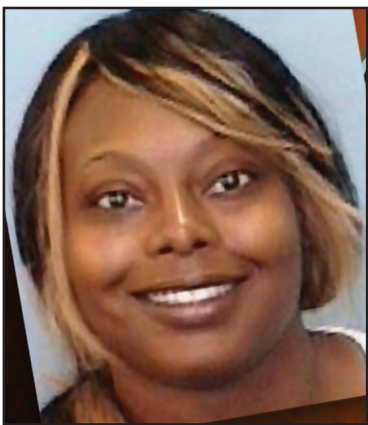




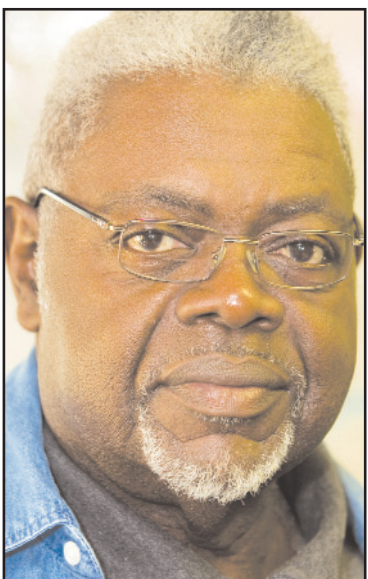
Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington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



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

The N. C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources requests public input as it plan 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

FRESH VEGETABLES

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, it's the time of year when those of us who live on a farm, or out in the county, begin to grow fresh vegetables and feel all the pride that goes with growing them. I'm writing this article to say that it's still great to be on the farm and a part of this culture. We, at Hewett's Farms, have been getting produce out of the garden for about three weeks and, as

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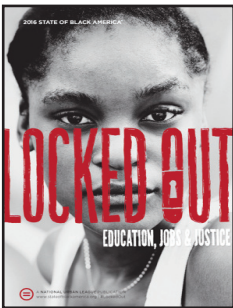
MORIAL: THE STATE OF BLACK AMERICA IS 'LOCKED OUT'

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
OF TRICEEDNEY NEWSWIRE

NUL President/CEO Marc Morial gives the State of Black America Address at the Newseum. PHOTO: Roy Lewis/Trice Edney News Wire (TriceEdneyWire.com) - Declaring that the state of Black America is "locked out" of economic, social and educational equality, National Urban League President/CEO Marc Morial said in his State of Black America Address this week that at

least \$1 trillion must be invested in America's urban communities in order to bring a semblance of justice.

"As President Obama wraps up his final months as the nation's first African-American president, we begin to assess the progress Black America has made under his administration. How well has



the nation recovered from the worst economic crisis it has seen in generations? How much closer to the goal of universal healthcare coverage has the Affordable Care Act - Obamacare - gotten us?

"As President Obama himself said in his commencement address at Howard University, 'My election did not create a post-racial society.'" Morial said. "Mr. President, you

are right. The 2016 National Urban League Equality Index tells an all too familiar story of persistent racial disparity in American life. Your Presidency has made a difference, yet we cannot, in eight short years, eliminate America's long-standing challenges around racial inequity."

An enthusiastic audience of hun-

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NHCS announces 2016 ROCAME Regional Jamboree Winners

Virgo student named Middle School ROCAME Student of the Year



VIRGO PREPARATORY ACADEMY ROCAME STUDENTS

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Students from New Hanover and surrounding counties recently participated in the 2016 ROCAME (Region "O" Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering) Jamboree held at Cape Fear Community College Union Station. New Hanover County Schools is proud to announce that Ashari Maultsby, an eighth-grade student at Virgo Preparatory Academy, was named the

ROCAME Middle School Student of the Year. Overall, NHCS won 2nd place, only 1 point away from tying for 1st Place.

"What's unique about the ROCAME Jamboree is that all New Hanover County Schools students work together within their county across grade level to compete against the other counties," said Brian Jones, ROCAME Representative for NHCS. "Students from Virgo work side-by-side with students from Murray; Ashley students with Laney, and so on. Students work together, learn together and win together."

Middle School Awards:

Murray Middle School--Katherine Hill, Jarred Meador and Robert Roth, Advisors
•Eric Huynh & James Jones- 1st Place "Egg Drop"
•Ben Tran & Eric Huynh- 1st Place "Quiz Bowl"
•Jade Bryant- 2nd Place "Pentathlon"
•Ben Tran & Aaron Zhang--2nd Place "Science Clue"

Virgo Preparatory Academy--Shemeka Shufford, Advisor
•Ashari Maultsby- Middle School Student of the Year
•Malik Gordon, Moham-



ASHARI MAULTSBY

mad Abdel-Hamid and Kelsea Jacobs--3rd Place "Math Test"
•Jamaya Honeycutt and

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MICHAEL SLAGER CHAINED AND IN PRISON CLOTHING

Federal grand jury indicts former South Carolina police officer

SPECIAL TO
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BY FREDERICK H. LOWE
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Michael Slager, a former North Charleston, S.C., police officer, who is charged with murder in the 2015 shooting death of an unarmed black motorist, was indicted May 11 by a federal grand jury for the deadly shooting.

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2016 Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon

BY JACKIE DAVIS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc., held its 13th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon on March 26, 2016 at the Ebenezer Empowerment Center on 2929 Princess Place Drive. Several distinguished women were honored at the luncheon.

Mistress of Ceremony, Sister Emma Saunders, opened the program with words of encouragement to our guests. Next, the honorees were escorted in and seated by their sponsors. Sister Jacqueline Davis welcomed all our guests and thanked them for coming to support the honorees. The honorees were given applause and a standing ovation. The invocation was given by Sister Sherby Eaddy and a brief history of Las Amigas, Inc. by our Regional Director, Sister Marilyn Webb. A musical selection was given by Las Amigas Sister Marsha Graham-Ali.

The presentation of 2016 "Women of Distinction" honorees were given by Sister Faye Jacobs and Sister Leslie Watson. Every sponsor presented a certificate to her honoree from The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc., after her biog-



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2016 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION HONOREES



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always, sharing what we have with others. As I think back to our past, I find it very rewarding and fulfilling to be able to help the sick, the elderly, and other less fortunate people who don't have these things.
We have just celebrated Mother's Day and are rapidly approaching Father's Day. Let's be very thankful for this season and its meaning so that we can help some person, old or young, so that their paths might be little easier. Let's try to bring a little joy into somebody's life.
We should love our brothers and sisters as we do ourselves. It is the only way we will see our Savior one day!!
Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

Oprah will star in movie about Henrietta Lacks

Lacks' cancer cells launched multimillion-dollar bioscience industry

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE
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(TriceEdneyWire.com)
Oprah Winfrey will star in an HBO movie based on the 2010 nonfiction book "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.
Lacks was an African-American woman whose cancerous cells launched the multimillion-dollar bioscience industry that her family did not learn about until 20 years after her death.
Lacks' cancerous cells were

cultured without her knowledge or permission at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The cells were given to Dr. George Otto Gey, a researcher there.
Gey discovered the first immortal cell line for medical research, which is known as HeLa (Henrietta Lacks). Unlike other cells that died after a few days, Lacks' cells continued to grow.
Used for the Polio vaccine
By 1954, the HeLa strain of cells was being used by Jonas Salk to develop a vaccine for polio. To test Salk's new vaccine, the cells were quickly put into mass production in the first-ever cell production facto-

ry. In 1955, HeLa cells were the first human cells successfully cloned.
Lacks' family, however, couldn't afford health insurance. The family never benefited from the money made from the discoveries.
The story will be told through the eyes of Lacks' daughter, Deborah, played by Winfrey. In addition to Deborah, Lacks' other children were Lawrence, David Jr., Joseph and Elisie. Her husband was David Lacks, Sr.
Henrietta Lacks died on October 4, 1951. She was buried in a grave without a headstone. In 2010, Dr. Roland Pattillo of Morehouse School of Medicine

donated a headstone, after reading Skloot's book.
A historical marker memorializing her has been installed in Lackstown, Va., a section of Clover, Va., her hometown.
In 1996, Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta and the mayor of Atlanta recognized Henrietta Lacks' family for her posthumous contributions to medicine and health research.
On September 14, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Evergreen School District in Vancouver, Washington, named a new health and bioscience high school in her honor. The new school opened in the fall of 2013 and is named Henrietta Lacks Health and



HENRIETTA LACKS

Bioscience High School.
George C. Wolfe, a veteran Broadway director and producer, will direct the HBO project, which is scheduled to begin filming this summer. Oprah is the film's executive producer.
The film's release date has not been scheduled.

CRL Report: NC's for-profit colleges burden rather than boost students

High costs, low graduation rates, and complaints trigger CRL analysis

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
OF CENTER FOR RESPONSIBLE LENDING

New research from the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) uncovers how many of North Carolina's for-profit colleges are targeting state youth to attend institutions that cost more than public or private nonprofit schools, produce fewer graduates and disproportionately enroll Black students.
This disturbing trend also impacts enrollment at North Carolina's 10 Historically-Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Since Shaw University became the state's first HBCU in 1865, nine others opened their doors and together created a long and proud history of nurturing students from families who are the first to attend college and/or are low-income. The public HBCUs also have average completion rates that are nearly triple the graduation rates of students enrolled in 4-year, for-profit colleges.
The report, NC Student Loan Calculus found that choices in higher education can either be a boost or a burden to students and their families.
"When borrowers who attend public and private colleges leave school," states the report, "they can afford to repay their loans. By contrast, North Carolina's for-profit post-secondary institu-

tions are more expensive and borrowers are less likely to be able to repay their loans when they leave. ... [T]he question is not merely one of dealing with outstanding debt, but rather whether the underlying degree is a product that is one of value."
Data for the most recent year available shows that North Carolina's 79 for-profit, 2-year and 4-year institutions enrolled 21,579 students. At 51 percent of enrollment, Black students are enrolled at a level almost two times greater than those at the state's public and private institutions.
Students at the 2-year, for-profit institutions graduated with 170 percent - \$16,533 - of the debt load of comparable 2-year public colleges at \$9,728. Less than half of the state's for-profit student borrowers - 42 percent - are able to make their college loan repayment, the percentage of borrowers who are able to pay even one dollar towards the principal of their loan after three years.
By comparison, 70 percent of student borrowers from the state's private colleges and 62 percent of public college borrowers are able to make their loan repayments.
"This report seems to be telling us that students of color are being targeted by these for-profit colleges that have a history of low graduations, high debt, and leave students with few if any marketable skills," said Mrs.

