school.

Since it is taught in several different religions, it had to come from the same source. There is only one God. We say He had only one begotten Son, but that is not to say that He had only

one messenger.

It is quite possible that someone on the other side of the world also received a message from God, and if these other religions are teaching the Golden Rule, this could be the chain that links this world together. We could learn what we have in common with other religions just by inviting them to come into the church and share with us.

If that is not a good idea, some of our leaders might want to check this out, and report back to the church. If we could see the similarities beneath all the rubble, we might be more willing to forgive others, as God forgives

us. We might even learn to love one another.

Personally, I believe God sent messengers all over the world, but each one added something more in his words, and the extra baggage is what keeps us apart. Instead of clinging to our differences, we must seek common ground so that our children will be able to navigate the swelling tides, and one day we might find that the Golden Rule is universal, and there will peace on earth and good will toward all mankind.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Women's Day observance

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appointed by her colleagues, the San Antonio City Council, as Interim Mayor; Mayor Taylor became the first African American and the second woman to serve as mayor of San Antonio, Texas since 1837.

After her interim position as mayor expired, Mayor Taylor ran against twelve candidates for the Mayor's seat. She successfully won the 2015 Mayoral election, after a run-off election capturing 51.7% of the vote with a constituency of less than 7% African American, for a full four-year term. San Antonio is the largest city in the United States to have an African American woman serving as mayor; officially, San Antonio is the seventh most populated city in the US. Her election is a testament to her skills of tenacity, leadership, civility, and statesmanship reflective of her past positions as municipal community development coordinator, working with affordable housing agency, serving on City Planning Commission, board of directors' member for women's shelter, and other

civic-minded capacities.

Mayor Ivy Taylor is not a stranger to North Carolina. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in American Studies (1992) from Yale University, where she was inducted into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and her Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning (1998) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition, she has family in Wilmington, NC-from which her parents moved to New York City. Professionally, Mayor Taylor is an Urban Planner and serves as a guest lecturer at the University of Texas at San Antonio College of Public Policy, since 2009. She is married to Rodney Taylor, a bail bonds businessman and deacon who is a native of San Antonio, and they are the parents of one daughter, Morgan. Self-described, Mayor Ivy Taylor stated "People assume that I'm soft-spoken and appear timid and that I am hesitant to lead. But that's not who I am. I'm not timid and I don't go along. I don't have time to be timid. I want to get things done."



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MAYOR IVY TAYLOR

Join us as we celebrate finer womanhood on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church - 719 Walnut Street (corner of McRae and Walnut Streets)- Wilmington, NC. Morning worship service begins at 11:00 a.m., reception to follow morning service. The Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host the reception to be held at The Delta House located at 401 North Seventh Street (one block west of Shiloh) from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Honor Thy Mother"

"And God spake all these words, saying I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Exodus 20:1 "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12

Mother One who gives birth to or raises and nurtures a child;

A female parent; A woman who holds a position of authority or responsibility

Honor - Recognition of one's right to great respect

wider recognition for Mother's Day. As the custom for Mothers Day celebration spread, its focus shifted from pacifism and reform movement to a general appreciation, and admiration of mothers. Later, on May 14, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

Here we are today, still observing Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. While commercialization has taken over the initial concept of Mother's Day, many sons and daughters look forward to making phone calls, attending church with mothers, writing letters, and even sending gifts, cards, and flowers to their mothers to recognize their right to respect at this time of year.

While history credits both Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis with initiating the concept of Mothers Day celebrations, we still must refer to the Word of God where we see the original concept of "motherhood" was and still is, God's idea! In Genesis 3:20, scripture shows us that the first woman recorded in history biblically speaking is Mother Eve, because she was the mother of all living. In Genesis 4:1, after Eve conceived and bore her first child, a son named Cain, she said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." Being the first "mother", we must take note of her knowledge, spiritual insight, and understanding, that while Adam, her husband, gave her the seed for that first

baby, the Lord God, being the Creator and giver of Life, was the source of her blessing and the fruit of her womb."

When God created Eve, he gave her a womb, and built her with the capacity to conceive, carry to term, and give birth to a child, a living soul. He also embraced her with enough strength, and courage to nurture, nourish, and love her child, as only a mother could do. Motherhood is one of the high callings of God, that comes straight from the heart of God.

When God gave his Law to his servant Moses for the people of God, in Exodus chapter 20, each and every law was given for their own good and posterity. When he referenced to bringing them out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage, today's church can relate to our deliverance out of sin and bondage into the kingdom of His dear Son, Jesus Christ. In Exodus 20:12, God said, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

God's Word is eternal and His promise is true. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" We should all take heed to this commandment, that we may enjoy a long and fulfilled life.

