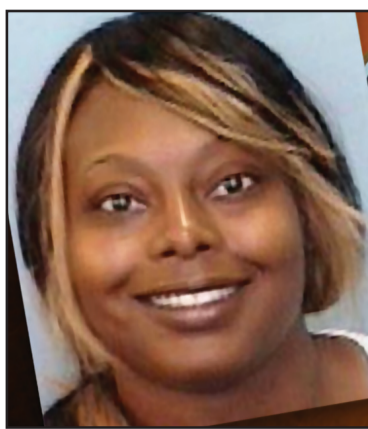
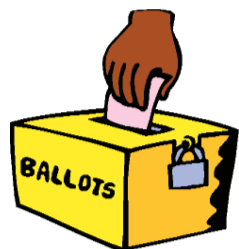


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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts.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



2016 JUDICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The North Carolina State Board of Elections passed an order requiring a Special Judicial Primary for the office of NC Supreme Court Associate Justice (Edmunds seat) to be held on June 7, 2016 due to a recent court decision. All registered voters are eligible to vote in this election.

Both political party candidates running in Congressional District 7 for the U.S. House of Representatives race are unopposed, so there will not be a congressional primary in New Hanover County. There will only be a Special Judicial Primary.

For more information about the June 7th Special Judicial Primary Election, contact the New Hanover County Board of Elections at (910) 798-7330.

All polling places in New Hanover County will be open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Early voting will begin on today, May 26 at the Government Center, 230 Government Center Dr., Suite 34. Dates of early voting are Thursday, May 26; Friday, May 27; Tuesday, May 31; Wednesday, June 1; Thursday, June 2, and Friday June 3. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early voting will also take place on Saturday, June 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

CAUGHT IN VICIOUS CYCLE

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we are faced with a bill called House Bill 2 (HB2). By its name, it has deceived the citizens of Brunswick County and the State of North Carolina and has confused our religious leaders. It takes away our rights as citizens. There is another bill called House Bill 1083 (HB1083).

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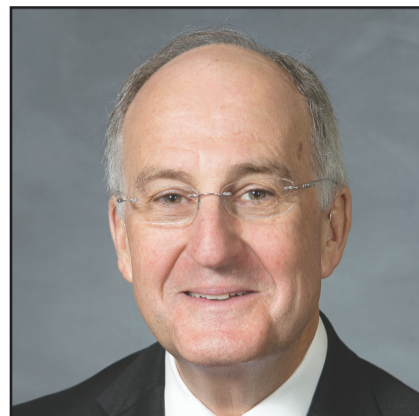
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The NC State House recently passed a local bill to change the Charter of the City of Wilmington, making it more difficult for citizens to get a proposal on the ballot. Observers are already expressing concerns that should this bill become law it would have far reaching statewide implications.

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Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated holds its first ASCEND Banquet



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Alpha Psi Omega Chapter ASCEND SM Program Participants. 1st Row (left to right): Vianca Murray, Janae Young, Jayla Myers, Olivia Lettsome, and Shantell Smith. 2nd Row (left to right): Anthony Schiavone, Jawaun Myers, Marcus McDaniel, Kyndall Shaw, and Stephanie Walker. Program Participants (not pictured): Carlton Emerson, Tierra Graham, Saniya Rivers, Quiera Smith, Jashon Thatch, Johnna Thatch, and Makayla Walker.

BY RITA TODD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Saturday, May 14, 2016, Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated® sponsored its 1st Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking and Developmental Skills (ASCEND SM) Banquet. This National Project Signature Program Banquet was held at the Covil Farms Clubhouse. Forty-four youth, parents and chapter members attended this culminating event.

ASCEND SM is the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® signature youth enrichment program with efforts designed to motivate, engage and assist high school students in reaching their maximum potential. The ASCEND SM Initiative focuses on the academic enrichment and life skills training for high school students. Additional goals of this program include preparing these students to make more informed decisions regarding college, employment and careers. The follow-

ing goals were targeted by involving the program participants in a series of activities and workshops: Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking and Developmental Skills; emphasizing Science, Math, And Related Technologies (SMART).

Due to the increasing demands of the 21st Century and the ever changing global society, students must possess the skills and knowledge to become confident leaders with strong values and effective decision making skills. In efforts to assist program participants with developing these characteristics, program components were implemented. These activities included; enrichment workshops (academic & life skills); career exploration; college exploration; community service; cultural arts enrichment; global citizenship skills; and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)/ SMART Projects.

The ASCEND SM participants' year of activities

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YOLANDA R. SPARROW

Yolanda R. Sparrow named new Director of Safety and Security at Mercy Medical Center

(Baltimore, MD) - Yolanda Sparrow has been appointed Mercy Medical Center's new Director of Safety and Security, Susan Finlayson, Senior Vice President of Operations, has announced.

A retiree of the Wilmington, NC Police Department with 30 years of service as a law enforcement professional, Ms. Sparrow served as Assistant Division Commander for Criminal Investigation.

Sparrow was appointed to the North

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Community Boys & Girls Club receives donation of a Tower Garden

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Today, May 26, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. Juice Plus+ will assist youth from Community Boys & Girls Club to install and begin growing fresh vegetables and herbs in a Tower Garden. A Tower Garden is a vertical, aeroponic growing system which allows you to grow up to 20 vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers in less than three square feet indoors or out. So it's the perfect companion in our journey toward healthy living.

Community Boys & Girls Club in Wilmington has partnered with Juice Plus+ to build

and install a new tower garden. The donation is part of Juice Plus+ Growing Up Grant Program, which pledges to donate a Tower Garden to every Boys & Girls Club in North America over the next five years.

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- Build an understanding of where our food comes from and respect for the field of agriculture.
- Promote physical activity and quality outdoor experiences.
- Teach kids to nurture and care for other living things while also learning how to care for themselves.

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About Community Boys

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House Bill 1083 ties the minimum number of signatures a citizen needs to get a proposal on the ballot to 25 percent of the "number of votes cast in the last municipal election."

That means if you use the City of Wilmington's 2015 Municipal Election totals the bar that citizens would have to reach would be raised dramatically from just over 2,000 signatures to a whopping

& Girls Club

Community Boys & Girls Club was chartered in 1937 after concerned Wilmington; NC residents recognized the need for a safe and nurturing environment where African American boys have access to effective youth programs and social services. The Club has 501c(3) status and has contin-

ued its commitment to today's youth by expanding its services to include girls and people of diverse populations. The mission is to inspire and enable young people; especially youth from disadvantaged circumstances and backgrounds to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citi-

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SPARROW

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Carolina Criminal Justice Training Standards Commission (2012-2016); the Commission qualifies and certifies all municipal law

enforcement officers in the State of North Carolina.

Sparrow is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and the Administrative Officer Management Program (AOMP) at NC State University. She earned her undergraduate degree in

Criminal Justice from Shaw University and a Master's Degree in Human Resources and Development from Webster University.

As a Certified Criminal Justice Instructor, Sparrow has developed lesson plans and programs for law enforcement training and

developed operational plans for special events and dignitary details. She is a member of North State Law Enforcement Officers Association and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP).

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began in September of 2015 with a seminar and workshop addressing study skills, test taking skills and a career assessment component on the College Foundation of North Carolina website (CFNC.org). A discussion was held involving over twelve male and female panelists representing entrepreneurs from fields including science/ technology/ engineering/math (STEM), health/beauty, public service and medicine. Program participants discussed the manner in which STEM is integrated into each aspect of their lives. A study involving the science of basketball was conducted. A United Nations' mini simulation with students role playing as UN Ambassadors was enacted. This activity was completed to highlight the importance of relevant issues relating to Global Warming and other relevant global issues. 2015 concluded with the youth volunteering in a food bank and participating in an etiquette workshop. Two college admissions counselors provided information regarding the differences between two and four year col-

leges; certification programs; and the college admissions process.

Following a brief respite of activities, January of 2016 found the

ASCEND SM students continuing to expand their horizons. They joined our community as we celebrated the life and legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by marching in the MLK, Jr. Parade and volunteering in the Salvation Army soup kitchen to highlight a "Day of Service". Their January activities continued with participating in the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Experience and attending the UNC-Wilmington Black History Program featuring Dr. Bernice King; daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A workshop on the topic of "Fostering Healthy Relationships" was conducted by Rev. Rickie M. Houston from Pilgrim's Rest Missionary Baptist Church. April found program participants traveling to North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC to take part in the university's Open House Weekend as they became "Soaring Eagles" for the day. The students participated in a Public Speaking Workshop

which permitted them to hone their speaking skills with impromptu speeches. The first year of activities concluded by guiding participants in groups to develop and explore STEM research projects. The primary purpose of these investigations was to expand the analytical and social science perspectives of program members. Project topics included "Face Recognition and Race", "Crystal Fudge", "Does Tea Stain Your Teeth?" Each project was presented and discussed by research groups at the culminating banquet.