Andrea Harris, Founder and Senior Fellow at the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, also known as the 'Institute'. "At the same time, North Carolina's HBCUs generate upwards of a \$2 billion impact the state in addition to their long and proud record of producing not just graduates but contributing members of society that give back."
This February, five North Carolina HBCUs were among 21 selected nationwide for the first-time grants awarded through the Apple-Thurgood Marshall Incentive. The grants are offered as a way to increase the number of high tech professionals working at Apple: Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville State, North Carolina Central, North Carolina A&T State and Shaw.
Additionally and according to HBCU Lifestyle.com, when it comes to landing jobs after graduation, three more of North Carolina's HBCU's rank among the nation's top for alumni starting salaries: Johnson C. Smith, Winston Salem State and North Carolina A & T average salaries ranged from \$40,700 to \$48,800 for new college grads.
"Somewhere an educational disconnect has occurred and it must be stopped," continued Ms. Harris. "We are hurting too many people who are part of a population that suffered the most from the

recent recession. Abuses of their youth should not be allowed."
CRL's report also notes that since 2012, the North Carolina Attorney General's Office has pursued a series of investigations that have led to favorable consumer victories.
Following a 2012 investigation into Kaplan College's Charlotte campus that misleading statements were made about the licensure of its program, Kaplan withdrew its license to operate a dental assistant training program in the state and refunded monies to students.
The following year, after suing Thomas Healthcare, an unlicensed, for-profit nursing school, a consent judgment ordered consumer refunds of more than \$12,000 and stopped the illegal operation.
More recently, late last year the AG's office filed a complaint against the North Carolina Medical Institute, an unlicensed nursing training school. The case will go to trial this fall.
The state has also been a part of several multi-state actions involving for-profits such as Corinthian Colleges, the ongoing ITT Technical Institute, EDMC's Art Institutes in Durham and Charlotte that provided \$4.1 million in debt forgiveness.
CRL proposes a series of policy reforms to remedy these questionable practices. CRL proposes that North Carolina:

Improve oversight of for-profit schools by requiring the institutions to report on how much they spend on tuition compared to other spending such as advertising and salaries.
Strengthen reporting requirements - particularly for for-profit schools - that track accreditation, licensing, graduation, drop-out rates, loan indebtedness, loan defaults and other measures that together reflect what an educational investment in these institutions will provide.
Use objective data to shut down poorly performing schools and support those that well-serve their students.
Increase funding and support for HBCUs that prioritize spending on student instruction and success.
"North Carolina's students invested in higher education as a way to secure their futures," said Whitney Barkley, a CRL policy counsel. "Their educational commitments make our communities and state economically stronger. So all of our leaders must equally use their authority and influence to give our students a leg up in the workplace. Only amassing student debt should not be their futures or ours."
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Jameir Richardson- 2nd Place "Write It/ Do It"
•Janeicha Guerrero-Guity and Ameia Oliver- 1st Place "Quiz Bowl"
•Willie Mack, Malik Gordon and Mohammad Abdel-Hamid- 2nd Place "Pentathlon"
•Anabel Sanchez and Janiya

Messick, 2nd Place "Egg Drop"
High School Awards:
Ashley High School- Nicole Ballard and Brian Jones, Contacts
•Cameron McIntosh- 1st Place "Quiz Bowl"
•Paris Holmes and Cameron McIntosh- 3rd Place "Chemistry Clue"
•Cameron McIntosh- 2nd Place "Math Test"
New Hanover High School-

Nicole Ballard, Advisor
•Autumn James & Jasmine Young- 1st Place "Chemistry Clue"
•Janae Young- 1st Place "Oratory Contest"
•Jasmine Young- 1st Place "PowerPoint"
•Jasmine Young- 1st Place "Quiz Bowl"
•Desiree Preston & Shamira Thompson- 3rd Place "Write It/ Do It"
Laney High School- Dallas

Brown, Advisor
•Jordan Shaw, Kolbi Shaw, Jayla McCloud & Tarrell Hubbard- 1st Place "Pentathlon"
•Jazmon Carr & Kynesha Anderson- 1st Place "PowerPoint"

•Jazmon Carr & Ana Williams- 1st Place "Quiz Bowl"
•Ana Williams & Terrell Hubbard- 2nd Place "Math Test"

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The grand jury charged that Slager used excessive force when he shot and killed Walter Scott without legal justification. Slager also was charged with obstruction of justice for making false state-

ments to South Carolina Law Enforcement Division investigators with intent to impede the investigation into the shooting.
The indictment also charged that Slager intentionally mislead investigators when he told them Scott, armed with a laser, was running towards him when he

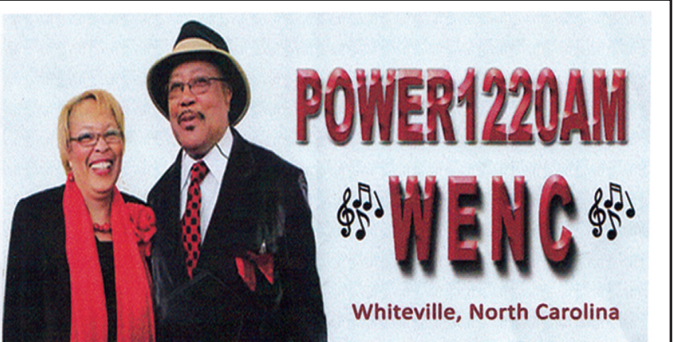
fired his gun.
Scott was killed after he was shot five times in the back. The shooting was captured on cell phone video, turning Slager into a lair over the Internet. He was later arrested. Slager stopped Scott's car for a broken brake light.
Scott, fearing he was about to be arrested for failing to pay child support, jumped out of his car and ran. Slager then fired eight shots at him.
Scott was shot to death on April 4, 2015. A year later, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund posted on its website "The First Anniversary of the death Walter Scott: Renewing the Call for Police Reform."
Since Scott's murder, city officials have not implemented any meaningful police reforms, civil rights officials report.
If Slager is convicted on the federal charges, he faces life in prison. He also faces state murder charges.
Slager had been released on bail, but he is expected to be arrested again on the federal charges.

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PATIENT OUTREACH: UNC RESEARCH FINDS GAP IN SICKLE CELL EDUCATION
[CHAPEL HILL] - At least 5,000 people in N. C. live with sickle cell disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). But new research from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill indicates not all those patients have access to educational materials that can help them truly understand their condition.



Researcher Elizabeth McClure, doctoral student in Department of Epidemiology, explains why the disconnect is so important to recognize. "If somebody is not able to read education materials and understand what to do, they may not know what their risk of passing down the disease to their kids might be," she says. "They might not know when they should see a doctor and all the things that might affect day-to-day life, living with sickle cell disease." Sickle cell disease is a group of inherited conditions that affects hemoglobin, the protein

that allows red blood cells to carry oxygen to all parts of the body. McClure found when she and fellow researchers reviewed free patient-education materials, many of the documents required levels of reading and math skills just too high to be helpful to most Americans. The CDC suggests patient-education materials should be understandable to at least 90 percent of people who read them, but the researchers scored the sickle cell information at a literacy index of between 44 and 76 percent. McClure says she's seen oral health and sleep-care materials with the same pitfalls. "There just should be more information available," she says. "And when we do develop more information, we need to be making sure that it's both culturally appropriate and at an appropriate reading level." Nationwide, sickle cell disease impacts about 100,000 Americans and occurs among one in every 365 African American or black births. In North Carolina, Mecklenburg, Guilford, Durham, Wake and Cumberland counties have the largest concentrations of newborns with the disease.

NC PARENTS FIGHT FOR POWER IN ADMINISTRATION CHANGES
[ASHEVILLE] - Just how much control do parents have over what happens at their child's public school in North Carolina? That's the question Asheville parents are trying to find out as they protest a series of administration changes put in place by their system's school board. The reassignments were decided in a closed session, and public comment was scheduled after complaints from students and parents. The superintendent has said she is making changes to help "close the achievement gap" in the school system. "They are making a lot of changes and doing a lot of shifting without really expressing how these changes are going to close the achievement gap," said Julie Porter-Shirley, a PTO advocacy liaison who has children at Claxton Elementary, where the principal has been reassigned. "What's frustrating to me and to many other parents is the lack of openness and transparency." Unlike many other school systems in the state, school board members in Asheville are appointed by members of

the city council and not elected by voters. Only two other systems in the state - Thomasville and Lexington - have appointed boards. Public schools in the state are within their rights to make staff changes, but because board members are not subject to re-election, some parents feel they have less of a say when there are unfavorable policy changes. Asheville City Schools did not respond to a comment request. Molly Peebles, PTO co-president and a teacher at Claxton, said the loss of the school's principal is impacting the very students in the "achievement gap" the school system says it is trying to help. "Since they've announced that she's leaving, they literally are different kids," she said. "They are angrier. It's harder for them to focus. They don't want to come to school because they know that they're going to have to say goodbye to somebody in their life that has been probably one of the most stable adults that they've had their entire life." Porter-Shirley has been heavily involved in her child's school for several years and recently received recognition for her service. She has a message for other parents across the state who are confronting similar

issues in their schools. "To be perfectly honest, there are times like this that I question what I do," she said, "but somebody is going to hear - for every student in the school, for my own kids and every other kid that I work for; it matters because if people just sit back and do nothing, nothing is going to change." **REPORT: NC LAWMAKERS LEAVING MILLIONS ON THE TABLE**
[RALEIGH] As much as \$170 million a year could go a long way when it comes to paying North Carolina's teachers, improving state infrastructure and economic development, but it's money the state passed on when it eliminated the estate tax. The tax was done away with three years ago, and according to a new report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, North Carolina is missing out on \$100 million to \$170 million in revenue for public investments. "It contributes to the upside down nature of the state's tax system in which the wealthiest here in the state pay a smaller share of their income in state and local taxes compared to low and middle income taxpayers here in the state," points out

Cedric Johnson, a public policy analyst with North Carolina Budget and Tax Center. Johnson points out the estate tax only impacted inheritances of more than \$5.25 million. The report says 23 people benefited from the cut in the first year. Supporters of the tax break say it boosts economic growth and investment, but opponents note that states choosing to drop the tax are often facing higher tuition at public colleges, cutbacks in teachers and deteriorating infrastructure. Nationwide, just over 2 percent of estates pay estate taxes because of the value of the inheritance. Johnson says even those who benefit from the cut need to think of the bigger picture. "We all benefit when the state as a whole is doing well and when we're foregoing opportunities to strengthen these public services because we don't have the revenue to do so, in the end, we all hurt," he stresses. President George W. Bush's administration phased on the federal estate tax in 2001, and state estate taxes also were eliminated unless states chose to retain the tax.

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Standing room only audience applauded often as Morial spoke. The address was livestreamed and televised live on C-SPAN.

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dreds packed into the Knight Studio in Downtown D.C.'s Newseum, May 17, in commemoration of the NUL's 40th annual State of Black America. "With this milestone 40th Anniversary State of Black America, the National Urban League proposes a sweeping and decisive solution to the nation's persistent social and economic disparities. We call it the Main Street Marshall Plan: Moving from Poverty to Prosperity," Morial said in the speech, which was also livestreamed and televised on C-SPAN. "This bold and strategic investment in America's urban communities requires a multi-annual and multi-pronged commitment of \$1 trillion over the next five years that would course correct our main streets." The following are some of the \$1 trillion solutions, from the NUL perspective, outlined in this year's State of Black America (SOBA) report:

- Universal early childhood education
- A federal living wage of \$15 per hour, indexed to inflation
- A plan to fund comprehensive urban infrastructure
- A new Main Street small- and micro-business financing plan focusing on minority- and women-owned businesses

- Expansion of summer youth employment programs
 - Expanded homeowner-ship strategies
 - Expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
 - Targeted re-entry workforce training programs administered through community-based organizations
 - Doubling the Pell Grant program to make college more affordable
 - Expansion of financial literacy and homebuyer education and counseling
 - Expansion of the low-income housing voucher "Section 8" program
 - Establishment of Green Empowerment Zones in neighborhoods with high unemployment
 - Affordable high-speed broadband and technology for all
 - Increased federal funding to local school districts to help eliminate resource equity gaps
- To stress the urgency of the improvements, Morial gave the results of NUL's 2016 Equality Index of Black America, which is a calculation to illustrate the level of disparity and inequality in specific categories. He said the overall equality index for African-Americans currently "stands at 72.2 percent compared to a revised 2015 index of 72.0 percent."
- Others are as follows:
- Education took the biggest rise going from 76.1 percent in 2015 to 77.4 in 2016;

- Economics went from 55.5 percent in 2015 up to 56.2 percent in 2016.
 - Social justice went from 60.6 percent in 2015 to 60.8 in 2016.
 - Civic engagement index "declined sharply over the last year" from 104.0 percent to 100.6 percent;
 - Health declined slightly from 79.6 percent last year to 79.4 percent.
- Morial's speech was punctuated with graphics, including a video to stress the pains experienced by African-Americans such as police killings of unarmed people. Another graphic was a photo of former NUL Executive Director Vernon Jordan, who served from 1971 to 1981. SOBA was introduced by Jordan 40 years ago. Morial referred back to that time, four decades ago, when Jordan rolled out the first SOBA as a message to the next president. He quoted Jordan: "It is our hope that this document will pierce the dark veil of neglect that has thus far smothered efforts to right the wrongs of the past and the present. I hope that it will be read closely in the White House and in Congress that it will influence decision makers to open their eyes to the plight of Black Americans. I hope it will be read by all the candidates in both political parties whose campaigns largely exhibit a refusal to grapple with the



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NUL President/CEO Marc Morial gives the State of Black America Address at the Newseum.

concerns of Black citizens. I urge Black people to educate themselves to the issues, to register, and to vote in the upcoming primaries and election. For this election could be the most crucial in recent history for Black people. The implications of the mass impoverishment of

Blacks and the massive assault on our newly-won rights demand that every Black vote be mobilized in defense of Black interests and aspirations." Morial concluded, "That was Vernon Jordan's message to the next President. My message to the next

President is this: The disparities are real. The conditions are tough. The times demand real leadership. Does our nation have the leadership and the will to confront yesterday's problems, to forge a better tomorrow? And that is the State of Black America."



