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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.

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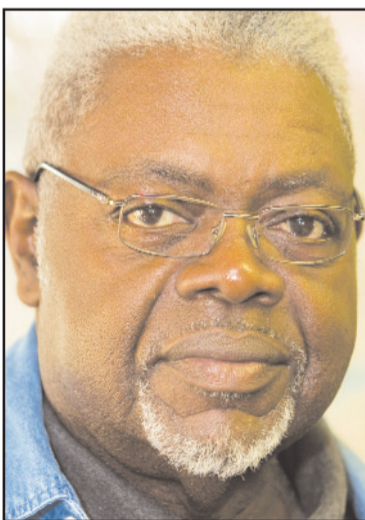
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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



BERNEST HEWETT

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BLACK CAUCUS DINNER**

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On June 4, 2016, the Brunswick County Black Caucus had one of the best planned and most successful dinners ever. The purpose of the dinner was to recognize some of the most outstanding citizens of Brunswick County. This year, there were four honorees. They were Mr. Don Hughes, CEO of BEMC; Mr.

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## NC BLACK VOTER REGISTRATION OUTPACES WHITE SINCE 2008

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When it comes to presidential elections, 2008 remains a banner year, especially to Black Democrats, who went to the polls and helped drive then Senator Barack Obama's historic victory to the Presidency. President Obama won the Tar Heel State by only 1,400 votes over Republican Senator John McCain, thanks to early and provisional voting, and there's no question that strong African-American turnout was key. It was just as strong, if not stronger, in 2012, even though President Obama lost North Carolina to Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

Now that the President is stepping down and is expected to pass the mantle to reported presumptive nominee former U. S. Secretary of State Hillary

Clinton, who, with the help of Democratic super delegate support, is expected to officially become the party's nominee at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia in July, will North Carolina's Black voters turn out in large numbers for a third consecutive presidential election?

A large part of that answer, of course, lies in whatever turnout effort is mounted, but, thanks to Democracy North Carolina, a nonprofit non-partisan voter education organization, new numbers show that Black voter registration from 2008 through this election year statewide is dramatically up, and they're not all necessarily Democrats.

At special request, Bob Hall, Executive Director

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**BLACK VOTER REGISTRATION IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY WENT UP 27% BY OVER 4500.**



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LEFT TO RIGHT--KAREN CLAY BEATTY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOUNDATION, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS BREYANNA A. ROSS OF E.A. LANEY HIGH SCHOOL AND JASMINE G. YOUNG OF NEW HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, AND WAYNE MOORE, FOUNDER AND CHAIR OF FOUNDATION.

## The Wilmington Ten Foundation for Social Justice, Inc. hosts its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

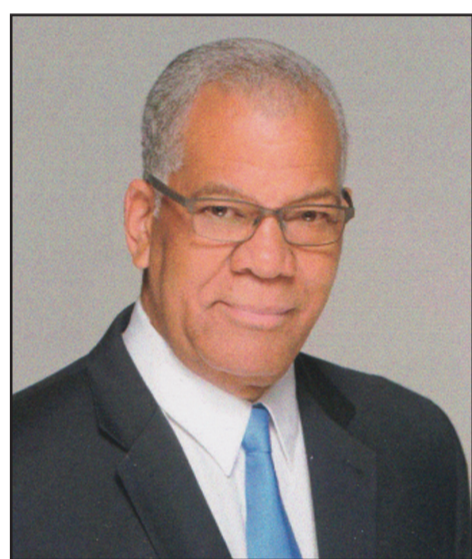
BY KAREN CLAY BEATTY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Wilmington Ten Foundation for Social Justice, Inc. hosted the 3rd Annual Dolores F. Moore Scholarship Golf Tournament on June 4, 2016, at Magnolia Greens Golf Course in Leland, N.C. Opening remarks were brought by New

Hanover County Commissioner Jonathan Barfield, Jr.

The tournament was very successful!!! They are getting bigger and better. We owe our success to our returning and new tournament participants, and our numerous sponsors. It is because of their continued

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ROBERT E. WILSON

## Robert Wilson will be guest speaker at 17th Annual A. Philip Randolph Banquet

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On June 11, 2016 A. Philip Randolph Institute SENCLAND will celebrate its 17th Annual A. Phillip Randolph Banquet from 6:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. at ILA's Rutherford Lennard's Temple, 1305 S. 5th Ave.

This is the first phase of fundraising for the chapter's Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to children that attend inner city schools and meet certain qualifications.

The distinguished guest speaker this year is Democrat Robert E. Wilson, who ran for Lt. Governor in the 2016 primary.

A thirty year change maker for the state Of North Carolina is Robert E. Wilson. As

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## Persistent disparities found through comprehensive civil rights survey, King says

**Gaps exist in discipline, rigorous courses - All seen in data available online for download for first time**

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The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) this week unveiled new data from the 2013-2014 school year showing gaps that still remain too wide in key areas affecting educational equity and opportunity for students, including incidents of discipline, restraint and seclusion, access to courses and programs that lead to college and career readiness, teacher equity, rates of retention, and access to early learning.

U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. said that, despite significant work from districts across the country, the persistent disparities shown in the new Civil Rights Data Collection - which collected data from all public schools and school districts nationwide for the 2013-14 school year - highlight the

need for a continued focus on educational equity, especially in the implementation of the new Every Student Succeeds Act.