ASCEND SM Program Participants were Carlton Emerson who attends Wilmington Christian Academy and is the son of Cedron and Cara Emerson; Tierra Graham who attends Brunswick County Early College and is the daughter of Brenda Smith; Olivia Lettsume who attends New Hanover High School and is the daughter of Michelle Lettsume; Marcus McDaniel, Jr. who attends Cape Fear Academy and is the son of Vance and Robbin Williams; Vianca Murray who attend Wilmington Early College and is the daughter of Michael and Vanessa Murray; Jawaun Myers and Jayla Myers who

attend Laney High School and are the son and daughter, respectively, of L'Thanja Myers; Saniya Rivers who attends Ashley High School and is the daughter of Gerlain Rivers; Anthony Schiavone who attends John T. Hoggard High School and is the son of Paul and Tisha Schiavone; Kyndall Shaw who attends Cape Fear Academy and is the daughter of Juanita Hansley; Quiera Smith who attends Ashley High School and is the daughter of Yolanda Robinson; Shantell Smith who attends Pender High School and is the daughter of James and Pamela Smith; Jashon Thatch who attends Ashley High School and is the daughter of Shawn Thatch; Johnna Thatch who attends Laney High School and is the daughter of DeShon Briggs and Johanna Thatch Briggs; Makayla Walker who attends North Brunswick High School and is the daughter of Lisa Walker; Stephanie Walker who attends Isaac Bear Early College and is the daughter of Daisy Walker; and Janae Young who attends New Hanover High School and is the daughter of Nathaniel and Lynore Young.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® had its humble beginnings as the

vision of nine college students on the campus of Howard University in 1908. Since then, the sorority has flourished into a globally-impactful organization of over 283,000 college-trained members, bound by the bonds of sisterhood and empowered by a commitment to servant-leadership that is both domestic and international in its scope.

As Alpha Kappa Alpha has grown, it has maintained its focus in two key arenas: the lifelong personal and professional development of each of its members; and galvanizing its membership into an organization of respected power and influence, consistently at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change that result in equality and equity for all citizens of the world. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Alpha Psi Omega Chapter in Wilmington, North Carolina was founded in June of 1932; celebrating its 84th anniversary next month. It is one of the oldest chapters of the international sorority in North Carolina. The Rev. Dr. Rachel D. Stephens currently serves as president. Mrs. Lynore Young and Mrs. Pamela Thomas Co-Chaired the ASCEND SM Program.

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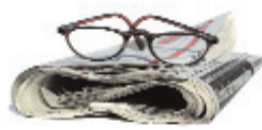
It has already passed the House of Representatives and is now in the Senate. It also takes away some of our civil rights again. When, and how, are we to live in a free society if our elected officials keep taking away the rights of its citizens as fast as they can through bad decisions and unjust laws, laws that stop progress toward a fair and just nation?

I challenge us to read and understand all that is put before us in order that we might move forward and not backwards. I challenge us to

learn everything about what type of person for whom we should vote and elect to office. I challenge us not to fall for the same promises that have excluded the elderly, sick, Blacks, and other people of color. We are all created equal, and we are all special in God's sight!

Why do our elected officials continue to try and divide us? It's more than racial! It's also an economic and political thing! Brunswick County, we are caught up in this vicious cycle of government. Be careful! That which hurts one will hurt another!!

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MCCRORY PROPOSES FUNDING FOR MENTAL-HEALTH, SUBSTANCE-ABUSE TREATMENT

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

[RALEIGH] - As state lawmakers debate the budget, one item on the table is additional funding for mental health and substance abuse.



STATE BRIEFS

Specifically, Gov. Pat McCrory is asking for funding to implement recommendations from his Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

With one in five adults experiencing some form of mental illness in a given year, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, public policy coordinator Nichole Karim with the organization in North Carolina, says the funding is about providing folks affected by mental illness a fair shot at life.

"People with mental illness want the same things as other people," says Karim. "They want safe housing, they want a meaningful job, they want

meaningful relationships, and if you don't have access to care in your community it can be really hard to have those things and to experience recovery."

Last year, North Carolina legislators made a \$262 million budget cut to mental health services. Karim and others hope lawmakers restore some of the lost funding in the short session.

Each month, state funds support 26,000 uninsured or under-insured in need of mental health services.

Karim says in addition to needed funding, it's about making people feel like they can ask for and receive help without the judgment of their peers.

"Stigma is a huge issue around mental illness," she says. "There's a lot of fear, there's a lot of misinformation, so we would encourage anyone to seek help and to seek education because mental illness is an illness just like any other."

Late last month a new comprehensive mental-health center opened in Asheville in a partnership involving nonprofits, religious groups and the state Department of Health and Human Services.

NAMI estimates that mental illness costs the country almost \$200 billion in lost earnings every year.

MORE NC CHURCHES OFFER REFUGE FOR SPIRIT - AND BODY

Health and Wellness Mini-Grants available to churches [RALEIGH]. - Growing numbers of North Carolina churches offer their congregations health and wellness resources, alongside spiritual guidance.

And beginning next week, a statewide program allows qualifying churches to apply for mini-grants to provide health related services to their communities.

"A church is often a hub of a community," says Christine Pernell, program coordinator for Partners in Health and Wholeness, a program of the North Carolina Council of Churches. "We see that more and more often, that churches are not just open on Sunday morning, but they're open for support groups - for AA meetings, for Al-Anon, for exercise classes. Almost every community, whether rural or urban, has a church."

Since the grant program started four years ago, 500

grants have been distributed to churches across the state.

In order to qualify, churches must already be certified by the North Carolina Council of Churches as a Partners in Health and Wholeness congregation.

The grant application process is open from June 1-30.

In addition to churches being an ideal place to distribute health services and education to their community, Pernell says when people attend church, they're often open to knowledge and self-improvement.

"You're there, you're engaged, your mind and your heart is open to the message," she explains. "And you're also part of that church community, but you have a larger connection as well to the communities that church serves."

Pernell says some of the types of programs open for grants include smoking cessation, weight loss, blood pressure screening, community gardens, food pantries and mental health programming.

EXPERTS UNDERScore IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN NC SCHOOLS

May is National Physical

Fitness and Sports Month [RALEIGH]. - In North

Carolina, 16 percent of children ages 10 to 17 are obese, yet the state does not require a prescribed amount of physical activity for them at school.

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, and experts want North Carolina and other states to rethink their approach to health education.

Shirley Holt-Hale, who taught physical education for 38 years, says she witnessed a big decrease in physical education as testing became the emphasis and policymakers assumed children would be active enough on their own.

"I say to people when they say they will just pick up the skills, 'Okay, if you truly believe that, we don't need to be hiring reading and language arts teachers in our schools,'" she says. "We only need to be supplying books."

North Carolina mandates physical education in grades K through 5, and what's known as healthful living education in grades six through 12, but there's no requirement for how many days or minutes per week in elementary or middle schools.

Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends an hour of daily exercise for children and teens.

Holt-Hale says the decrease in physical education in schools, combined with the popularity of computers and television, has created a perfect storm of inactive children, and future health consequences.

"The neighborhood I live in, there are children everywhere, but you would not know that if you drove through the neighborhood, because children are now inside on video games," she relates. "Meanwhile, obesity has hit an epidemic level in this nation."

According to "The State of Obesity" report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, North Carolina ranks 18th in the country for obesity rates among 10 to 17-year-olds.

Holt-Hale says a great way for families and caregivers to increase children's activity levels is to go for a walk after dinner, for at least 20 minutes.

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Kristie Stanback named superintendent at Hoke Correctional Institution

RALEIGH - The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice has named

Kristie Stanback as the new superintendent at Hoke Correctional Institution in

McCain. Stanback is a 20-year corrections veteran who most recently served

as assistant superintendent for custody and operations at Hoke Correctional Institution.

She began her corrections career in 1995 as an officer at Brown Creek Correctional Institution. She has served in numerous positions in the state prison system, including sergeant, lieutenant and unit manager, and has also worked as a probation officer and as a youth cottage parent at a juvenile justice youth development center. She is a native of Anson

County and holds an associate's degree in criminal justice technology from Sandhills Community College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Carolina University. Stanback replaces former superintendent Lynn Summers who retired.

Hoke Correctional Institution is a minimum-custody prison facility housing about 500 male inmates supervised by a staff of approximately 190 employees.



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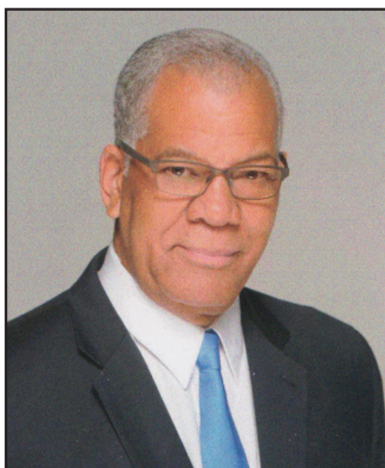
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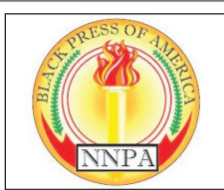
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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Has the U.S. given up on school desegregation?

(Via George Curry Media)

May 17th marked the 62nd anniversary of the landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision outlawing so-called separate but equal public schools. As usual, the annual anniversary of the Supreme Court decision prompts reflection and an examination of the status of school desegregation in the United States.



George Curry

The decision effectively superseded the 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson decision upholding racial segregation. In an earlier case, Chief Justice Roger G. Taney wrote in the Dred Scott decision in 1857 that he believed that Blacks "had no rights which the white man was bound to respect; and that the Negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit. He was bought and sold and treated as an ordinary article of merchandise and traffic, whenever profit could be made by it."

Brown was lauded as a long overdue break with that kind of defective thinking and was expected to pave the way for the equal treatment of all of the nation's citizens. Not only were the public schools not immediately desegregated in the wake of Brown, more than six decades later, we seem less committed to school desegregation.

A research paper produced by the Civil Rights Project at UCLA documents a troubling trend.