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LAS AMIGAS

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raphy was read. The 2016 honorees are: Mrs. Shirley Berry, Mrs. Molly Clark, Mrs. Addie Dunlap, Re. Delores Halsey, Mrs. Evelyn Jennings, Mrs. Moseetta Johnson, Mrs. Carolyn Nelson, Mrs. Velma Spencer, Mrs. Mary Tomer, Mrs. Thelma Walker and Mrs. Juanita Williams. Each

sponsor presented a certificate to her honoree from The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. Entertainment was given by 4 Your Glory Praise Team from St. James AME Church in Castle Hayne, NC. Sister Renee Beatty blessed the food and lunch was prepared and served by the caterer, Carolyn Lee. During the luncheon, door prizes were presented by Sister Joyce Clemmons, Sister Evelyn

Hinnant and Sister Deloris Whitted and distributed by our hostesses, Sister Peggy Mack, Sister Wanda Pugh-Trice and Sister Anechia Wiggins. The closing remarks were given by Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc., President Sister Johnsie Davis, who thanked everyone for another successful luncheon and introduced all the members of Las Amigas, Inc., that were present.

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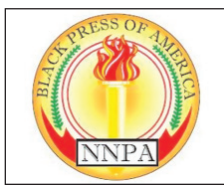
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Our Voice

GUEST EDITORIAL

BLACKONOMICS

Let's stop the bleeding

(Via George Curry Media)

There is a crisis of monumental proportion in our so-called "Black communities," a crisis that if not checked will prove to be our demise. We are bleeding so badly that we are in a comatose state and on life support right now. But we still have a strong heartbeat; so we can be revived by those who have the financial and intellectual talents and the willingness to make the requisite individual sacrifices necessary to restore us to a more healthy state.



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A cadre of individuals, not featured in the dominant media, is devoted to leading the charge for economic empowerment among Black people. These brothers and sisters are not afraid, they are not ashamed of being Black, they are not hiding behind organizations and in corporations, they are strong and unwavering in their message of economic empowerment. They are our Emergency Medical Technicians, the first ones on the scene to stop the bleeding and take us to a place where we can be treated and recover from our wounds.

Yes, we are bleeding profusely brothers and sisters, and we must stop the bleeding, not with a Band-Aid but with stitches. Our life-blood - our dollars are flowing out of our neighborhoods. The professionals call this phenomenon "float" or "expenditure leakage," which translates into what the experts at the Brookings Institution called a "market opportunity to provide competitively priced goods and services to inner-city consumers." A 1999 report issued by the Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy, written by Robert Weissbourd and Christopher Berry, cited some glaring and, quite frankly, embarrassingly stark statistics that portray Black people as nothing more than "economic opportunities" for others.

Please note the report was not casting aspersions on Black folks. Rather, it was simply pointing out some facts about inner-city neighborhoods and their consumers and suggesting ways that businesses and government entities could better serve the residents as well as their own interests. It stressed investment opportunities within underserved neighborhoods and was positive in its approach to suggesting ways to effect much needed change.

Nevertheless, my take on this issue conjured up visions of massive hemorrhaging, and it very strongly suggested that we need to stop the bleeding. The report compared one of Chicago's Southside neighborhoods to the affluent northern neighborhood of Kenilworth. It stated, "...urban neighborhoods like South Shore in Chicago have more buying power than the wealthiest of suburbs. South Shore's median family income was \$22,000 back then; Kenilworth's was \$124,000. But South Shore had \$69,000 of retail spending 'power per acre,' nearly twice that of Kenilworth's \$38,000."

That means inner city residents, despite their tremendous resources, are virtually bleeding to death. Literally millions of dollars are leaving our neighborhoods, which in turn, also negatively affects our employment opportunities.

The report continued, "For business, this translates into lost sales, or what marketers call 'float dollars.' For inner city residents, these are 'float jobs,' as crucial dollars that could employ local residents and fuel the neighborhood economy are spent elsewhere."

The only thing that has changed during the last 16 years is our collective annual income, which is much higher. The problem is that we don't learn from information like this or use it to improve our situation.

We are bleeding, brothers and sisters, and our blood is Type O, the "universal donor"-everybody benefits from it. We have EMT's ready, willing, and able to apply the tourniquets and even to stitch up our wounds. It's up to us, however, to access their expertise, to follow their instructions, and to take the prescriptions they write for us. If we are going to stop the bleeding, if we are going to put an end, once and for all, to the preventable loss of life blood - our dollars - from our neighborhoods, we must make the changes being recommended by our true economic leaders.

We must consider our "spending power per acre" as cited in the Brookings Report, just as others are considering it and gaining a stronger economic foothold in the billions Black people earn and spend each year. We must redirect a greater portion of our \$1.2 billion aggregate annual income back to ourselves via our own businesses, and we must develop a culture of wealth retention, a culture of collective economic empowerment among our people, regardless of where we reside.

"Being poor doesn't always mean being without resources. Anacostia is one of the poorest neighborhoods in Washington, D.C., yet the total income of all its households is \$370 million per year. The principal affliction of poor communities in the United States is not the absence of money, but its systematic exit," says Michael Shuman, author of *Going Local*.

So, put the Band-Aids away; we need sutures. Let's stop the bleeding, Black people. If we fail to do so, our words are merely "Sound and fury, signifying nothing."

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, blackonomics.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.

Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

President Obama deserves a "high five" for his Howard speech

(Via NNPA)

I was apprehensive when I learned that President Obama would give the commencement speech at Howard University this year. I feared a repeat of his Morehouse speech, his yammering and scolding of African Americans in a manner so objectionable as to repulse.



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The Morehouse speech was, charitably speaking, a misstep. Would Howard be a reset? I was reminded that Ivory Toldson, a Howard University professor, leads the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and understood that Dr. Toldson might have had an opportunity to review the President's speech. I desperately wanted President Obama to knock his speech out of the park. Guess what? He did.

He hit all the right notes. He told students to celebrate their Blackness their way. He offered sage, but not scolding advice and seemed nowhere as condescending as he did at Morehouse. I didn't have the

privilege of attending Howard's commencement, but I had the opportunity to watch the President on television. He rocked. This was one of the moments when I wish I could give him a high five.

Perhaps President Obama's last year will be his best year. Perhaps the work he is doing on offering clemency for nonviolent drug offenders will expand. While he has embraced the principle of pardons, he has offered fewer than 400 so far, even though more than 9000 may be eligible. The Justice Department says it is "red tape" and "bureaucracy" that hampers the process, but Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe managed to cut through a lot of red tape by restoring voting rights to more than 200,000 felons in his state. Let's see if President Obama can be as creative as the Virginia governor in issuing a blanket order to pardon nonviolent drug offenders. That would be historic.

There have been several historic and transformative moments in these last months of the Obama Presidency. Executive Order 13658 provided a minimum wage of \$10.10 for federal contract workers, an important initiative given that federal contractors earn millions of dollars in profits but often pay their lowest-

level workers little more than the federal minimum wage of \$7.25. When they bid on contracts, the contracts are often awarded based on minimum bid, but minimum bid means minimum wage. Absent an executive order setting a wage floor, the most exploitative employer is the one who gets the contract.

Similarly, Executive Order 13706 provides paid sick leave for those who work for federal contractors. Again, these contractors would not provide such leave unless they were mandated to do so by executive order. President Obama has pushed the envelope in determining that an employer or contractor has the right to include terms and conditions of work in a contract. A low-bid contract must now include adequate pay, not minimum pay. It is a step forward.

A recalcitrant Congress made it impossible for President Obama to change the terms and conditions of work for more workers, but the Executive Orders he issued set a tone for what one could consider an ideal workplace. Workers should have fair wages, sick leave, and other benefits that federal contractors are not likely to offer without incentives. All workers should have these benefits, but they cannot be mandated without the con-

currence of Congress. In the same way that President Obama has spoke from his heart to Howard University students, he seems to have spoken from his principles to some workers. Kudos.

Still, it is challenging for me to be satisfied by actions that come so late in this administration, a speech that comes after President Obama's team has slashed the money available to HBCUs. The soaring rhetoric of the Howard University commencement speech must be balanced by the gritty reality that too many students are leaving school because they cannot afford to pay tuition, and that even as students were walking across the state during graduation, some fraction of them would not receive diplomas because of their unpaid bills.

President Obama recovered from his Morehouse misstep with a Howard reset, but he still has half a year to do more. If he would restore the dollars he took from HBCUs, he would leave a lasting legacy about being comfortable in his Blackness.

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West Point correct not to punish fist-raising Black women

(Via George Curry Media)

I remember the first time I saw a Black raised fist. I was watching the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City and two Black athletes, Tom-mie Smith and John Carlos, raised their black-gloved fists and bowed their heads on the medal ceremony stand during the playing of the "The Star Spangled Banner." I was too young to know what



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it meant, but I was old enough to recognize the inherent personal power in their gesture.

Smith and Carlos, who were later inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, angered many Whites back home; they were vilified and were subjected to death threats.

In an HBO documentary years later, Smith said: "We were just human beings who saw a need to bring attention to the inequality in our country. I don't like the idea of people looking at it as negative. There was nothing but a raised fist in the air and a bowed head, acknowledging the American flag - not symbolizing a hatred for it."

Nearly a half of a century later, 16 Black female West Point cadets, posed in their traditional gray dress military uniforms, just weeks before their graduation. In

the group photo, each raised a clenched fist, touching off another firestorm in the U.S.

Officials of the United States Military Academy in Annapolis, Md. opened an investigation on April 28 into whether the women violated Army rules that prohibit political activities while in uniform.

The firestorm that they ignited only highlights what it means to be a Black woman in an America that has no collective consciousness of what that means on a daily basis. When Beyoncé and her dancers included a raised fist in her "Formation" performance during the Super Bowl this year, her usual spectacular performance was tinged with a bit of controversy.