If God has placed a special woman in your life who has birthed, raised, or nurtured you, why not seize the opportu-

nity to honor her in some special way? Life is short and in order to live and die with no regrets, we must seek to hear and obey God's Word to the best of our ability. When your mother is dead and gone, God will remember what he promised and will bless you for your obedience to His Word and faithfulness to Him. If she is still alive, do yourself a favor and love and honor her, because God said to do it! He will make it good! Tell Somebody ..Happy Mother's Day!!!

Prayer_Father, we pray for all mothers who have birthed, raised, or nurtured biological or spiritual sons and daughters. We pray your blessings upon each and every one of them....For Your Glory! In Jesus's Name. Amen.

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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **Linda P. Nance**, 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 **14th day of July, 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 14th day of April, 2016

David L. Nance and Susan Nance Callaway, Executors of the Estate of Linda P. Nance
2807 Wrightsville Avenue
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Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Edwin J. Romanak aka Edward J. Romanak**, 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 **28th day of July, 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 28th day of April, 2016

Lillian R. Romanak, Executrix of the Estate of Edwin J. Romanak aka Edward J. Romanak
2900 Hobart Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
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16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Etienne D. McGriff**, 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 **5th day of August, 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 5th day of May, 2016

Portia Daniels Murphy, Administrator
6911 N US Highway 421
Clinton, NC 28328

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Louie M. Eggleston**, 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 **5th day of August, 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 5th day of May, 2016

Jane Eggleston Coulter and John Carrington, Executor of the Estate of Louie M. Eggleston
3115 Somerset Street
Roanoke, VA 24014
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16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Matthew Douglas Starr**, 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 **5th day of August, 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 5th day of May, 2016

Walter Douglass Starr, Administrator
100 Wildwood Ave.
Rocky Mount, NC 27803

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Gayle C. Jernigan**, late of 425 Clearbrook Drive, Wilmington, 28409, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **4th day of August, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of April, 2016.

Holly O'Shea
Administrator of the Estate of Gayle C. Jernigan
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS PA
509 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **Jackie M. Shaw**, 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 **21st day of July, 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 21st day of April, 2016

Susan S. Brundage and Jodi M. Shaw, Executors of the Estate of Jackie M. Shaw
107 Shearin Hills Drive
Castle Hayne, NC 28429
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Kelly Whitesell, having qualified on the 28th day of April, 2016, as Administrator of the estate of **Linda Davis Reaves**, deceased, this is notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **5th day of August, 2016**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This the 2nd of May, 2016.

Kelly Whitesell, Administrator
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
File No. 15 CVD 4627

**LEROY PEOPLES, JR., Plaintiff,
vs.
TATIANIA CHRISHONEY WILLIAMS, Defendant.**

To: TATIANA CHRISHONEY WILLIAMS
719 Church St. A
Wilmington, NC 28401

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: claim for property damage arising from the auto accident of August 28, 2014.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than 40 days from the date of 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.

This the 21st day of April, 2016.

Stephen E. Culbreth, Attorney
Attorney for Plaintiff
CULBRETH LAW FIRM
Post Office Box 446
Wilmington, NC 28402
910-763-3416

April 21, 28, May 5, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 15 JT 6**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
J. E. F. d/o/b: 09/27/2012**

**TO: RESPONDENT, SHANTE MARIA CAMMACK (aka)
SHANTAE CAMMACK, SHANTE FITZGERALD AND SHANICE CAMMACK, MOTHER OF THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED JUVENILE, J. E. F., A MALE CHILD BORN IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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 forty (40) days following April 28, 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 entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. 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 SET FOR MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER, AT THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, 138 N 4TH STREET, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 28401

This the 22nd day of April 2016.

Regina Floyd-Davis, Staff Attorney
NEW HANOVER CO. DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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April 28, May 5, May 12, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF PENDER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE #: 16-JT-2

IN RE: ADRIEN LEITH HOLBEN DOB 3/21/2009

The unknown father of a male child born on March 21, 2009 in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is termination of parental rights.

You are required to make written response to the petition not later than May 23, 2016 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 any hearing affecting your rights. If you are indigent, you are entitled to court-appointed counsel and should contact the Clerk of Superior Court for Pender County immediately to request counsel. This is a new case and attorney appointed previously will not represent you in this proceeding unless ordered by the Court.

You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. If you are indigent, you are entitled to court-appointed counsel and should contact the Clerk of Superior Court for Pender County immediately to request counsel. This is a new case and attorney appointed previously will not represent you in this proceeding unless ordered by the Court.

This the 15th day of April, 2016.

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

April 21, 28, May 5, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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R. Kent Harrell
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 625
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(910) 259-7772

April 21, 28, May 5, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF WILMINGTON
P.O. BOX 1810
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Notice is hereby given that the City Manager of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina has submitted to the City Council a budget for fiscal year 2016-17 and that the City Council will hold a public hearing on this budget on the 17th of May, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council chambers, City Hall.

Citizens are invited to attend this hearing to present oral and written comments, and to ask questions regarding the budget.

The following is a summary of the City Budget proposed for 2016-17:

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