"Since 1970, the public school enrollment has increased in size and transformed in racial composition. Intensely segregated non-white schools with zero to 10% white enrollment have more than tripled in this most recent 25-year period for which we have data, a period deeply influenced by major Supreme Court decisions (spanning from 1991 to 2007) that limited desegregation policy," the paper stated. "At the same time, the extreme isolation of white students in schools with 0 to 10% nonwhite students has declined by half as the share of white students has dropped sharply."

Over the years, the Civil Rights Project has identified the most severely segregated states as New York and Illinois, followed closely by Michigan and New Jersey. Maryland and California have now joined that group. Michigan, partly because of a shrinking public school base, has dropped in the rankings.

"Because of the dramatic changes in southern segregation produced by the enforcement of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, none of the 17 states that completely segregated schools by law (e.g., the type of mandatory segregation that was the focus of the Brown decision) have headed this list since 1970 - in spite of the fact that twelve of them have higher shares of black students than the most segregated states today. The ironic historic reality is that the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court supported very demanding desegregation standards for the South while the interpretation of Supreme Court decisions and federal legislation limited the impact of Brown in the North and West."

It wasn't until almost two decades after Brown that the Supreme Court issued a school desegregation order involving a district outside those 17 states. That decision, Milliken v. Bradley, covered the city of Detroit, but not most surrounding suburban districts.

The report also noted, "The statistics we report ... show that all racial groups are experiencing a stunning increase in the average share of poor students attending their schools... Over a 20-year period, the proportion of poor students (as defined by federal standards for subsidized or free lunch eligibility) in the school of the typical white student has shot up from 17% to 40%, which is actually higher than the school poverty level was, on average, for black students at the beginning of the same period. Black students at that time were in schools where low-income students made up 37% of their peers. In 2013, that same figure for black students is 68%, identical to the number reported for Latino students."

Authors of the report state that the family income and race of students matters.

"Black and Latino students were in the most impoverished schools two decades earlier but those schools had a clear majority of non-poor classmates. Now the pattern is reversed, so that black and Latino students attend schools with substantial majorities - two-thirds - of poor classmates. This double segregation means serious isolation from racial and class diversity and exposure to the many problems that systematically afflict poor families and communities."

It added, "The Civil Rights Project has issued many reports on these enrollment changes and their impacts on segregation of schools across the country in the last 20 years," it noted. "We have done that because of massive and growing research evidence that (1) segregation creates unequal opportunities and helps perpetuate stratification in the society and (2) diverse schools have significant advantages, not only for learning and attainment but for the creation of better preparation for all groups to live and work successfully in a complex society which will have no racial majority."

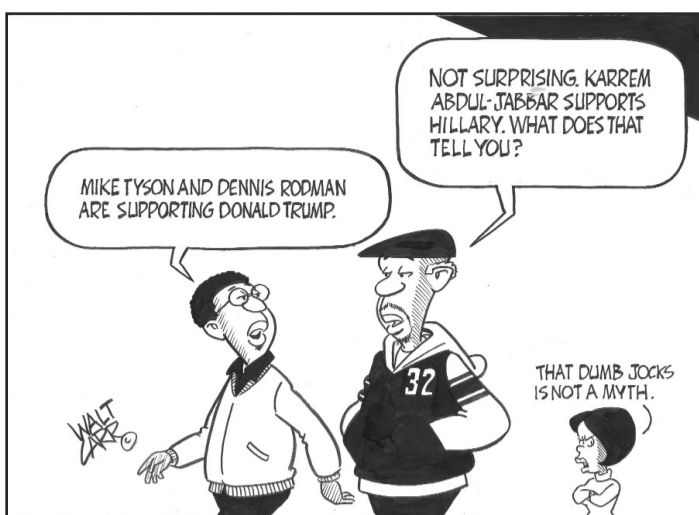
The report recommended, "The need for governmental action is urgent, and while the Obama Administration's recent efforts are an encouraging first step, the magnitude and complexity of these issues requires more substantial efforts."

"Given the expanding and deeply rooted nature of segregation highlighted here, the sustained focus of all three branches and levels of government is desperately needed. It will also take efforts beyond schools, such as serious economic strategies to raise the income of families so that they have enough money to

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What quick tongue politicians are actually saying!!!

GOD gave Jacob's son Joseph the power to interpret dreams. He gave you and me the knowledge to interpret the difference between what fast talking politicians are saying and what they really mean.

Governor Pat McCrory, Senator Richard Burr, the extreme conservative's majority in the NC General Assembly and other local elected officers believe the words from The Exodus Song were written only for them "This land is mine, GOD gave this land to me". They treat "us" like we Blacks, poor, women, students, LGBT's and other progressives are only here to serve them.

They say, "those people" do not deserve the right to vote, health care, unemployment benefits, totally integrated public schools, at least \$12 per hour minimum wages, police foot patrol, RESPECT or food stamps when they are temporarily at rock bottom. We the tax paying citizens with very little representation from them will register and vote in record numbers because we

also have a song. Our song was written and recorded by the late great Rev. James Cleveland: "This Too Will Pass". Let us hum or sing our song as we fill out the registration form and walk to the voting booth. Can we count on you?

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Matters of Opinion

Bernie and Donald are two angry white men

(Via NNPA)

For all their dueling ideologies, Senator Bernie Sanders and "presumptive Republican nominee" Donald Trump are two sides of the same coin. Both of them are angry, so intensely so, that they are inciting a destructive anger among their followers. When Republicans brawled and pushed and shoved at Trump rallies, I never anticipated the flip side - the fisticuffs and rhetoric at the Nevada state Democratic convention, the likes of which might have put Trump terrorists to shame. Both the Chump Trumps and the Burning

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Bernies are being led by whining, angry, entitled White men, separated by ideology, but joined by both outrage and naiveté. I don't think either Bernie or "Duh" Donald planned to get as far along in the presidential process as they have so far. Senator Sanders proudly carries the redistributionist flag with rousing rhetoric about social and economic justice. His agenda seems to have been to raise these issues aggressively and he did. His presence in the campaign pushed Hillary hard to the left and made her engage with constituencies she might otherwise have ignored. For all his success, I don't think Sanders expected to have more than 1500 delegates to his credit. And now that he has them he doesn't know what to do with them. Both he and "Duh" Donald are publicly floundering, signaling that they never had a winning, or graceful los-

ing, plan. Secretary Clinton and her followers shouldn't be so hard on Bernie, though. While they should not demand that he get out of the race, he is well advised to tone is rhetoric down. I sat with women at the 2008 campaign who sobbed their way through then-Senator Clinton's concession speech and appeal for party unity. I debated a PUMA (Party Unity My "Hind Parts") activist who swore she would not support nominee Obama. In 2008, Hillary devotees were as passionate as Bernie devotees are now. The kumbayaa moment comes in July in Philly, not just yet. It reflects poorly on the Hillary camp to dismiss or ignore those who are passionate about Senator Sanders.

At the same time, it is important to note that extreme anger is a unique privilege of White men. Imagine then-nominee

Obama raging at Hillary in the way that Bernie has. His temperament would have been sliced and diced and parsed and inspected and he would have been so damaged by the conversation that it might have affected his electoral results. If Secretary Clinton ever managed to get her voice to Bernie's decibel, if she every managed to project such rage, she'd be written off as a crazy lady and peripheralized. But when the angry, White men yell and scream and whine and lie, they are celebrated not condemned. That sounds like a double standard to me.

Both Bernie and "Duh" Donald are whining about rules they say are rigged against them, but the rules may have favored them. Donald Trump has garnered a greater

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Why many say thank you to a Cosby prosecution

Disgraced actor-comedian Bill Cosby had two words to say to Pennsylvania District Judge Elizabeth McHugh when she ruled that he must stand trial for sexual assault. The words were "thank you."

The two words were more than simply a case of Cosby being polite. The words were vindication for dozens of women. These are the women who came forth to say that Cosby drugged, fondled, molested, abused, intimidated, and of course, raped them over the course of many years. They suffered mightily for coming forth. They were lambasted from pillar to post as liars, cheats, sluts, publicity seekers, and every critic's favorite, gold diggers.

Thousands of others never bought Cosby's long, loud and bitter denials that he was the innocent victim of a giant con game, or the serial denier's favorite, the victim of a sinister plot by take your pick: the "white man," "white media," "white establishment" or simply some unnamed, nebulous white conspirators to bring down a fabulously popular, rich, supremely successful black man. They also said "thank you."

There were also more than a few legal experts who did not buy the virtual article of faith that there were no legal grounds to prosecute him because the statute of limitations had long since run out on most of the claims. There were just too many alleged victims. That meant that there had to be a case somewhere that fit the bill for a legal prosecution. Meanwhile, Cosby fed into the conspiracy paranoia and the public trashing of the women by filing motion after motion to duck a prosecution, and defamation of character counter suit after countersuit against his various women accusers. His holding action sufficiently muddied the stream to cast doubt while delaying what was almost certain to be the inevitable. That was his painfully long delayed plop into a court docket.

In the much cited unsealed affidavit Cosby swore to in 2005, he confessed to giving drugs to one woman and getting drugs for other women he wanted to have sex with. This was tantamount to a smoking gun confirmation of what many of his alleged victims claimed, and that was that he plied them with drink and drugs before he sexually waylaid them. Even without the affidavit, it was not true that a sexual abuser could get away with their crime simply by waiting out the calendar. More than two dozen states have no statute of limitation depending on circumstances in the

nature and type of sexual assault. If the evidence was compelling, a Cosby could indeed be prosecuted even decades after the assault in those states. This gross misconception about prosecuting sexual crimes implanted the dangerous public notion that rape or sexual abuse could be minimized, marginalized or even mocked because the clock had wound down on when the crime could or even should be prosecuted. A Cosby prosecution rightly tosses the ugly glare back on the wrong public perceptions about rape and sexual abuse and how easily the crime can still be blown off. And it is.