At West Point, these young women are poised to lead us into a future where military leaders look like Black women and experience life as Black women, and where they are being vilified for a harmless photograph. This is not a photograph where they are scantily clad or displaying signs, flags, or symbols of disrespect to anyone. Each woman simply has her arms raised culminating in a fist. One wonders how West Point could even consider such an action a threat.

A more tangible threat is the paucity of African Americans at the military academy. West Point is 70 percent White, most of them males. The 16 cadets in the photo represent all but one of the Black women graduating on May 21 in a class of 1,000 - 1.7 percent.

Some critics charged that the women were participating in a Black Power gesture or aligning themselves with the Black Lives Matter. However, Mary Tobin, a 2003 graduate of West Point and an Iraq veteran who is a mentor to some of the seniors, told the New York Times: "These ladies weren't raising their fist to say Black Panthers. They were raising it to say Beyoncé. For them it's not a sign of allegiance to a movement, it's a sign that means unity and pride and sisterhood. That fist to them meant you and your sisters did what only a few people, male or female, have ever done in this country."

Even Black males who predated them at West Point were ostracized. Henry O. Flipper, who became the first Black graduate from West Point in 1877, endured four years in Annapolis without a fellow cadet ever speaking to him.

A half-century later, nothing had changed.

As Associated Press story noted, "Benjamin O. Davis Jr. entered West Point in 1932 as its only black cadet and spent the next four years shunned. He roomed alone, and no one befriended him. The future Tuskegee Airman and trail-blazing Air Force general later said he was 'an invisible man.'"

Are we really saying that the unspeakable slights and insults that Cadets Flipper and Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. endured are still the standard for the treatment of Black cadets at West Point? Or worse, perhaps the mes-

sage to these young women is that they should endure and remain quiet, rather than express their feelings in this bastion of White maleness.

In fact, in 1976, the year before women were first admitted, male cadets described themselves as "the last class with balls," according to the New York Times. Some seniors posed for a photo holding basketballs, footballs and baseballs yet were never threatened with punishment.

A voice keeps bubbling up in me and it just keeps saying, "I know how these Black women feel." I know the feeling of climbing a mountain with everyone looking, watching, and perhaps waiting for me to fall. There is the feeling of having someone moving barriers in front of my path or misunderstanding that I want the same things that they want on the same terms.

West Point's decision not to punish the women was the correct one. Their biggest sin was sharing their personal triumph over the Internet against the background of a military that until recently refused to allow them to serve in the same positions as men.

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New Hanover County

Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2929 Princess Pl. Dr., will hold their annual revival from Tuesday, May 17th - Friday, May 20th. Rev. Gordon Griffin, pastor of Moore's Creek Baptist Church, Currie, NC will open the revival on Tuesday night. Rev. Christopher Stackhouse, pastor of Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC will be the preacher for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Lewis Chapel Baptist Church praise team will perform on Friday night. Service begins at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Religious Briefs

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr. will hold ordination services for Ministers Veronica Adams, Edith Bell, Bryan Bernard, Earl Brimeley, Royce Brown, Collette Caldwell, Shirelle DeJesus, Marecia Hall and June McLeod will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Terry L. Henry.

Ministry of Deliverance Church, 2162 Wrightsville Ave. (Delgado Square) will have Apostle Billie Jacobs of Alive In Christ of Florence, SC as the guest speaker on Sunday, May 22nd at 11:30 a.m.

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their Family and Friends Fun Day on Saturday, May 28th from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Rain date will be Saturday, June 4th.

Mt. Olive AME Church, 1001 S. 7th St., will hold their Men's Musical Festival Sing a Long on Sunday, May 29th at 4:00 p.m. Gospel groups in the city and surrounding areas will perform.

National Black Leadership Caucus Chapter of New Hanover County will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Robert Taylor Senior Home, 1308 N. 5th St. For more information call 910-274-7067.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 South 12th St., Ushers' Ministry will be celebrating their anniversary on Sunday, May 22nd at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Sampson Lemon and congregation of Mt. Herman Missionary Baptist Church.

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.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Sunday School, 600 Grace St. will be sponsoring a fashion show on Saturday, May 21st from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres to be served. Proceeds to support Sunday School Outreach program: Thompson Child & Family Focus, Support the Port, Community Vacation Bible School, Fannie Norwood Memorial (Nursing) Home, etc. Please come out and support our efforts. Tickets are available. Please contact church office for tickets 910-763-3858. The Fashion Show will include "Little Dresses for Africa" an international AKA project. The AKA goal is not just to send dress, they are sending hope! These dresses will be collected from the many international AKA chapters in July, 2016 at their national convention in Atlanta. The thousands of dresses will later be sent to villages in Tanzania, South Africa and Liberia. We are excited about having St. Mark's children model some of these dress from the local AKA Chapter. Your donation will help us in our endeavor to help children understand the importance of giving back to the community at large.

St. Mark FWB Church, 1801 Castle St., will hold The Northeast Old Original Free Will Baptist Evangelist Women's Conference, "The Call to Faithfulness," Thursday, May 19th-Saturday, May 21st. Thursday and Friday at 7:00 p.m. The speaker for Thursday will be Evangelist Linda Jinwright Stevenson, Friday the guest speaker will be Mother Patricia Lofton. Saturday at 11:00 a.m. the speaker will be Evangelist Betty Smith, 2:00 p.m. workshops and at 3:30 p.m. a gospel explosion featuring Barry Smith and Company, Roscoe Stanton and Angela McIntyre.

Bladen County

Bryant Swamp Baptist Church, 61 Bryant Swamp Rd. will hold their pastor's 20th anniversary from June 1st- June 5th. Wednesday- Friday at 7:00 p.m. nightly with guest speakers Rev. Ollie Maultsby, Dr. T.R. Murray and Rev. DavidPowell. On Saturday a banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Rex Anderson and on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be Rev. Jerry McCoy of Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church.

Brunswick County

By His Grace Ministries will present Friday Night Fire on Friday, May 20th at 7:30 p.m. at 5285 Main Street Suite 18, Shallotte, NC. The guest speaker will Be Minister Renado Prince.

Church Builders of Brunswick County & Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries will hold a free food/clothing giveaway on Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 a.m.- Until at 2072 Longwood Rd. NW, Ash, NC. For more information contact Rev. William Boynton, Elder Utrilla Bryant Johnson, or Elder John H. Jonson, II at 910-294-0656 or hesdoingit@yahoo.com.

Graham Chapel AMEZ will observe their annual Family & Friends Day on Sunday, May 29th at 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Carozell Henry of Crystal Springs Missionary Baptist Church. Music will be rendered by both Graham Chapel Male Chorus and the Crystal Springs Choir. Dinner will be served after service.

Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 1882 Lincoln Road NE, Leland, NC will celebrate Women's Day 2016 On Sunday, May 22nd, at 3:00 p.m., Rev. B.J. Payton will be the speaker. This year's theme is "Rediscovering Our Sisterhood through Christ!" We invite all ladies to come out and join us for the day. Dinner will be served immediately after morning service.

Pender County

Mt. Rena Missionary Baptist Church, 10430 Hwy 210 East, will hold their annual Women's Day program on Sunday, May 22nd at 11:30a.m. with guest speaker Evangelist Alma Wood. Dinner following morning service at 1:30 p.m. and the 3:00 p.m. service guest speaker will be Pastor Hannah Green of Myrtle Grove AME and Ruland Chapel AME.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Fun Day Celebration!

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning on this fine and glorious day! Chairperson of the Fun Day Committee, Mrs. Frances Burney Matthews, welcomed all the Senior Citizens' Fellowship

this morning. Margie Robinson opened the meeting with a fun song, "Good Morning to You." Then we had our spiritual opening, led by our very own Brother George Hill, singing ""What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Prayer was then given by Dorothy Pridgen.

It was then time for our Fun

Day Celebration. We started off by playing musical chairs. There were five participants, and the winner was one of our visitors, Barbara Faison. Then we played Bingo! We had a great time. Then it was time for the most important part of the day, EATING!! A special thank you to Cherry Pearson

for the preparation of the food. We thanked our Fun Day Committee, who were Chairperson Frances B. Matthews, Fannie Allen, Lila Brown, Joyce Hairston, Sheila Ross and Evelene Jennings. We thanked them all for their hard work. Again, we had a great day and to God be the glory!

SENIOR MOMENTS

What would you do living alone?

My Fellow Seniors:

As you know, senior citizens are living longer these days, and our children are working longer. Therefore, they can't always come when we need them. Have you thought about what you would do if living alone became a problem? If you had a serious injury, you would probably have to go to a nursing home. You should consider that a blessing because I can remember a time when our people couldn't go there.

I was nine years old when my grandmother had a massive stroke. That was when I first began to learn about the

proverbial strong Black woman. My mother had to pick cotton ten hours a day, and then she had to wash, cook, and clean for a husband and six children. After that, she would walk a country mile to do the same thing for my grandparents.



Ruth Johnson

When we gathered around the fireplace for our evening prayers, she would always ask the Lord to give her the strength to face another day.

We still have strong women today, but our lights don't shine until the sun goes down. There has to be a major crisis in order for us to see what we are capable of doing. However, we need to prepare ourselves in advance to be ready for whatever comes our way.

We can't always expect our children to come home on a moment's notice. They might have to work a few more years. They might have grandchildren and other responsibilities. So if you are unable to live alone, for whatever reason, you might have to go to a nursing home a little too soon. On the other hand, if just liv-

ing alone is the only problem, you might want to share your home with another senior; or better yet, ask your church to set up a group home which you could share with a few close friends. Some of them might have to give up their private homes in order to invest in a well appointed group home. Two or three churches might want to come together to set this up. Certainly, the church needs to come out of the building and be more involved in the community.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4

Desire - To crave; To long for or to wish for
Seek - To search for ; To try to find

If the Lord were to grant you one wish, what "one thing" would you ask for? There are many who would not hesitate or give thought before answering, "Give me a million dollars! Make me rich! I want money, money, money." For the person living in poverty or living from paycheck to paycheck and who may be struggling to pay their bills, their "one thing, might understandably be to ask for money.

For the person whose health is failing while suffering from sickness and/or disease. The "one thing" they may desire might be for healing and restored health.

For the couple who is childless and unable to conceive or bear children, the "one thing" they desire may

be the ability to have and to hold their own biological son or daughter, and watch them grow up into a beautiful or handsome young woman or young man.

For the person who has nowhere to live, because he is homeless and living on the streets or in a shelter; the "one thing" they may desire might be a house or apartment that they could call a home of their own.

For the young man or the young lady who is single by force and not by choice; the same who may have a strong desire to settle down with one person, marry and have a family, their "one thing" request might be to ask the Lord to give them a caring and supportive husband or a faithful and loving wife. They do not want to be unequally yoked and desire to marry someone who share their faith and belief in God.

For the unemployed man or woman, who has gone to

college, received their degree and still cannot find a job and are in debt in addition to facing unpaid student loans....that "one thing" request might be to just simply get a good job with benefits to support their family and to live a life experiencing the "American dream".

Psalm 27, was written by The Great Psalmist/King, David. He was said to be a "Man after God's own heart". He had a unique, personal, and passionate relationship with the Lord. Though he had everything money could buy, he saw his need for more of God. He possessed the wisdom to seek the heart of God, instead of the hand of God, as so many of his children do!

He made a decision to seek after the "one thing" that he desired from the Lord. We can learn a valuable lesson from the story of David. God urges his children to seek him in order to find him through reading and studying the scriptures..

Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."