The Iowa Law Review, in March, 2014, found that rape is routinely underreported in dozens of cities. The rape claims were dismissed out of hand with little or no investigation. The result was there were no report, no statistical count, and no record of an attack.

The study zeroed in on the prime reason for this, namely disbelief. It's that disbelief that assures men such as Cosby are reflexively believed when they scream foul at their accuser: They lambaste their character and motives. If things get too hot, they toss out a few dollars in hush money settlements and the screams are even louder that it was all a shakedown operation in the first place and the victim is further demonized. This wasn't the only reason

it took so long to prosecute Cosby. He wasn't just another rich, mediagenic celebrity whose wealth, fame and celebrity status routinely shielded him from criminal charges. Cosby and men like him have deep enough pockets to hire a small army of the best PR flacks around to spin, point fingers, and hector the media that their guy's pristine reputation is being drug through the mud precisely because of their fame, wealth, talent and, of course, goodwill.

Cosby was a special case even by the standards of the rich and famed celebrity world. For a decade he reigned as America's father figure, not black father figure, but father figure. He embodied the myths, fantasies, and encrusted beliefs about the role that a caring, loving, engaged dad is supposed to have with his family. This rendered him almost untouchable when it came to casting any dirt on his character. That's all past now, Cosby is now just Cosby, the accused rapist, and that's reason enough to say "thank you."

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percentage of delegates than votes because of the way some states have chosen to award delegates. He wants more, but he failed to invest as much time learning the rules as some of his competitors did. Senator Sanders says he should have more delegates,

but if he had to play under republican rules, he'd have fewer. Democrats are more likely to award delegates on a proportional basis, which means that a close race might give each candidate nearly the same amount of delegates. Sanders has no standing to call the system rigged. He has kept his distance from the Democratic Party for most of his career; never participating in the rules process. If he

wanted to write his own rules, he should have run for President as an independent. Sanders and Trump have positioned themselves as outsiders, but they want insiders to roll out the red carpet for them, because they jumped into a game they haven't mastered. They haven't worked at establishing a foundation, but they are demanding the keys to the house. They aren't willing to put the work into reforming

our flawed, two-party system. Instead, they are finding unfairness when none is there, whining when work might make a difference, and leveraging their angry, White maleness into voter approval. *Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist based in Washington D.C. Her latest book, "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available at Amazon.com and www.juliannemalveaux.com.*

CHILD WATCH

Building strong children today for a strong nation tomorrow

(Via George Curry Media)

Pediatricians aren't usually day-to-day policy makers, but policy decisions affect the work they do every day as frontline caregivers for our nation's children. That's why I was extremely pleased the official journal of the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) recently devoted an entire supplement to a pressing policy crisis affecting pediatricians, public health workers, teachers and all of us and the nation's future: child poverty in America. As Academic Pediatrics put it: "Childhood poverty creates long-lasting, often permanent, physiologic changes through constant exposure to threats such as malnutrition, acute and chronic disease, toxic stress, social deprivation, and lack of opportunity."

The editors add: "Children remain the poorest members of our society even in good times, with rates that are unacceptably high for a developed nation. This situation is not an inevitable fact of life. The United States is a nation that knows how to use policies and programs to raise its citizens out of poverty."

I agree! The Children's Defense Fund 2015 report, Ending Child Poverty Now, shows policy solutions to ending child poverty in our nation already exist and can be implemented without delay if politics and greed can be overcome by a commitment to help children. By expanding investments in nine existing policies and programs that work, we could shrink overall child poverty 60 percent, Black child poverty 72 percent, and improve the economic circumstances for 97 percent of poor children.

Academic Pediatrics' editors offered this single-issue volume to help empower pediatricians, community and national leaders, policy makers and advocates to courageously address child poverty now. "Underlying this agenda are: 1) a belief that social justice demands both a robust safety net and universal opportunity for social mobility; 2) an acceptance of a broad definition of health that goes beyond well-being and focuses on the accumulation of human capital; 3) a recognition that social determinants of health impact and outweigh traditional health care for most children, and that health care must radically transform in response; and 4) a desire to eliminate, now and for the generations that follow, the health inequities that divide us. Pediatricians are in a unique position to help poor children both directly in their practices and as trusted advocates for children in the public arena. They must work with leaders in education, social service programs, government, and business-virtually every sector of society that collectively has a strong stake in addressing the problem of child poverty. For whom are these children not our children? And for whom is the time to engage not now?"

"Solutions to child poverty in our boastfully wealthy nation exist if we are willing to invest in them. So mothers and grandmothers and all in America must create that public will in this election year and for as long as it takes to end child poverty in America. It will require all of us working together with urgency and persistence. Pediatricians lend such a powerful respected voice for ending child poverty. I am so grateful for the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendation this past March that all pediatricians ask about poverty in patient visits and urge state and federal lawmakers to expand existing housing, food, and health programs. As AAP President Dr. Benard Dreyer said, "Poverty is the most serious non communicable disease that children have - and it's the most common."

I was pleased to contribute a commentary sharing some of the Children's Defense Fund's proposed solutions that we know reduce child poverty and promote opportunity. For example, children with access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamps) are more likely to finish high school and are less likely to experience obesity, stunted growth, or heart disease as adults. Children in families benefiting from the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) have higher scores on reading and math tests, are more likely to go on to college, and have higher earnings as adults. Housing vouchers can help families move from areas of concentrated poverty to lower poverty neighborhoods. Children who move before age 13 have higher earnings as young adults. In 2014 tax credits and other safety net programs reduced child poverty 40 percent. By reducing child poverty now the nation would also reduce the odds that today's poor children will become tomorrow's poor adults and reduce child poverty in the next generation too.

Our nation can easily afford it - and cannot afford not to do it. There are multiple ways to increase investments in children without increasing the deficit. We could tell Congress to reduce military spending - the U.S. accounts for less than 5 percent of the world's population but 37 percent of the world's military spending. We could insist Congress close unfair tax breaks and loopholes that cost the nation hundreds of billions every year while fueling the nation's indefensible alarming income and wealth gaps. As the pediatricians and scholars sounding this most recent alarm show, we cannot afford not to end child poverty.

Let's insist our political leaders of all parties make building strong children their number one concern to ensure a strong and fair nation.

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2030. By reducing or cutting carbon pollution by nearly a third by 2030, will reduce asthma attacks by 90,000 and prevent 300,000 missed days of school and work. Most importantly, the Clean Power Plan will reduce premature deaths by up to 3,600. President Obama's Clean Power Plan is lifesaving - and it needs our support against those who value profit over lives. In February, the Supreme Court temporarily paused implementation of the clean air standards. Corporate polluters and their political allies have sued to stop the rules in an attempt to block critical health benefits and the economic benefit of the creation of thousands of associated new jobs. Those who value the health and well-being of American families are not

alone. In April 2016, a coalition of businesses, faith groups, elected officials, medical professionals, and environmental and health organizations filed "friend of the court" briefs in support of the Clean Power Plan. They defended the strong legal foundation of the rules and touted the immense economic and public health benefits the Clean Power Plan provides across the nation. Even with this broad coalition supporting the President's Clean Power Plan much remains left to do. You can write your elected officials expressing your support of the Clean Power Plan and demand they do likewise. I'm confident that working together, we can keep millions of women and children from exposure to harm. *Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women. 202-678-6788. www.nationalcongressbw.org.*

RAINBOW COALITION

America must renew its infrastructure or face decline

(Via George Curry Media)

America is literally falling apart. In Flint, Mich., children were poisoned by the lead contamination of the water. In Washington, D.C., the subway system is plagued by fires and delays. Arlington Memorial Bridge - which connects the North to the South, the Capitol to

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Arlington National Cemetery - may have to be closed soon. Kennedy's eternal flame may burn forever, but the bridge is on its last legs.

The American Society of Civil Engineers released a report last week once more warning the country of a massive investment deficit - an estimated \$1.4 trillion shortfall over the next 10 years - coming on top of years of underfunding and neglect.

This isn't a matter of money. The Obama administration has announced it plans to

spend more than \$1 trillion to build a new generation of nuclear weapons and the planes, missiles and submarines that deliver them. These are weapons that can never be used. We have spent more than \$2 trillion on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to date, with the final costs estimated at \$4 to \$6 trillion. The war in Afghanistan - an impoverished country where we have no strategic interest - is already the longest in our history and continuing.

We have the money. U.S. corporations stash trillions abroad to avoid paying taxes. If they paid what they owe - now estimated to be \$700 billion - it would provide a down payment on rebuilding America. The federal tax on gasoline - dedicated to paying for infrastructure - has not been raised since 1993, even though gas prices have plummeted.

Interest rates on U.S. bonds are now so low that the Treasury could issue Rebuild America bonds, put people to work to rebuild the country - and the growth and increased productivity that results would generate revenues to repay the bonds.

Even establishment economists such as Lawrence Summers argue that the program would literally pay for itself. And it would respond to the pleas of the bastion of economic conservatism - the International Monetary Fund - that is pleading with the U.S. and other advanced countries to expand public investment to forestall a return to recession. The American Society of Civil Engineers estimates that the U.S. will suffer a stunning \$4 trillion in lost GDP by 2025 from the costs of decaying tunnels, railways, waterways and other basic infrastructure. It will cost us more to decay than it would to rebuild.

But Washington is frozen. The Republican Congress rejects President Obama's modest plans for infrastructure investment, though they are supported by a massive coalition that includes the conservative Chamber of Commerce as well as the AFL-CIO. All three presidential candidates call for expanding investment in infrastructure (although only Bernie Sanders comes close to meeting the shortfall that the civil engi-

neers warn about). But it will require a wave election - a sweeping rebuke to the obstructionist Republican Congress - for anything to happen.

This is how great nations decline. Investments that are essential to any modern civilized nation - from schools and bridges to electric grids and clean water systems - are neglected. Money is squandered on foreign adventures or lost to the tax evasions of corporations and the rich. Private speculators profit from privatizing public services. We build the most modern and powerful military in the world but are ever more crippled by decaying services that we depend on every day.

Politics as usual won't change this. It will change only if people rise up and hold their politicians accountable. How many bridges must collapse or children must be poisoned or businesses must be shuttered before that happens?

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Keeping faith with our sisters

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I'm blessed to have the opportunity to lead a major national women's group, the National Congress of Black Women (NCBW). My personal desire has always been to facilitate the enhancement of the lives and opportunities for African-

American women, women of color, and their families' welfare. Since my personal goals coincide so perfectly with the goals of our organization, I consider my role to be a singular opportunity to bring

positive change to our communities and to our nation.

My job is to drive awareness of the most pressing issues we face. The long list includes: domestic violence, immigration reform, childhood obesity, criminal justice reform and equal access to education. Atop that list are the challenges posed by carbon pollution and climate change. We live under the threat of an environmental, economical, and public health crisis - and it's only getting worse. The rest of our challenges mean little if we don't have a healthy environment in which we can thrive.

Costs to our communities aren't imaginary. Sixty-eight percent of African-Americans live within 30 miles of a polluting coal-fired plant. Without escape or

refuge from the constant cloud of toxic-waste, African-Americans average 350% more emergency room visits than white Americans.

Harms to our children are especially alarming. Living so close to polluting power plants, African-American children experience asthma attacks at much higher rates than their white peers. They are two to three times more likely to be hospitalized and/or die from asthma. Adding to the impact of their illness, their mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmothers - many who are the sole economic providers for their families - miss hours or even days of work. The visit to a pediatrician is costly enough. Affording inhalers or missing work only makes it worse.

Carbon pollution and climate change are real. We

can't ignore them; nor can we allow other issues to subordinate them on our list of essential priorities.

Among the most timely of options is the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Clean Power Plan. The Plan, finalized by President Obama in August 2015, sets the first federal limits on carbon pollution from power plants and encourages the development of safer, cleaner renewable energy. It's the most significant action ever taken by the U.S. to cut carbon pollution and combat climate change.

The Plan's life-saving rules will yield great health and climate-related benefits - up to \$54 billion annually by

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BLACKONOMICS

(Via George Curry Media)

For decades several conscious and committed Black men and women have spoken, written books, taught, advised and, more importantly, initiated economic empowering projects and movements to help propel us to a higher level of mutual support and, thus, creating a solid foundation upon which our children can stand and build upon. We have demonstrated, in many ways and by several means, the solutions to the economic problems to which many of our "leading Blacks" just give lip-service.

This column is dedicated to Black folks who are willing to pay their blessings forward by helping others among us. It also cites, by way of relevant example, the magnitude and power that has accrued to one relatively small group of people in this country who work collectively in support of one another.

Sheldon Adelson, the international casino magnate, with a net worth of \$25.5 billion, is among the 10 wealthiest persons in the U.S. and ranks high among the wealthiest in the world. Of course, if you have

not heard, he gives hundreds of millions to the Republican Party and its candidates. But he also started the Adelson Family Foundation in 2007, the primary purpose of which is to strengthen the State of Israel and the Jewish people; the Adelson Medical Research Foundation focuses on healthcare.

Aside from Adelson's political ideology, something most of us would concentrate on and spend hours discussing, he is using his wealth to empower his people and to pay for medical research, special housing for the afflicted, and education for children with special needs - laudable by any measure. His is just one example of a member of what could be called a "minority group" that should, among other things, cause us to reflect on our philanthropic actions toward one another, the power to control our collective financial assets to empower ourselves.

In a few months, the Blackonomics Foundation will be introduced. Timing is everything, you know. Until then, and even afterward, there are Black foundations that are doing great work and are worthy of our praise and our dollars.

In my first two books (1998 and 1999), I lauded basketball great, Dikembe Mutombo and his foundation, whose mission it was to build a hospital in the Congo. I also acknowledged Patrick Ewing and Alonzo

Mourning for contributing to that worthy cause. By the way, only three or four NBA players helped Mutombo in his effort to raise \$49 million for the hospital. (The lack of support for our foundations, however; does not only exist among those who are super-rich; those of us at the lower rungs of the economic ladder fail to support them as well.)

There are others, but here is a great example: For nearly two decades now, NBA Hall of Famer, Alonzo Mourning, and his wife, Tracy, have headed many charitable efforts as part of their commitment to "give back" to their community, especially to the young people of Miami. The Mourning Family Foundation has raised tens of millions of dollars toward that end and helped thousands of people; they are truly exemplary of what more Black folks should be doing.

In 2013, Mourning hired the former president of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, Bill Diggs, who invited me to speak at a chamber function in Miami a few years ago. With Diggs at the helm as president, the Mornings have paved the way and set the tone for their foundation to maintain its high standards of excellence for years to come.

You folks in Miami should direct some of your money to the Mourning Family Foundation and show that you are willing to support this

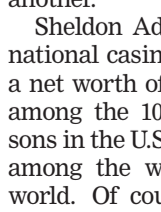
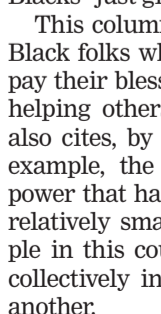
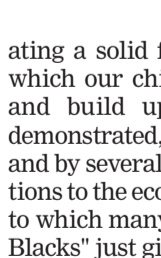
worthwhile charitable organization. Go online, check it out, and make it a monthly recipient of your overall tax-deductible donations. We must do a better job of supporting those who support us and our children.

Each of us can do better, not only rich athletes but also the rest of us. If we would simply reflect on the greatness of our ancestors, their will to live and to provide for us, their progeny, we would do better. If we would consider the benefit of collective economic activity, the potential treasures we could amass for our progeny with our resources, Black people would surely live up to the greatness that is within us all. Mutombo cited a proverb to drive home his message, "Judge not the poor for their poverty, but judge the community for its indifference." Well stated, but well-done beats well said every time. So I also say, "Well Done," Alonzo and Tracy Mourning.

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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 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. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

The New Hanover 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 nhaacp@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.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

United Senior Citizens Club of Wilmington, NC

I am honored to recognize Mrs. Sandra Sloan, who is the carefully chosen president of the United Senior Citizens Club of Wilmington. What she does for all travelers will be remembered a long time, and we greatly appreciate the necessary arrangements made in preparing for the trip to Canada. We also appreciate the help from the vice president, Norma Crummy. On Monday, May 9, 2016, as we prepared to leave, the group listened quietly for prayers by The Reverend James Richardson and Vernell Burns. The bus driver of the Motor Coach Transportation was Jake Watkins, a native of Florida. We were thankful for having an excellent bus driver. He was responsible for the lives of a total of 48 people. We were very satisfied with his safe driving skills. We made a stop every two hours. The guiding light given to us was found in the prayers of two people on the bus and the silent prayers made by caring folks



Verniece Stanley

back home.

We departed at 8:00 a.m. from the Stein Mart parking lot, 3501 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC. We boarded the motor coach, which was equipped with spacious restrooms and video equipment, and set off for Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch County. Later on that day, Monday, we enjoyed a relaxing dinner and checked into our Pennsylvania area hotel for a stay of four nights.

On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, we enjoyed a continental breakfast at the hotel at 9:30 a.m. We arrived at the Spirit of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's Landing and proceeded to the ticket booth to pick up our tickets. Boarding began at 11:30 a.m. for the Spirit of Philadelphia Cruise and enjoyed a prepaid lunch. After lunch, we had the opportunity to go dancing for enjoyment. When the cruise ended, we were returned to the coach at the same location where we disembarked.

We departed for Independence Transportation Center and enjoyed free time at the National Constitution Center and Independence Hall. We visited the Liberty Bell and

other various historic sites in the area. There were certain sites where we had to pay an admission fee. We return to where we exited the motor-coach at 5:00 p.m. and departed for dinner. We arrived at Uno Chicago Grill and enjoyed a prepaid dinner.

We departed for the hotel and "Living the Experience." A guided tour of the Historical Grounds included the Rockford Plantation, James Buchanan's place of burial, and other locations which were related in the Underground Railroad. The tour of the Cultural Center was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. We visited Rockvale Square Outlets, where we had lunch on our own. At the American Music Theater, we were able to enjoy the show "Crooners." Afterwards, we enjoyed a prepaid dinner at Yoder's Restaurant and Buffet.

On Thursday, we were able to enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, we left for a guided tour at Lancaster, Amish country. The Amish people will not own cars. Therefore, the primary mode of transportation is the horse and buggy. They use public transportation when necessary. They make their living

almost by farming. The wonderful foods and the artistry in the crafts that are created.

On Friday, May 13, 2016, our luggage was ready for pick up in our rooms by 7:15 a.m. We ate a great continental breakfast at our hotel and departed for home. We had lunch and dinner on our own during rest stops as needed en route to Wilmington. We thank the entire team at Diamond Tours for services rendered, and they expressed their hopes that we all enjoyed trip.

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.