Sylvia Hooper

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Atlanta GA; aunts, Helen Weeks Pugh, Charleston, SC and Lucy Simmons Daniels (Arthur), Fayetteville, NC; uncles, David Ernest Simmons (Diane) and James Butler Bowman, Wilmington, NC; adopted sons, Mychal James Robinson and Clarkton Moore, Jr.; adopted granddaughter, Melodie Brooke Kinsey; special cousin, Barbara Hardy White; inspirational cousin, Wyonia Elizabeth Williams; special friend, William Edmond; special childhood friend, Lisa Dixon; inspirational friend, Stephanie Daniels; a host of cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Virginia Troy

Virginia Troy died Saturday, May 7, 2016 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2016 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Virginia Doris Murphy Troy was born on August 10, 1939, in Wilmington, North Carolina, to the late Lattie Pauline Russ and Artis Messick.

Virginia attended Williston Industrial School in 1955. In her later years, she decided to return to school, and she enrolled in the Adult High School Diploma Program at Cape Fear Community College, in September 1996. She completed the course and received her diploma in January 1999, graduating with honors. Virginia attended First Baptist Missionary Church, where she was a faithful member for over 50 years. At First Baptist, she was president of the Pastor's Aide, on the Nurse's Aide Ministry, the Bible Institute, and Usher Board #2. She was a member of Priscilla Tent #20, Senior Citizen Club and Mother of the Year in 2013. Virginia was the active correspondence secretary of K.E.M.B. Usher Association until her death. During her life span, Virginia had several jobs. She worked at Cape Fear Community College, Guarantee System Service, Evans Manufacturing, France Remington Apparel Warehouse and lastly Walmart. Virginia was a strong, loving mother to many who knew her: She married Benjamin Troy, Jr. on January 20, 1957, in Conway, South Carolina, who

preceded her in death. In addition to her parents and husband, Virginia was also preceded in death by her son, Larry Darnell Murphy, son-in-law, Charles and her brother, Clarence Russ.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: Children: Reginald Troy, Larence Troy (Kim), Chinita Troy-Mandley, Valerie Troy and Kimberly Troy; Grandchildren: Devin Taylor, Sr., Zakiyya Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Lenny Hall, III, Shannon Slocum, Aquia Cutler, Christian Mandley (Lyndsay), Calvin Terrill Mandley, Tearle Johnson (Patricia), Chaquilla Henry, Deanna Murphy, Nuri Troy, Maria Jamerson, Hernan Rodriquez, Ariel Rodriquez, Kendrell Peterson, Shannon McCoy, Toni Hurd, Chphas and Tim; Adoptive Children and Grandchildren: Pamela McCoy, Mechell Jones, Roderick McRae, Willie McRae, Wanda Jamerson, Tawanna and Andrew Morrison, Teresa Ackewright, Maunetta Tait, Anna Walker, Monique Moses, Dominique Bryant, Denise Butler, Daisy McCoy, Glenda DeBose, Wanda Greene, Sharonda Marshall, Shakima Hicks, Kayla Jones, Deacon Gilbert Barnes,

Casey, Courtney and Elsie Clark; Great-Grandchildren: Zakiyah, Kevin, Tayveon, Jasire, Keanna, Nazzay, A'nejah, I'daisia, Catterra, Kenjaha, Devin, Jr., Shivani, Jewel, Everett, Jayda, Carter, Mason, McKenzie, Doninick, Jelani, Faith, Sabrina, Sampson, Jandy, Zamara, Nasira, Gabriele, Emmanuel, Kennedy, Cameron, Marice, Leilani, Lola, Leah, Kayla, Lanecia and Aniyah; Brothers:Michael Messick, Shawn Messick, Lendell Russ, and Harlee Burney; Sisters: Brenda Allen and Valerie Messick; Brother-in-law: Alfred Troy; Uncle: Al Messick (Rose)' Great-Aunts:Emma Lamb and Annie Dowe (Ervin); Special Friend of 66 Years: Wilhelmina Rogers; Special Friends: Azalea Satterwhite and Annie Dowe. During Virginia's illness, her faith in God never wavered. We thank God for allowing us to be a part of her transition to him. Those close to her were truly blessed to have been a part of her journey, experiencing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. She will always live in our hearts and in those who love her. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Attend the religious institution of your choice, this week!

New Hanover County

Community Services Block Grant Program at Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. is now accepting applications for Onslow, Duplin and New Hanover Counties, Monday- Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Onslow County call 910-347-2151, Duplin County call 910-285-5331 and New Hanover County call 910-762-0010.

Community Briefs

The Cape Fear Chorale will be holding auditions for adult singers in all voice parts until June 1st. Previous choral experience and the ability to read music will be helpful. Monday evening rehearsals begin August 22, 2016 at Grace United Methodist Church in downtown Wilmington. To schedule an audition, please go to www.capefearchorale.org and click on Membership.

The League of Women Voters Lower Cape Fear will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, May 23rd us at McAlister's Deli on Monday, May 23rd. Guest speaker, Barbara Burrell, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus at Northern Illinois University, is one of our Brunswick County League members. She will share her current research on how the 2016 election is shaping up for women candidates running for the U.S. House and other non-presidential offices. Come for lunch at 11:30 a.m.; the meeting will be from noon-1:00 p.m. As always, members are encouraged to bring guests and the public is invited.

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 LEANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m., at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

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

The Williston Class of '61 will have its May monthly meeting on Sunday, MAY 22nd (Fourth Sunday). SITE: Mount Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall (1001 S. 7th Street). TIME: 4:00 pm. The focus will be on planning their 2016 reunion to celebrate the 55th anniversary of their graduation. All graduates to participate in the meeting, as well as others who were "on track" with us at Williston but graduated from somewhere else. Also, they extend a special invitation to out-of-town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 22nd.

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Compiled By *Wilmington Journal Staff*

Shannon turns 90!



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
MRS. ROSA SHANNON

On March 2, 2016, Mrs. Rosa Shannon turned 90 years old. She was given a SURPRISE birthday celebration on March 5, 2016, at Mt Nebo Missionary Baptist Church by her daughters, Barbara, Rosa and Phyllis (Monkey).

The celebration was well attended by her nieces, nephews cousins and friends. Attendees traveled from Kansa City, MO, Virginia, South Carolina North Carolina and local. Thank you for being with her on this joyous occasion and for all the gifts she received.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

I think about people living in North Carolina

People are experiencing hunger, weakness, pain and other discomforts caused by a lack of food.



Verniece Stanley

People are desiring and craving food. There are some who may not agree because they don't see daily coverage of such hunger and homelessness people in our state and other places in the country. I saw the picture of an elderly woman sleeping in the area of a bus stop. She was awakened by a caring person and offered food to eat. This food might have been

this person's noon day meal, but this person wanted to help a homeless person in need. This may sound simple but there are still good people who want to help others all around us.

We aren't seeing daily coverage of hunger and homeless people. Black people are still dying in the streets everyday. Many of them are unarmed and are killed at the hands of angry and irresponsible police. There is still room for civil disobedience when it is for the betterment of our African America people.

There are poor counties in the state of North Carolina where low income families struggle each day to feed their children and keep them in school as much as possible.

The state can help with needed supplies in the classroom. In many cases, our public schools are struggling just to provide ample necessary instructional supplies, while private schools are wealthy. Many Whites do not want poor Blacks and Whites to attend public schools together. There seems to be less hatred in our hearts for the Whites living in our neighborhoods.

In the past, I've known people in the community that worked as maids and in other menial positions but who were full of determination to be successful in every way possible. Hillary will be a champion for everyday people and will help them finally start getting ahead. I am

aware of their wisdom. 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.

RV Cancer Support Group attends 2016 Survivorship Summit

BY SISTERS RACHEL VAUGHN AND DOROTHY SYLES
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Have you recently been someplace or learned something that you were eager to share with others? Well, on April 21st and 22nd thirty members of RV Cancer Support Group and caregivers had such an experience. We traveled to New Bern, North Carolina to the Ninth Annual Cancer Survivorship Summit at the Doubletree Hotel-Riverfront. The North Carolina Department of Public Health, along with generous sponsors from across the state, promotes the summit in various cities. The 200 attendees to the summit were able to sign up in advance from the following break-out sessions: Mindfulness, Power of Touch, Healing through writing, Healing with Nature Having fun with Art, Aromatherapy and Music



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RV CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Therapy, Keeping it moving Yoga or walk along the Riverfront, Care Giver, Financial and Legal needs

Good Eating: Meeting the needs Through Foods vs Supplements, Keeping Intimacy Alive for Women, Keeping Intimacy Alive for

Men, Living Well through Cancer Treatment, Look Good, and a Feel Better Information Session. Meals and snacks were provided and all activities held at one location (no traveling from one place to another). These summits are well planned

offering information and resources to survivors and caregivers. We are given opportunities to celebrate with others going through the same things and hear testimonials. We are looking forward to next year's Survivors Summit.

South-West ROCAME Recognition Dinner

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A recognition dinner for ROCAME students from South Brunswick Middle, South Brunswick (SB) High, and West Brunswick (WB) High schools was held recently at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Shallotte. Kyerra Kinsey (SB) and Monty Stanley (WB) served as mistress and master of ceremony, respectively. Kyerra extended a welcome to approximately 40 students and family members. Grace and prayer were given by Monty before dinner. Cinnamon Page (WB)

and Majesty Holden (SB) assisted Dr. William Flythe, SBHS advisor, with the selection of door prize winners. All ticket holders were winners! Mrs. Rebecca Smith (Southport) introduced her daughter, Gina Smith (Raleigh), as the inspirational speaker. Gina, a South Brunswick High graduate, received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering and a M.S. degree in system engineering from A&T State University and John Hopkins University, respectively. She talked about her 20 plus years of experience in designing systems for military applications and the challenges

that involved her education and family life. Rap poems, originally written for robotic competition, were recited by South Brunswick High students (Trissa Floyd and Macaiah Robinson) and West Brunswick students (Alliyah Gause and Cinnamon Page). Mrs. Kathy Evans, West Brunswick advisor, and Dr. Flythe presented certificates to students who participated in the Brunswick County Jamboree. It was noted that Brunswick County retained the championship trophy at the regional jamboree by a single point!



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Gina Smith was the inspirational speaker for the ROCAME Recognition Program.

A local soccer trainer for Wilmington youth to be featured in halftime show for the Wilmington Hammerheads this season



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COACH DWIGHT FINDLAY AND SOCCER STUDENTS

Wilmington, NC, -Dwight and Kelly Findlay came to Wilmington, NC four years ago this summer and began coaching youth soccer players. Now, Superb Soccer is Wilmington's premier youth soccer training program focusing on holistic youth development and has been invited to feature in the Wilmington Hammerheads halftime show on June 17th. The halftime show will demonstrate Superb Soccer's impressive results and offer a free clinic to children and teens

before the game. Dwight grew up in Trinidad & Tobago playing soccer at the High School Champions Fatima College. Dwight also played for Top Division Club Champions TRINTOC in the First Division Level at a very young age. Dwight came to the States on a soccer scholarship from Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia and qualified for Philadelphia's semi-pro indoor soccer team, Pittsburg Stingers. He discovered his talent for coaching and mentoring

soon after arriving in the United States where he met his wife, Kelly. Now, as a high school teacher and father of two young children, Dwight has partnered with his wife to develop his coaching curriculum to become what is now Superb Soccer. Superb Soccer is more than a youth soccer program: it provides technical training for players ages 7 to 17 using its own proven curriculum with an emphasis on mental and character development. Dwight's mission at Superb

Soccer is to help youth be better athletes physically and mentally for their respective clubs. Superb Soccer's summer camps and clinics begin in June with an enrollment deadline of June 19. Superb Soccer's fall camps and clinics begin in August with an enrollment deadline of July 22nd. For more information regarding youth enrollment and general inquiries, consult the Super Soccer website at www.superb-soccer.com.