2016 ROCAME Regional Jamboree

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
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ROCAME held its annual regional jamboree on April 23, 2016, at Cape Fear Community College (North campus). Middle school and high school students from five school systems (Whiteville City, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender counties) participated in the math and science events.

The winners of middle school events were as follows: Write It Do It - Joselyn Tapia and Presley Cerrillo, Shallotte Middle (S), first place; Jameir Richardson, DC Virgo (V), second; Yazmine Campbell and Diayonna Newkirk, West Pender (WP), third; Egg Drop -



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Brunswick County ROCAME students and advisors pose with the championship trophy.

Eric Hunyh and James Jones, Murray Middle (M), first; Janiya Messick and Anabel Sanchez, V, second; O'Rayonta Andrews and Amiyah Crenshaw, Whiteville Central (WC), third; Mystery Architecture - Maria Hernandez and Presley Cerrillo, S, first; Luis Ariza and Rury Bautista, S, second; Carlos Ramirez and Kamryn Smith, WP, third; Science Clue - Jordan Campbell and Ashlin Dihn, WC, first; Azucena Lopez and David Bonifacio, Waccamaw Elementary (WE), second; Taylor Simpson and Estrella Naumuk, WP, second; Benjamin Tran and Aaron Zheng, M, second (tie); Pentathlon - Elizabeth Wyatt, Amiyah Crenshaw, Davina Mitchell, and O'Rayonta Andrews, WC, first; Mohammad Abdelhamid, Malik Gordon, Willie Mack, and Jade Bryant, V/M, second; Aiden Wilke, Daniel Hetmeyer, Lilly Gilliland, and Lexi Gilliland, Cedar Grove Middle (CG), third; PowerPoint - Matthew Robles, CG, first; Shana Flaherty, WC, second; Oratory - Amari Walker, WP, first; Jamiere Green, WE, second; Amala Jones, WC, third; Robotics - Matthew Robles and Lexi Gilliland, CG, first; Jordan Jefferson, Corey Davis, and Hunter Campbell, WC, second; Hakeem Lamb, Javonte Brown, and Mikkel Forney, WP, third; ElectroGames - Kaitlyn Tolliver and Cheyenne Espinoza, Cedar Grove, first; Leslie Cruz and Cassi Cruz, S, second; Math Test - Anthony Esquivel, Charley Omeldo, and Matthew Robles, Brunswick County (BC), first; Gerrie Beatty, Jennifer Lopez, and Destiny Bell, Pender County (PC), second; Kelsen Jacobs, Malik Gordon, and Mohammad Abdelhamid, New Hanover County (NHC), third; Quiz Bowl - Janeicha Guerrero-Guity, Ameia Oliver, Eric Hunyh, and Benjamin Tran, NHC, first; Destiny Bell, Yazmine Campbell, Lydia Collins, and Taylor Simpson, PC, second; Ashley Dinh, Jordan Campbell, Elizabeth Wyatt, and Ty Moss, WC, third. The winners of high school



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Scholarship winners of the year 2016, l to r, Maya Campbell; Whiteville High School, Tony Carte; President ROCAME, and Jasmine Young, New Hanover High School.

events were as follows: Egg Drop - Victory Beatty and Shannon McCoy, North Brunswick (NB), first; Natalie Hernandez and Gabi Rousey, Pender Early College (PEC), second; Destyni Hunt and Mona Meares, Whiteville (W), third; Robotics - TreSean Daniels, Dontrell Stevenson, and Laura Adams, East Columbus (EC), first; Robert Newton, Tykil Echols, Justin McDuffie, and Jarris Simpson, PEC, second; Cinnamon Page and Felix Ruiz, West Brunswick (WB), third; ElectroGames - Marquese Graham, EC, first; Mariaelena Navarro and Jordan Hall, NB, second; PowerPoint - Jasmine Young, New Hanover (NH), first; Aveyan Walker, PEC, second; Maya Campbell, W, third; Oratory - Janae Young, NH, first; Maya Campbell, W, second place; Brittney Richards, Laney (L), third; Math - Kaitlyn Ball, Tyoshia Morgan, Gabi Rousey, PC, first place; Cameron McIntosh, Nadiyah Baham, and Ana Williams, NH, second; Aliah Johnson, Sharyah Anderson, and Trissa Floyd, Brunswick County (BC), third; Write It Do It - Jordan Rascoe and Veronda Blue, NB, first; Tykenya Blue and Mariana Kuehn, PEC, second; Desiree Preston and Shamara Thompson, NH, third; Chemistry Clue -

Jasmine Young and Autumn James, NH, first; Kelly Rivenbark and Isabel Segovia, PEC, second; Cameron McIntosh and Paris Holmes, Ashley (A), third; Pentathlon - Jayla Myers, Tarrell Hubbard, Kolbi Shaw, and Dakota Smith, L, first; Mona Meares, Maya Graham, Sabra Best, and Kourtney Taylor, W, second; Cinamon Page, Oleah Gause, Alliyah Simmons, and Quashona Hooper, West Brunswick (WB), third; Quiz Bowl - Jazmon Carr, Ang Williams, Jasmine Young, and Cameron McIntosh, NH, first; Kelly Rivenbark, Natalie Hernandez, Robert Newton, and Ahmad Ajeen, PC, second; Veronda Blue, Alliyah Simmons, Jordyn Rascoe, and Felix Ruiz, BC, third.

Brunswick County placed first in the overall championship scoring. New Hanover and Pender won second and third place, respectively.

Ashari Maultsby (DC Virgo) and Gabrielle Rousey (Pender Early College) were selected as Student-of-the-Year for middle school and high school, respectively. Maya Campbell (Whiteville High School) and Jasmine Young (New Hanover High School) received \$1500 scholarships from General Electric and Corning, respectively.

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Andrade D. Samuel

Andrade D. Samuel, 39, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, May 20, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Services will be announced by Davis Funeral Home.

Joseph Lee Page, Jr.

Joseph Lee Page Jr. was born on Nov. 19, 1940, in Wilmington, NC to the late Mr. Joseph Lee Page Sr. and the late Mrs. Minnie Irene Pierce Page. He entered into eternal rest on May 9, 2016 at Mather VA Medical Center, Sacramento, CA. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home.

Joseph graduated Williston Senior High School Class of 1959, Wilmington, NC and further pursued his education by completing various online college courses.

Upon his high school graduation, he joined the United States Air Force achieving the rank of Master Sergeant of Air Crew, supervising in the maintenance and provisioning of survival equipment. His tours of duty included Dow Air Force Base, Bangor, ME, Seymore Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, NC, Bien Hoa Air Force Base, South Vietnam, Soesterberg Air Force Base, The Netherlands, Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, TX, and Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, CA. He was honorably discharged after 24 years of service.

Joseph accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. For a number of years, he attended Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Sacramento, Ca and served as president of the Usher Board. He joined the Prince Hall Masons and became Grand Master during his tour of duty in the Netherlands.

After his discharge from the Air Force, Joseph was employed at AeroJet Rocketdyne, Sacramento, CA, retiring in the year 2006 with 24 years of service.

Dearly loved and referred to by many of his friends and family as Jr. Page or Joe, he was most often smiling and teasing. He enjoyed cooking, golfing, fishing in his boat and trying out new gadgets, like his recently purchased drone.

One sister, Mrs. Jacqueline P. O'Neal preceded him into eternal life.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Mrs. Duangtipapong (Ood) Page, six sons, Mr. William T. Page of Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Billy H. Page (Ha) of East Peoria, IL, Mr. Derrick A. Page of Cheyenne, WY, Mr. Joseph Luis of Seattle, WA, Mr. Michael Luis of Sacramento, CA, Mr. Sito Luis of Las Vegas, NV, four daughters, Ms. Joanne D. Page of Philadelphia, PA, Ms. Sabrina Thomas of Rancho Cordova, CA, Mrs. Marvetta (Terrence) Brass of Elk Grove, CA, Mrs. Nga (Loi) Nguyen of Batavia, OH, one sister, Ms. Brenda P. Burns of Raleigh, NC, two brothers-in-law, Sopron Rodpai and Parphan Rodpai of Bangkok, Thailand, one grand aunt, Mrs. Curlia Troy of Leland, NC, five uncles, Mr. Leonzia Johnson, Mr. Roland Johnson and Mr. Willie Page of Nichols, SC, Mr. Alan Page of Mullins, SC and Mr. Don Page of Irvington, NJ, seven aunts, Mrs. Geneva Clark and Mrs. Lillie M. Hughs of Wilmington, NC, Mrs. Virginia Page of Mitchellville, MD, Mrs. Thommasena Floyd and Ms Gloria Page of Nichols, SC, Ms. Margie Lawrence of St. Albans, NY, and Mrs. Nellie Smith of Newark, NJ, twenty-two grandchildren and thirty-four great grand-

children, a special cousin, Mrs. Harriett Johnson of Wilmington, NC, nephews, cousins and friends. *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 were held Saturday, May 21, 2016, at St. James A.M.E. Church. God in His Sovereignty called His faithful servant Major Grady Jr. home Thursday morning, May 12, 2016. Major was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on December 16, 1954 to Arlene D. Grady and the late Major Grady Sr. He was preceded in death by his father, Major Grady Sr. and his two sisters, Harriet Grady and Shelia Grady.

Major joined St. James A.M.E. Church at an early age. To which he was still a member at the time of his passing. Major was educated in New Hanover County Schools and graduated from New Hanover High School in 1974. He was a valued member of the Rock Hill Community.

Major was united into Holy Matrimony to Vernessa Kennedy in 1995 and to this union one son was born. Major and Darlene were married for 20 years.

Throughout his life Major was employed with various companies which include; Cape Fear Country Club, Block Shirt Company and Bradley Walker. At the time of his passing Major was employed with Rippy Cadillac where he worked for over 20 years.

As a young man Major was an exceptional athlete and

enjoyed playing Sandlot Football. He was also an avid bowler.

"Man" or "Boy" as he was commonly referred to, was the ultimate Handyman and a virtual Jack of All Trades. He was someone you could call for anything and he was always there to help. If you need something moved, you called Major. Need something hauled away Major was right there. Need your grass cut, something painted or something fixed, who did you call, of course you called Major.

Major had a unique zest for life and lived it to the fullest. *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 were held Saturday, May 21, 2016, at Davis Funeral Home.

Julia Margaret (Bacon) Kyle was born on December 1, 1916 in Atlanta, Georgia. After her mother's untimely death and at the age of 12 Julia moved to Cleveland, Tennessee and was raised by her grandmother, Polly Young. Polly was a Jehovah's Witness in the pioneer field and came out to raise Julia.

Julia attended College Hill High School. She later married Chester Bacon and they had one daughter together, Marguerite. After their divorce she moved to Westchester County, New York, where she continued her education and worked as a Food Service Director. She served the Catholic Board School for orphans in Westchester County, where she retired in 1984. Julia lived briefly in Washington, DC with her daughter Marguerite and in 2000 moved back to Tennessee.

Julia was an acquaintance to both Dionne Warwick and her father Speedy Warwick.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Gregory Westfield Sr; step-son, Rev. William Bacon; step-daughter, Martha Bacon.

Those left with sweet memories to cherish are her devoted daughters, Marguerite Bacon Westfield Owens and Cheryl Williams (Kirk) of White Plains, NY; step-daughter, Margret Escoe, grandchildren, Deborah Bacon Rutledge, Gene Bacon, Lamar Bacon, Perry Tinch, Tracy Escoe, Laura Bacon, Tammy Bacon, Sally Hill (Jack), Alvin Bacon (Odessa) and Charles Bacon; great-grandchildren, Gregory Westfield, Jr (Lora), Tori Barnes, Brie Gray and a host of other great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; close friends, Madelyn Smith of Wilmington, NC and Tonya Drakes of Cleveland, Tennessee; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. *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*

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LeVern Willis, Sr.
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Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond
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Card Of Thanks



Words alone can not express the gratitude for the love and support that has been shown since the finding of my mother's illness in October to even now after her passing. For this we say, "Thank you" for all and may God bless you all.

The family of the late
Joyce Jackson Johnson

Card Of Thanks

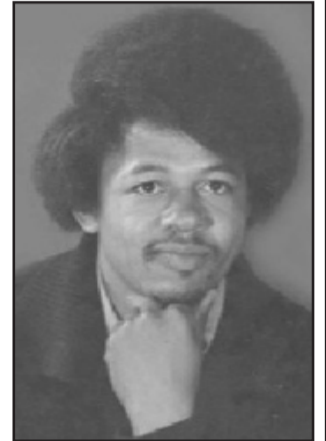


The family of the late
**Rosalind Yvette
Pugh Melvin**

would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to the family during the illness and passing of our loved one. No act of kindness has gone unnoticed. Thank you for all your cards, flowers, visits, telephone calls, etc. It really warmed our hearts to know you care. May God continue to bless and keep you in his care.

Deacon LeRon T.
Montgomery and family

In Loving Memory Of



Mr. David McKay
Who Departed this life on
May 18, 1995

God Answers Prayer
God may not always
send the sun.
And hedge our
path with flowers,
but this I know.
His love can light,
the dark and lonely hours.
Each road may
not be leveled, yet,
none of us walk alone.
He gives us strength
to climb each hill.
And face each
stepping stone.
God may not always
space our load
whatever power
we need is ours.
Because God
answers prayer:
As time goes by
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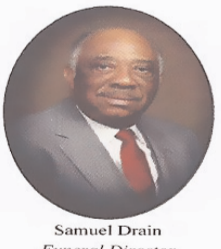
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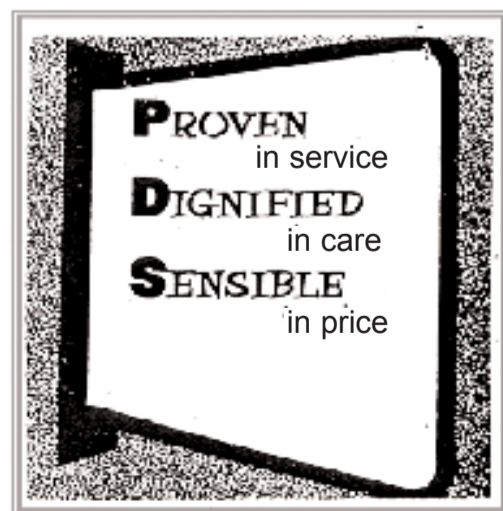


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New Hanover County

Intimate Life Ministry will hold a "Family Matters" picnic on Saturday May 28th at Maides Park, from 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Come out and join them for good fellowship, food, games and other activities. This event is co-sponsored by the Operation Legacy Waste Not-Want Not Project, and outreach partners Vigilant Hope and The Lord's Church of Wilmington. For more information call 910-431-0102.



Religious Briefs

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.

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of East Carolina will sponsor a lecture by The Rev. Lindsay Freeman on "WHAT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE ARE TELLING US TODAY" and hosted by St. James Episcopal Parish on Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 am. at 25 S. Third Street Wilmington, NC.

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 Maulsby, Dr. T.R. Murray and Rev. David Powell. 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.

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, May 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The food pantry, "From His Table to Yours" will be open as well 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Personal identifications and transportation are required. No fees are involved in either ministry. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. The Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Young Adult Missionary (YAM) Ministry will present Pack the Pew 2016, Theme: "Let's Go Higher" on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 9:45 a.m. Worship leader, Co-pastor Ashley Carter of World Overcomer's Christian Church; Durham NC. The guest speaker will be Pastor Sherman Blandon of Mt. Moriah Christian Church; Wilson NC. Everyone is requested to bring can goods or any non-perishable food items to pack-the-front-pew supporting their food pantry, "From His Table to Yours". Additionally, this is their annual family and friends' day. Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor. Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

Brunswick County

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.

Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Leland North Carolina will be celebrating our Pastor's Anniversary May 30th through June 5, 2016. The schedule is as follows: Monday night service - 7:00 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carozell Henry and Crystal Spring Baptist Church; Tuesday night service - 7:00 p.m., Rev. Gordon Griffin and Moore's Creek Baptist Church; Wednesday night (Joy Night) - 7:00 p.m.; Thursday night service - 7:00 p.m., Minister Brenda Hicks and Macedonia FBH Church; Saturday (Mini Concert) - 6:30 p.m., Sunday Service - 3:30 p.m., Rev. Donald Overton and Pleasant Hill will render our Pastor's Anniversary Service.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Bends in the Road

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Tuesday, May 24, 2016, was a bright sunny day on the outside and a "Sonny" day on the inside. The Senior Citizens' Fellowship was greeted by President Eloise Purdie. She asked Mr. George Hill and the choir, along with Mr. Lamanuel Boykin, to come up. We sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Mrs. Margie Robinson gave us a very fervent prayer: Our chant was "Hallelujah."

Our next song was "I'll Fly Away."

Our speaker for today was Mr. Joseph Canty. He told us that seniors have a wealth of wisdom, experiences, knowledge and skills. The road of life can be full of bumps and hurdles, and the crossroads of life can seem daunting. He told us to look at the story of Job. We all come to bends in the road. He said that, as seniors today, we must handle bends in the road with confidence. We must not get "bent out of shape" when things unexpected hap-

pen. We must stay calm and have faith and trust in God and know He will work it out. He said that we must use the bends in the road as a resting place to restore our faith so that we may serve others. We thanked him for a great and useful message.

We then had positive expressions. We talked about Fun Day and our trip to Myrtle Beach. Everyone had a great time on both occasions. The meeting was then turned over to our Vice President Gladys Taylor: She thanked Mrs. Pearson for planning and preparing such

good trips. The minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby: They were approved. We were then reminded to vote on 6-17-16 for judges in our district. We then had the "Callers" report. Mrs. Rosella Bellamy was the winner, with 12. Our sick report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. The announcements were read. We then had "Smiles and Laughter" by Mrs. Mary Martin. We then formed our circle and sang "Bind Us Together." We had prayer by Minister Doris McQuillan. There were 56 present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Let's make Wilmington a model city

My Fellow Seniors:

We need to put our hearts and minds together and come up with a plan to keep our community strong. Back in the Mother Land, we would say, "It takes a village to raise a child," but, in the present world, we would hesitate to correct our neighbor's children.

Since we are determined to mind our own business, we don't bother to report misbehaviors. So instead of a community, we have lots of houses close together, occupied by strangers. We never get to know our neighbors. So there is no community spirit.

The church should have a

plan that would bring our people together in a social setting. We need more than a hand-

shake. As we introduce ourselves, we should share a little personal history. We should be able to talk about anything from AIDS to Alzheimer's. We have experts in the church who cover any subject. We could make quilts, play checkers, or serve a meal. We should always keep our history alive and our culture vibrant. We often hear about the strong



Ruth Johnson

Black woman, but little is said about what our men have had to endure.