Josie Allen Grant

Josie Grant, 78, of Wilmington, departed this life, Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Graveside services were held Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Rashon Blyden

Rashon Blyden, 38, of Leland, departed this life Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at Greater Yeshuwa Temple, 6347 South NC 41 Hwy, Wallace, NC. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Joseph Lee Page, Jr.

Joseph Lee Page, Jr, 75, of Sacramento, California (formerly of Wilmington), departed this life Monday, May 9, 2016. Funeral Services will be held 12 noon Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. The burial will take place at Greenlawn Memorial Park with full military honors. Visitation will be held 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Friday, May 20, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Major Grady, Jr. "Man"

Major Grady, Jr., "Man", 61, of Castle Hayne, departed this life Thursday, May 12, 2016. Funeral services will be held 2:00 pm, Saturday, May 21, 2016, at St. James A.M.E. Church, 3425 Castle Hayne Rd. The burial will take place at Grady

Family Cemetery, Castle Hayne. Visitation will be held 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Friday, May 20, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Julia M. Kyle

Julia M. Kyle, 99, of Navassa, departed this life Friday, May 13, 2016. Funeral services will be held 3:00 pm, Saturday, May 21, 2016, at Davis Funeral Home. The burial will take place at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be held 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Friday, May 20, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

James Merrick, Jr.

James Merrick, Jr., died Monday, May 2, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 8, 2016 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. James was born November 26, 1937, in Wilmington, North Carolina to James and Bessie Merrick, Sr., who along with one brother, Gus Ones, and one sister, Essie Julius, preceded him in death. James lived a happy life of 78 years. He was known to his family and friends as "Bubba". James took pride in his appearance, enjoyed music and working. He would never complain and was grateful for everyday God had given him. He was a faithful member and usher at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church until his health failed. He was happily married to Martha Merrick for eleven years. James was a believer in God and trusted Him in all things. He leaves to cherish heartfelt

memories: his loving wife, Martha Merrick; dedicated sister, Eliza Farrow of Delaware; one committed brother, Nathaniel (Inez) Merrick; step-children, Lamont, Theodore, Theodora (Deddick), Markisha, Letitia (Chris) and Minister David (Richard); brother-in-law, Steven (Monique); sisters-in-law, Magalene and Mary; 17 step-grandchildren; 6 step-great grandchildren; a great-great-grandnephew, Juashad King of Navassa; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lacoltus Grady

Lacoltus Grady died May 5, 2016. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at First Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC. "Twan" was born January 7, 1980 to Vanessa "Net" Patrick and Wilson Grady, Jr. in Wilmington, NC. He was a loving, dedicated and obedient son. He and his father attended Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. "Twan" graduated from New Hanover High School in 1999. He worked and did well at whatever goals he set in life, there was no job woobig or too small. "Twan" was an inspiration to all who knew him and will be truly missed. He leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Trinity Watts, Willard, NC; mother, Vanessa "Net" Patrick", Wilmington, NC; father, Wilson Grady, Jr. (Eloise), Wilmington, NC; grandparents, Bertha Patrick, Riegelwood, NC, Alethia Grady, Wilmington, NC and Wilson Grady, Sr., Leland, NC; aunts, Jacquetta Taylor, Riegelwood, NC; uncles, Ricky Patrick, Wilmington, NC, Borenza Patrick, Leland, NC, William Patrick (Renee) Riegelwood, NC, Marshall Grady (Brenda), Highpoint, NC, Curtis Grady, Jacksonville, FL and James Grady, Leland, NC; Grandaunts, Marie

Andrews, Rose Keith (James), Lessie Smith, Martha Sutton, Mary Ballard, Ruby Ballard and Catherine Hooper (Thomas); granduncles, James Moore, Sr., Ernest Moore and James L. Grady; special friend, Natalie Moses; Step-siblings, Charlene, Darlene, Terry, JK and Jerome; a host of cousins and other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ronald Wilson Jr.

Ronald Wilson, Jr. died Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill, NC. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Ronald Antonio Wilson, Jr., son of Linda B. Howell and Ronald Wilson, Sr., was born March 20, 1971, in Catonsville, Maryland. After graduating from Forest High School in Catonsville, Maryland, Ron joined the US Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Lejeune. On weekends he and some of his fellow Marines would visit Wilmington. After serving his country as a Marine, he loved Wilmington so much that he made Wilmington, North Carolina home for the past 23 years. Ronald was employed with Corning, Inc. for 8 years, as a Fiber Processing Associate, Splicer and Trainer, until his health failed in 2014. He was a faithful and dedicated worker. Ron truly loved his family and often talked about how they loved sports, especially football. You could often hear him say, "Go Steelers Go". Ron loved life and he loved people. He would do anything for anyone, if you asked.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Linda B. Howell (Paul); his father, Ronald Wilson, Sr. (Sheila); sisters, Malikah (Rob), Jamilah (Randy), and Taliah (Ted); brothers, Paul Jr. (Natikah), Khalil and Ahmad; grandmother, Rose Howell; aunts, Jean Brown, Maggie Brown and Teresa Brown; uncle, Charles Brown (Linda) all of Baltimore, MD; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including one very special friend who was the love of his life, Deborah Miller, whom he affectionately called, "Boo". *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Tyrone Pollock

Tyrone Pollock died Thursday, May 5, 2016 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held Friday, May 13, 2016 at St Phiillip AME Zion, Wrightsboro Community. Tyrone was born January 6, 1970, to Jacqueline C. Pollock and George A. Pollock. He was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, and alumni of New Hanover High School. There he participated and volunteered as a body builder, wrestler, football coach, trainer, involved I ROTC and was a certified Traffic Flagger. Tyrone had a great love for antique match box cars. He loved riding low and his nickname was "Heavy Ty". Tyrone was preceded in death by his brother, George A. Pollock, III. He leaves to cherish his

memories: his wife, Vivian Hardy of Wilmington, NC; his stepson, Theodore Hardy, III; step-mother, Lille M. Ziglar; sister, Aaronda Walker (Sparkie); several aunts, Nancy Allen, Jennie Roberson, and Alice Mae Thomas of Brooklyn, NY, Sandra Allen of Wilmington, NC, Patricia Smith, Catherine Williams, and Pricilla Smith all of Philadelphia, PA; uncles, Willie Pollock of Florida, Leon Pollock of Georgia, Rickie Ziglar of Florida, Lonnie Felder of Washington, DC and James Murray of Philadelphia, PA; a devoted uncle, Joseph Pollock of Wilmington, NC; his god-father, Henry McBride of Leland, NC; special friends, Max Johnson and Syrus Munn; a host of many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends that were all very special and dear to him. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Joyce Jackson Johnson

Joyce Jackson Johnson died Saturday, May 7, 2016 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14, 2016 at St. Luke AME Zion Church. Joyce, also known by many as "Jazzy", was born February 12, 1952, in Wilmington, North Carolina to Beulah Alstin and the late Albertus Ransom. She was reared in a loving environment by Reverend Lawrence and Alma Jackson Brown. At an early age, Joyce joined St. Luke AME Zion Church. At St. Luke, she was a faithful and active member, serving as Administrative Assistant for Rev. Armour, Preacher's Steward, Class Leader, President of Local Lay Council, Delegate to Local, Annual and General conferences and a member of the PDW McKinney Choir. Joyce graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in the Class of 1969. After graduation, she attended Durham Business College in Durham, North Carolina. After returning home she gained employment with Big Star Grocery. She later joined the staff at the University of Wilmington (UNC-W), where she worked for thirty years, until her retirement as the Circulation Supervisor in the Library. Joyce leaves to cherish her memories: Her Loving Son, Kevin (Sheron) Jackson, Wilmington, NC; Grandchildren: Shazada (Tyrek) Gaddy, Fayetteville, NC, Ke'Asha Genwright, and Te'Asha Genwright both of Wilmington, NC; Great-Grandchildren: Zyerra and Tyday of Fayetteville, NC; Mother: Beulah Dison, Rembert, SC; Brother: Samuel, Bishopville, SC, Kenneth (Kelly), Fayetteville, NC; Alexander (Kim), Rock Hill, SC and Ali (Dale), Rembert, SC; Sisters: Almena (Jerry), Rembert, SC, Alfreda (Jeff), Rock Hill, SC and Alma, Greenville, SC; Special Dear Sister: Betty Floyd Bailey; Adopted Daughters: Michelle George and Regina Mack; Several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including her many friends and sisters within the St. Luke and UNC-W Families. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Rosalind Melvin

Rosalind Melvin died Sunday, May 8, 2016. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Walnut St. Rosalind Yvette Pugh Melvin, affectionately called "Roz", was born on August 22, 1963, to William R. Pugh and the late Janette Simmons Pugh, in Wilmington, North Carolina. As a military dependent Rosalind traveled extensively with her family. She often spoke of living in Panama, which was her favorite duty station. Rosalind was educated in various schools and graduated in 1981 from E. A. Laney High School. She received her Associates Degree in Business Administration while in Job Corps. Afterwards, she received her Unit Clerk Certification from Miller-Motte Business College and she attended Cape Fear Technical Institute to further education, in order to help those who couldn't help themselves, becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant. Rosalind was a long time member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (Masonboro Sound). She was a faithful member of the Usher Board and previously served as the President. She was trained by her mother and for many years they worked side by side as the doorkeepers in the house of the Lord. Her favorite scripture was St. John 14: 1-7. She was a proud member of Queen Druscilla Chapter #660 Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliate. On January 19, 1989, she welcomed her pride and joy, LeRon T. Montgomery. Rosalind often spoke of her son and the special bond they shared. As a young Deacon, LeRon was truly an inspiration to his mother and they shared special moments of prayer with each other. Rosalind was a kind-hearted, generous and loving lady who enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She greatly appreciated them all, as she so often mentioned. In spite of her physical hardships Rosalind tried to always have a smile on her face. Rosalind leaves to cherish her memory: her dedicated and loving son, Deacon LeRon Terrell Montgomery, Wilmington, NC; her devoted father, William R. Pugh, Wilmington, NC; two supportive sisters, Teresa Evans (Melvin), Atlanta, GA and Wanda Pugh-Trice (Darryl), Wilmington, NC; nieces, Janelle Nicole Jones (Alfred, Jr.) and, Jessica Chelsia Askew (Jessy) of Atlanta, GA; Nakia Stokes (Jay), Wilmington, NC; Jacquetta Shepard (Tremaine) Fayetteville, NC; nephews, Melvin William Evans, III, Atlanta, GA; Al'Trey Riley Pugh, Jermaine Montgomery and Jeremiah Montgomery all of Wilmington, NC; great-nieces, Janiyha Ahmazie Evans, Atlanta, GA, Iyonni Serenty Mouzone, Las Vegas, NV; great-nephews, Teremun Zacchaeus Evans, Jamren Jayson Eastman and Jessy Cayden Askew, Jr., all of

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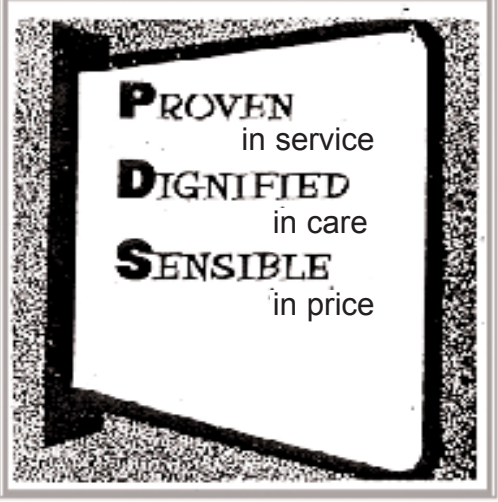


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This the 28th day of April, 2016

Lillian R. Romanak, Executrix of the Estate of Edwin J. Romanak aka Edward J. Romanak
2900 Hobart Drive
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Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Etieme 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
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Loulie 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 Loulie M. Eggleston
3115 Somerset Street
Roanoke, VA 24014
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Ancillary Estate of Doris L. Parker, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Ancillary Estate of **Doris L. Parker**, deceased, late of Charleston County, South Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said ancillary estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **August 12, 2016**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of May, 2016.