I can remember seeing men take their hats off when talking to White people, while others were lynched for not obeying the rules. Some had to raise half White children as their own, but they stood by, rather than leave their women alone. I am not trying to bring up the past in a negative way. However, we have to look back at from where we started in order to appreciate how far our people have come. The strong Black man had to bow down so that his children could stand. Sometimes he had to endure scorn from his own sons, who couldn't under-

stand why their father was strong around the house, yet so weak downtown. Some men fail to express themselves for fear of losing their jobs.

We can't change what our parents went through, and neither can White people. So there is no point in stirring up racial tensions, but I do think we should widen the scope of the church in order to reach out to the next generation. If I'm wrong tell me about it through *The Wilmington Journal* and then tell me how we can make Wilmington a model city.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

Memorial Day

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." John 15:13

Memorial - Something intended to celebrate or honor the memory of a person or an event.; Designed to keep remembrance alive.

One of the most important national holidays is Memorial Day. Memorial Day, is celebrated by every state in the U.S. and is commemorated on the last Monday in the month of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates the death of U.S. men and women who died while in military service.

Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the civil war, by the early 20th. century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a



Sylvia Hooper

long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fireworks, trips to beach, etc.

To insure the sacrifices of American fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the US Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act", creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nations.

A hero is defined as a man distinguished by exceptional courage, nobility, and strength. Joseph Campbell stated, "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." A hero is also one

admired by many people for his brave deeds. We can all agree that soldiers who have died while in military service are considered by many to be heroes.

While the world is looking for heroes to remember, there is One Greater, than any hero this world has ever known! This Hero of heroes, is named Jesus Christ, who lay down his life for our nation and entire world, while demonstrating exceptional love, obedience, courage, nobility, and strength far beyond the call of duty of any mortal man.

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man, some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:7-8

He said, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." St. John 10:18a

"This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19b

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon

him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4,5

Let's celebrate Memorial Day in honor of all servicemen and women who died in the military. If possible, let's attend family get-togethers and embrace our loved ones. Lest we forget, let's remember the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose unselfish devotion and obedience to God, opened up the way for our deliverance, healing, and our Salvation. John 3:16 Tell Somebody!

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

The NBCI calls State Supreme Court Justice Chun's ruling in Brooklyn a stone cold racist and void of any humanity for Akai Gurley or for Black people

Says his analysis is faulty and based upon ethnicity

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans strongly decries the decision that Judge Chun made in the case. Jurors of his peers rightfully found Peter Liang guilty. He acted recklessly and without regard for human life. He wants the public to accept that his actions constitutes a sincere expression of balanced police work but this was not the case because a jury of his peers found that he acted with malice. Even though motivated through his fear and bravado constitutes in the eyes of the jury a reckless display of unethical behavior in violation of police procedures.

This is another reason why the Black Church cannot urge its members to view justice administered by this country as color-blind. In 2016, as a black male, we can be shot for any reason and the police (given the benefit of the doubt) will try to plant evidence, correct their unethical mistakes, and falsify reports to justify

their actions --- even though we are innocent.

Rev. Anthony Evans, the President of the National Black Church Initiative continues to decry, "Akai Gurley is just the latest example of this society who believes that the only black person that they would ever respect is a dead black person. As a Christian clergy I must apologize for the raw and the binding language of this press release. But I have, as an individual, reached my limit for the continuous injustice mediated by the so-called Justice Department. And even though we advocate no violence, we will not limit ourselves to sweet cotton candy words, to glaze over the brutal murderous attack against the black community---Even by law enforcement and the courts."

Akai Gurley was minding his own business when confronted by an unconscious racist who violated police protocol of calling for backup and shot Gurley to death because of his racial fears. The jury convicted him of manslaughter only to be set free by a stone racist judge who shared his cul-

tural ethnicity. They want us to believe that Judge Chun is a serious jurist who, considered only the facts and applied the law equally regardless of his own prejudice or the prejudice of the Asian culture. The New York Times says that he was diligent and thoughtful. Given this analysis, the Black Church must be compelled to accept this as an honest expression of his sincere professionalism.

However, the black community nor the Black Church cannot accept this and will not accept this due to the fact that Judge Chun has never demonstrated in his life as a jurist or as a human being to have any measure of sympathy or respect for the African American culture. Judge Chun has sat, in every legal capacity as a judge, from family court to prosecuting those who perpetuate human trafficking--which is the worse assault on all humanity. The judge should be commended for making sure that these individuals never see the light of day as they attempt to destroy the soul and the light of our children. This is why we are so baffled as to his legal

conclusion in the murderous Peter Liang's case.

He seems heartless. His heart cold legal (sterile) analysis, based upon the facts of the case, reflects the reason why he has decided to err on his ethnicity as opposed to his humanity. He completely rejected the findings of the jury and decided that he will save his fellow Asian comrade. So his ruling reflects a victory for the Asian community and a reinforcement of the cultural ethos of America that a black life is worth nothing. And the only good that it serves is that it can be cast in the trash and forgotten. One reason to explain this paradoxical ruling from Judge Chun is to underscore the previous point, that this judge has never seen African Americans as a community or as humans.

Let me explain. The tens of thousands of African American defendants that have come before him as someone who has skipped on child support, as someone who has committed a burglary, as someone who has committed murder, as someone who has raped

young girls, as someone who has defrauded society. He has only seen us in the worst of human circumstances. So when handing down the ruling on Peter Liang, he only saw another Asian who has made this enormous sacrifice by becoming a police officer. Even though he himself has suffered the abuse of the American racist society and the way they treat Asian people. Peter Liang in his eyesight was trying to make a difference; As opposed to the countless African Americans who have appeared in his court, who always have been in the role of the victimizer.

What judge Chun failed to understand is that 34,000 Black Churches in this country will never allow him to forget his racist ruling in this case. What Judge Chun should understand is that Jesus the Christ and the human Buddha will both seek justice for Akai. And the truth that was handed down by the jury should rise from the ashes of his cold legal opinion. And that Judge Chun's ruling confirms what the Asian community has

adopted as the campaign for this case, "it was a tragedy but not a crime." We don't need the Asian community to tell us what is a tragedy as Black Americans. We know what a tragedy is and it continues to haunt us from the time the white community brought us chained and naked to what we call the new world. What African Americans live in the US is not a tragedy but a continuous nightmare.

Let us remind our Asian brothers and sisters that in America you pay for your mistakes and you go to jail for the crime. Peter Liang is as guilty as sin and Judge Chun represents the worse of whatever beauty is in the Asian culture. Even though the Black Church would like to spend its time healing this divide, but we will not be an apologist to Judge Chun's inhumanity to us and agree with the campaign slogan of the Asian community, "it is a tragedy not a crime." Akai Gurley is a man, and he is a black man. He did not commit any crime and he is no damn tragedy.

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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This the 5th day of May, 2016

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

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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

**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

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, Kelly Whitesell, having qualified on the 28th day of April, 2016, as Administrator of the estate of **Linda Davis Reaves**, deceased, this is 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.
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May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2016

**CITY OF WILMINGTON
NOTICE OF PROPOSED
CONVEYANCE OF REAL
PROPERTY**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Wilmington City Council is considering the conveyance of 716 South 13th Street, Parcel ID R05410-015-020-000, to Mark Monroe and Cynthia Richardson, husband and wife, for the sum of \$24,500.00. The use of the property will be restricted by deed to ownership and/or occupancy by persons of low to moderate incomes. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-269, an upset bid can be made within ten (10) days after the date of publication of this Notice and the conveyance will not be made until the offer is accepted by City Council.

Persons wishing to upset the offer shall submit a bid with their offer to the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 N 3rd Street, Wilmington, N.C., by 5:00 P.M. June 6th, 2016. At that time the City Clerk shall declare the highest qualifying bid as the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer.

- A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer to an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and five percent (5 %) of the remainder.
- A qualifying higher bid must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made in cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The city will return the deposit on any bid not accepted, and will return the deposit of any offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The City Council must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will do within 60 days after the final upset bid period has passed.
- The city reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject any or all bids.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk, at 910-341-7816 during normal business hours.

May 26, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Thurman Bass, Jr.**, 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 **26th 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 26th day of May, 2016

Elizabeth Irene Bass, Collector
521 Hart Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Todd C. Peterson**, 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 **26th 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 26th day of May, 2016

Linda J. Peterson, Executor
6412 Noble Rock Ct.
Clifton, VA 20124

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2016

**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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE, DISTRICT COURT
DIVISION
FILE NO. 16CVD000134**

**Maher Ahmad Awwad
Alslaibi, Plaintiff,
vs.
Sherley Bonura Moreau
Defendant.
To: Sherley Bonura Moreau**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the General Court of Justice, District Court Division, by the plaintiff herein, the nature of which is as follows: Absolute divorce based upon one year's separation.

You are required by law to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 20 day of May, 2016.

Paul A. Suhr
Attorney for Plaintiff,
7200 Falls of Neuse, Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27615
(919) 876-4707

May 26, June 2, 9, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Carroll Wood King**, 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 **26th 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 26th day of May, 2016

Charles King, Administrator
11 Dome Lane
Wantagh, NY 11793

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 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 Tamara 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

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 15 JT 161**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
M.D.J.S. (DOB:
6/24/2015)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS:
CAPRIA ROUSER, BIOLOGICAL
MOTHER AND ANY
UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL
FATHER OF THE ABOVE
CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD
BORN IN WILMINGTON,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA TO
CAPRIA ROUSER**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following May 26, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Margaret Jennings, has been appointed to represent Capria Rouser, and she can be reached at 1501 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 (910) 762-0850, mjennings@ec.rr.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 26th day of May, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New
Hanover Co. Dept.
of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
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