Anthony L. Register
Administrator CTA of the Ancillary Estate of Doris L. Parker
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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 the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of April, 2016.

Holly O'Shea
Administer 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, 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 Reeves**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney 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 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 TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Ricky W. Simpson, having qualified on the 24th day of March, 2016, as Executor of the Estate **Mary P. Schickert**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **15th 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 10th of May, 2016.

Ricky W. Simpson, Executor
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 12,19, 26, June 2, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **Doris Ward**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of May, 2016

Pamela Johnson, Co-Executor
2015 Scotts Hill Loop Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411
Frank Ward, Jr., Co-Executor
5505 Whisper Creek Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409

May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **Donia G. Pusey**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on April 5, 2016, are hereby notified to present their claims to Elizabeth Pusey High, Personal Representative in care of the undersigned attorney at his address, on or before **August 4, 2016**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment.

This 12th day of May, 2016.

Elizabeth Pusey High, Personal Representative
John J. Peck, Attorney at Law
428 Eastwood Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 12, 19, 26,, June 2, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO.: 16 SP 315

FOR THE ADOPTION OF:
LIAM PATRICK LEE
BY: HEATHER ANNE LEE

TO: Unknown and Possible Father of the minor child, LIAM PATRICK LEE
Last Known Address: Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed by Heather Anne Lee on the 28th day April, 2016, with the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina, in the above-entitled Special Proceeding. The Petition relates to a Caucasian male child conceived in the Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina area; that this minor child, LIAM PATRICK LEE, was born on or about November 24, 2015 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina to Shannon Tamera Sawyer. That the Petition in New Hanover County File number 16 SP 315 is entitled "For the Adoption of Liam Patrick Lee, a minor child."

TAKE NOTICE THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED to make defense to such pleading no later than FORTY (40) DAYS after the date of the first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the decree of adoption.

This is the 12th day of May, 2016.

MELODI R. HAYES, P.A.
Attorney for the Petitioner
206 N. Fourth Street, Suite 4
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
(910) 762-4540

May 12, 19, 26, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 24 NORTH THIRD STREET, ROOM 301, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS.

THE PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS ARE TO INCREASE THE POPULATION, TAXABLE PROPERTY, AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES, EMPLOYMENT, INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT OR BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR NEW HANOVER COUNTY. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERING APPROPRIATING THE FOLLOWING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/INCENTIVE EXPENDITURES AS PART OF THE FY16-17 BUDGET:

Foreign Trade Promotion Council, \$2,500, 1 payment, focused on building sustainable jobs within the SENC region; The Southeastern Partnership, \$20,000, 2 payments, regional and targeted industry specific marketing, conducting FAM events; Wilmington Business Development, \$193,093, 4 payments, recruitment/assistance for business expansion and/or relocation efforts; Wilmington Downtown, Inc., \$65,000, 2 payments, activities to increase the number of businesses, jobs and tax base in Wilmington's Urban Core; Wilmington Film Commission, \$145,920, 4 payments, promote/assist TV & film production activities to drive local entertainment business growth, support local production infrastructure & businesses; Cape Fear Council of Governments, \$36,648, 2 payments, membership fee(s), local government services & transportation planning, workforce investment; and Southeastern Economic Development Commission, \$18,240, 1 payment, assist project development necessary for the solicitation of grant funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The source of funding for these appropriations and expenditures will be from the General Fund of the county.

The following are incentive payments that were previously board approved as outlined in incentive agreement contracts to be paid upon the company meeting specified investment/job requirements: Castle Branch, up to \$50,000, 1 payment; Forttron, up to \$100,000, 1 payment; General Electric, up to \$175,000, 1 payment; Live Oak Bank, up to \$65,000, 1 payment; PPD, up to \$300,000, 1 payment; AAI Pharma (Alcami), up to \$55,000, 1 payment. The source of funding for these incentive payment appropriations and expenditures will be from the General Fund of the county.

A capital project investment of \$14.6 million to fund the construction of water & sewer infrastructure along US 421 from the Isabel Holmes Bridge to the Pender County line. The source of funding for this capital project will be loan proceeds and/or grants and/or the General Fund of the county.

THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE AGREEMENTS AT THE ABOVE STATED TIME AND PLACE.

Teresa Elmore, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
New Hanover County, North Carolina

May 19, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, **Ricky W. Simpson**, having qualified on the 16th day of March, 2016, as Executor of the Estate Debra M. McLendon, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **22nd 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 16th of May, 2016.

Preston A McLendon, III, Administrator
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M., OR THEREAFTER, IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 24 NORTH THIRD STREET, ROOM 301, WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA. A COPY OF THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, ALL BRANCHES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ON THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY WEBSITE : www.nhcgov.com/Budget.

Teresa Elmore
Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners

May 19, 2016

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Penny Bray at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

May 19, 2016

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until **3:00 pm on June 23, 2016**, in Hammocks Beach State Park Visitors Center Conference Room, Swansboro, NC 28584, for the construction of HAMMOCKS BEACH COW CREEK CHANNEL PHASE TWO DREDGING, Hammocks Beach State Park, Swansboro, NC at which time and place bids will be opened and read.

A pre-bid conference will be conducted at **9:00 a.m.** on **June 14, 2016**, in Hammocks Beach State Park Visitors Center Conference Room.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained from:
Andrew Consulting Engineers, P.C.

3811 Peachtree Ave, Suite 300
Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 202-5555 Phone
(910) 202-5558 Fax
office@andrewengineers.com
during normal office hours after May 16, 2016, and at various plan rooms. Contact Designer for more information.

Plan Deposit **\$100.00**

The state reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals.

Signed:
NC DNCR Division of Parks & Recreation
Archdale Bldg-NC Parks & Recreation
Design & Development Section
512 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27604
(owner)

May 19, 2016

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THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
15-SP-204

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF DEED OF TRUST AND SECURITY AGREEMENT EXECUTED BY CENTRO INDEPENDENCE LLC DATED OCTOBER 26, 2006 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 5104 AT PAGE 2256 OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS BY ANDREW K. MCVEY, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

Pursuant to an Order of the New Hanover County Clerk of Superior Court and under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated as of October 26, 2006, executed by Centro Independence LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Borrower or Debtor") to Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation ("Original Trustee"), recorded in Book 5104 at Page 2256, New Hanover County Register of Deeds ("Deed of Trust"), for the benefit of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., a New York banking corporation ("Original Lender").

Original Lender assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Deed of Trust to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the registered holders of J.P. Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-CIBC17, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-CIBC17 ("Interim Noteholder"), as evidenced by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust and Security Agreement and Assignment of Assignment of Leases and Rents dated effective as of November 28, 2006 and recorded in Book 5180 at Page 1886, with the New Hanover County Register of Deeds.

Interim Noteholder assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Original Deed of Trust to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor-in-interest to Bank of America, N.A., as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the registered holders of J.P. Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-CIBC17, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-CIBC17 ("Noteholder"), as evidenced by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated December 2, 2014 and filed for record December 3, 2014 in Book 5854 at Page 2797, New Hanover County Register of Deeds.

Because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina on May 25, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. all the following described real and personal property (including any improvements thereon) particularly described in the Deed of Trust, which property is being more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Property and/or Premises").

The Property shall be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust make any representations or warranties relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety condition existing in, on, at or relating to the Property, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are disclaimed. The sale will be made subject to all deeds of trust, liens and encumbrances, unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, assessments, leases and other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, no written leases for occupancy of the Property are being foreclosed and are expressly not subject to the foreclosure sale. The record owner of the Property not more than ten days prior to the date hereof is the Borrower.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 45-21.10 (b) and 25-9-604, any successful bidder may be required to deposit immediately upon the conclusion of the sale a cash deposit not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the interest to the Property or attempts to tender such deed and said bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided for in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.30(d) and (e). The purchaser of the Property shall pay for the revenue stamps on the Substitute Trustee's Deed and the Clerk's Commissions in the amount of \$.45 per \$100.00 of the purchase price (up to the maximum amount of \$500.00) required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §7A-308(a)(1). The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid. This sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

EXHIBIT A
The Property

PARCEL 1
Being two parcels of land containing 39.29 acres of land known as Independence Mall, located in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.

Tract 1

Beginning at a point in the southern line of Oleander Drive (62.0 feet from its centerline) said point located South 57 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 175.00 feet, South 32 degrees 42 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 12.00 feet, South 57 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 632.00 feet from its intersection with the eastern line of Independence Boulevard (100' right of way), said beginning point being the eastern most corner of the Belk Tract, running thence from said beginning from said southern line of Oleander Drive South 57 degrees 19 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 208.36 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 197.92 feet to an existing iron pipe; thence South 57 degrees 14 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 119.56 feet to an existing iron pipe; thence South 32 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds West a distance of 55.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence North 57 degrees 15 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 230.21 feet to an "X" marking in the curb and gutter, thence South 32 degrees 45 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 304.50 feet to a PK nail, thence South 87 degrees 16 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 18.80 feet to a PK nail, thence South 02 degrees 43 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 520.00 feet to a PK nail, thence South 42 degrees 46 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 22.89 feet to a PK nail, thence South 27 degrees 15 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 309.00 feet to an existing nail, thence North 62 degrees 44 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 122.43 feet to a PK nail, thence North 32 degrees 44 minutes 05 seconds East a distance of 84.98 feet to an "X" marked in the curb and gutter, thence South 57 degrees 15 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 70.00 feet to a point (note property corner falls inside an existing tree), thence with the western line of Lincoln Forest Section C as shown on map recorded at Map Book 11, Page 07 of the New Hanover County Registry, South 32 degrees 42 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 343.37 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 118, thence along the western line of Lot 118 and 119 South 39 degrees 31 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 165.16 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence South 39 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 148.60 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence South 39 degrees 45 minutes 57 seconds West a distance of 191.09 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence with said southern line South 46 degrees 51 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 179.25 feet to an existing iron pipe in the western line of Fordham Road, thence with said western line South 45 degrees 56 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 230.25 feet to an existing iron pipe at the intersection of the western line of said Fordham Road with the extension of the northern line of Gillette Drive (60' right of way), thence North 46 degrees 48 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 284.64 feet to the point of curvature of a curve having a radius of 602.96 feet to an arc of 402.88 feet, curve to the left, thence North 65 degrees 55 minutes 18 seconds West a chord distance of 395.43 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence North 85 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 299.52 feet to an existing iron pipe in the eastern line of Independence Boulevard (100' right of way); thence with said eastern line North 04 degrees 54 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 1105.85 feet to a PK nail, thence with the line of said Belk Tract the following courses and distances: South 84 degrees 21 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 200.00 feet, North 02 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 80.00 feet, South 87 degrees 14 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 186.65 feet, North 27 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 190.85 feet, North 62 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 414.04 feet, South 27 degrees 14 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 190.84 feet, North 32 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 606.66 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 38.27 acres, more or less.

Tract 2
Beginning at the intersection of the southern line of Oleander Drive (100' right of way) with the western line of Fordham Road (60' right of way) running thence from said being, along the western line of Fordham Road South 32 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West a distance of 195.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, the eastern most corner of the Sears Tract, thence with the northern line of said tract North 57 degrees 16 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 228.00 feet to an existing iron pipe; thence with the eastern line of said tract North 32 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 195.00 feet to an existing iron pipe in the southern line of Oleander Drive, thence with said southern line South 57 degrees 16 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 228.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.02 acres, more or less.

Together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Restrictions, reservation of easements and conditions contained in instrument recorded in Book 3022, Page 450, New Hanover County Registry.

Together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Multi-Party Development and Operation and Reciprocal Easement Agreement between Independence Mall Associates and Belk-Berry Co. of Wilmington, NC, Inc. recorded in Book 1123, Page 1491, New Hanover County Registry. Amendment recorded in Book 1129, Page 634.

Further, together with all rights, title and interest in that certain

Two-Party Construction, Operation and Reciprocal Agreement between Independence Mall Associates and Belk-Berry Co. of Wilmington, NC, Inc. recorded in Book 1123, Page 1506, New Hanover County Registry. First Amendment to Two-Party Construction, Operation and Reciprocal Agreement recorded in Book 1129, Page 645.

PARCEL 2
Commence at an existing concrete monument located in the centerline of Fordham Road at its intersection with the centerline of Sweetbriar Road; thence along and with the centerline of Fordham Road South 43 degrees 14 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 30.00 feet to point, thence North 46 degrees 45 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 30.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, the Point of Beginning, thence along and with the south line at a 30' drainage and utility easement, as the same is shown on Map 11 Page 07 of the New Hanover County Registry, with a curve to the left (arc=317.70 feet, radius=475.43 feet) North 65 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds West a chord distance of 312.00 feet to an iron pipe, thence North 85 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 277.89 feet to an iron pipe in the east right of way of Independence Boulevard (100' public right of way), thence along and with the east right of way line of Independence Boulevard North 04 degrees 54 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 610.69 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the south line of the Independence Mall Tract (Map Book 18 Page 58) South 85 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 299.52 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the south right of way line of the Independence Mall Tract with a curve to the right (arc=402.88 feet, radius=602.96 feet) South 65 degrees 55 minutes 18 seconds East a chord distance of 395.43 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the south line of the Independence Mall Tract South 46 degrees 48 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 284.64 feet to an existing iron pipe in the west right of way line of Fordham Road, thence along and with the west right of way line of Fordham Road South 45 degrees 01 minutes 18 seconds west a distance of 60.08 to a point on a power pole, thence along and with the north line of Lot 119-A, Lincoln Forest Extension (Map Book 11, Page 07) North 46 degrees 45 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 175.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the west line of Lincoln Forest Extension (Map Book 11, Page 07) South 43 degrees 14 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 322.50 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the west line of Lincoln Forest Extension (Map Book 11, Page 07) South 31 degrees 11 minutes 13 seconds West a distance of 131.81 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the South line of Lincoln Forest Extension (Map Book 11, Page 07) and the north line of a 30' drainage and utility easement (Map Book 11 Page 07) with a curve to the right (arc=150.04 feet, radius 505.43 feet) South 54 degrees 59 minutes 38 seconds East a chord distance of 148.98 feet to an existing iron pipe, thence along and with the west right of way line of Fordham Road South 42 degrees 52 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 29.85 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 8.83 acres, more or less.

SAVE AND EXCEPT THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 2.87 ACRES +/- and shown as Tract A-1 on that map dated July, 2000, entitled "INDEPENDENCE MALL", by Michael Underwood and Associates, PA and recorded in Map Book 40, Page 19, New Hanover County Registry.

Together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Restrictions, reservation of easements and conditions contained in instrument recorded in Book 3022, Page 450, New Hanover County Registry.

Together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Multi-Party Development and Operation and Reciprocal Easement Agreement between Independence Mall Associates and Belk-Berry Co., of Wilmington, NC, Inc. recorded in Book 1123, Page 1491, New Hanover County Registry. Amendment recorded in Book 1129, Page 634.

Further, together with all rights, title and interest in that certain Two-Party Construction Operation and Reciprocal Agreement between Independence Mall Associates and Belk-Berry Co. Wilmington, NC, Inc. recorded in Book 1123, Page 1506, New Hanover County Registry. First Amendment to Two-Party Construction, Operation and Reciprocal Agreement recorded in Book 1129, Page 645.

TOGETHER WITH the Improvements, Equipment, Fixtures, Real Property, Personal Property, and any and all other personal property or other Property of every kind and nature owned by Borrower, now or hereafter acquired, as may be described as security for Noteholder in the Deed of Trust. The Personal Property may be inspected on May 18, 2016 at 10:30 am at the mall management office at 3500 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC. Capitalized terms used herein, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the meaning as set forth in the Deed of Trust.

This 14th day of April, 2016.

Andrew K. McVey, Substitute Trustee
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 763-2426

May 12, 19, 2016

EMPLOYMENT

UNCW seeks Director – Physical Plant to provide leadership to, and management of the Physical Plant Department. This position is a part of the Facilities Management Team and serves a leadership role in the university Emergency Operations Center. Minimum requirements are a Bachelor's degree in engineering or a related field. Must have knowledge of building trades, maintenance of the completed work, to include utility distribution systems. Incumbent should be computer literate. Knowledge of budget processes and execution, as well as good organizational/management practices is also required. EEO/AA Employer. To apply: <https://jobs.uncw.edu/postings/5089>

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My wife left me after 38 years and I now want to DNA test my kids

Dear Alma,
My wife and I divorced after 38 years of marriage. I still don't understand why, I want to work it out, but she does not. I had intended on spending the rest of my life with her and now that won't happen. We had our up and downs, but overall I thought we had a solid commitment and happy marriage. I was happy. She said that she was not and that I never listened to her. She also gave many other reasons that I don't think are true or care to discuss. Sometimes I feel like my life is over. I have listened to all her lies and lately I've been thinking about my children and how I don't think they look like me and I wonder if I am their father. When they were young and we were married I didn't think much about it. But now they are all adults and listening to their mother and all of her lies, it makes me wonder. I want them to have a DNA test and I want my wife to pay for it. I do not want to discuss this with anybody in my family. Can you tell me where to get a DNA test of your children?
**Signed,
I Want A DNA Test**

Dear DNA Test,
Oh no I won't, but what I will do is try to stop you before you commence to making a mockery of your marriage and children with such foolery. Don't you dare consider asking your adult children for a DNA test. You've raised them and they believe you to be their father; so then, that's it - you are! Your statue of limitations to confirm that has passed. Look on the bright side, like my mama use to say, "you feed 'em they'll favor you." LOL. So put your glasses back on.
I get the impression

you're a man of few words, and since I totally disagree with you, I won't keep you long. Asking for a DNA test from your children will only devastate and alienate them and you don't want to do that. You're hurt and the thought of finding love again seems impossible. Understandingly so, you were not planning to live out your latter years alone. Here's my point, as long as you have life, you have another chance at love.

The mind can be tricky during the healing process of heartbreak. Having endured more than a few myself, I remember every negative thought or action becomes totally consuming, taking you to a place where you can't clearly decipher rational from irrational. I'm sorry you weren't able to work things out with your wife, but I assure you, your life will get better.

Check out some old family pictures, you're surely to be surprised and I hope tickled by the moments of reminiscing. Your kids look like you when you were younger, it's you who changed. Age crept up on you and made a few adjustments, LOL.

Please, adhere to my advice, drop the notion or need for a DNA test. Don't demean the love of your children as a pawn to get back at your wife. Whenever there's an opportunity for you to continue to be the best father possible, you should take it. Invest in yourself, get back out there, go the church, volunteer, join a gym.

I know it may seem difficult as the days go by, but wake up appreciating life every day. This experience is the end of marriage, not your life. Meet death by surprise, don't allow it to become a destination. The rest of your life can be the best of your life. It all depends on you.

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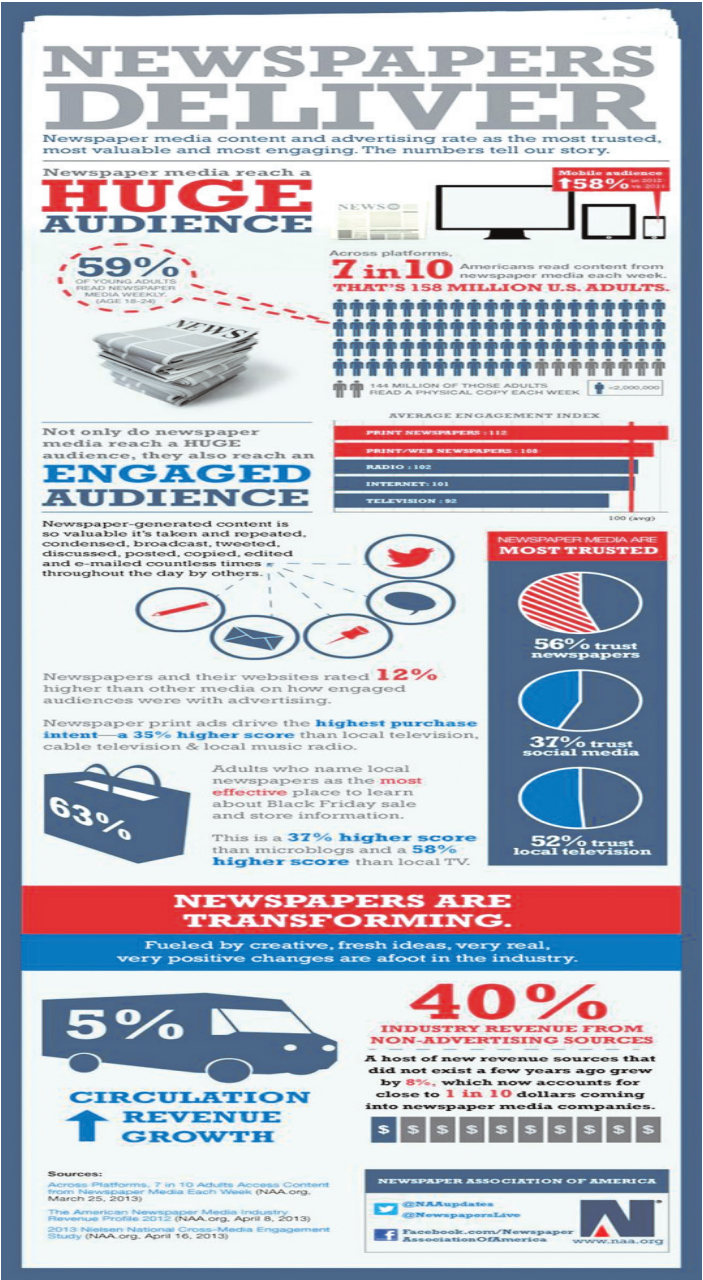
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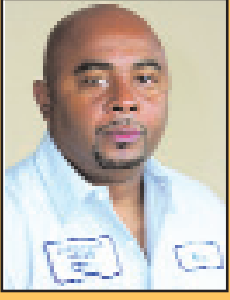
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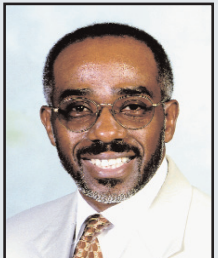
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