The CRDC, which collected student absenteeism rates for the first time, revealed that 6.5 million students - 13 percent of all students - were chronically absent from schools in 2013-14.

While student discipline occurs in high numbers and disparities remain significant, the 2013-14 CRDC reveals that out-of-school suspensions decreased by nearly 20 percent since 2011-12, as more schools find alternative ways of addressing non-violent student behavior. But this progress is not occurring for all groups of students; the data show, that, in general,

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Lewis Dozier, President of Royal Oak Concerned Citizens' Association (ROCCA); John Oliver Hankins, Vice President of ROCCA; and Mr. Frank Kelly Hewitt, veteran of the U.S. Army and head of one of the largest Black owned farm operations on the east coast. The second purpose of this affair was to give high school students scholarships to help with their college expenses, and there were seven scholarships given to students in the amount of \$1500.00 per student. This was a real success. The affair was planned and put together under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren, along with other members of the Brunswick County Black Caucus. We look forward to a bigger and better affair next year. We must continue to work for the betterment of our children and our community. *Bernest L. Hewitt is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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of Democracy North Carolina, provided a demographic breakdown of North Carolina voter registrations as of June 2008, June 2012 and now, June 2016. The breakdown from the North Carolina Board of Elections Office is county-by-county, and the chart shows to what extent the percentage every four years has changed among North Carolina's racial groups and political affiliates. Hall notes that there are several important observations that can be made from the new

data. "Voters are increasingly not indicating their race or party affiliation when they register," says Hall. Thus, unaffiliated voters, by far, are the largest share of newly registered voters, with unaffiliated voters increasing by 53% from 2008 to 2016, or 655,000 of the total 774,000 during that period. Democrats increased only by 1%, and Republicans increased by 4%. The total number of registered voters increased by 13% between June 2008 and June 2016, with self-identified Black voters increasing by 22%, Hispanics by a whopping 58%. The numbers show, accord-

ing to Hall, White voter registration in North Carolina, during this same period, only increasing 6%. "In raw numbers, the state added more Black voters than White voters from June 2008 to June 2016 - 265,800 compared to 253,300," says Hall. "There were an additional 52,800 Latino voters. There were more than 100,000 additional voters who did not mark a racial classification when they registered. Over 300,000 (about 4.5 %) of all voters registered left blank or marked "other" when given the choice of ethnicity from which to choose."

Hall added that the counties with the biggest voter registration gains were urban, suburban, coastal resort counties and those with military bases nearby. The numbers show that, overall, Wake County had a 23% increase in voters, compared to Mecklenburg County's increase of 16%, and New Hanover's 20%. Black voter registration in New Hanover County went up 27% by over 4500. White voter registration increased 14% by over 15,000. Democratic registration was up just 3 %, outpaced by Republicans at 5% and unaf-

filiated by a whopping 63%. Wake County also saw a bump in Black voters since 2008 by 29% (over 30,000), Whites by 11%, Democrats up by 12%, Republicans by only 4%, and unaffiliated by 63%. In Forsyth County, where the number of registered voters has gone from 204, 443 in 2008, to currently 242,208. - an 18% jump - Black voter registration ballooned 28%. Whites voters only increased by 9%. Unaffiliated voters there also exploded 64%, or by over 25,000. Democrats increased by 10%, and Republicans increased by only 3%.

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and generous support that we were able to meet our goal again this year. Our returning business sponsors were; Blanks & Son Construction, Direct Action Media Academy, Inc (co-founder Monzell A. Dunlap), The Wilmington Journal, Pro Golf of Wilmington, Stevenson Automotive Group, Hendrick Toyota of Wilmington, Coastal Seafood (Leland, N.C.), K & W Cafeteria, & Walmart (Leland, N.C.). New business

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were our golfers. Golfers played in teams of four. We awarded scholarship certificates to our scholarship winners after the tournament. Our 2016 recipients of the Dolores F. Moore Scholarship Award are Breyanna A. Ross of E.A. Laney High School, and Jasmine G. Young of New Hanover High School. Breyanna will be attending University of NC- Greensboro, with plans to major in nursing. Her career goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner. Jasmine will be attending Princeton University in New Jersey, with plans to major in

engineering, and later pursuing a graduate degree in Applied Mathematics. Both students were very impressive, and have excelled in academic achievement, character and leadership. Both received \$1000.00 scholarships to be used to further their education, and assist them in pursuing their quest for successful careers. Thank you to all of the board members for their hard work, for their commitment and for sharing their knowledge and skill to make this tournament the best one yet! We extend a very special "thank you" to our returning

volunteers Danny Mitchell and Cynthia Carter. We also want to thank our new volunteer, Cynthia Sedgwick of Hampton, Va. Planning is underway for the 4th Annual Tournament, which we hope will be better than ever. We sincerely appreciate the support of the Cape Fear Region, and will look forward to your participation in 2017. The Wilmington Ten Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible. For more information about us; please contact us at wilmingtontenfoundation@gmail.com.

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students of color, English learners, and students with disabilities are, on average, disciplined more often than their classmates. "The CRDC data are more than numbers and charts - they illustrate in powerful and troubling ways disparities in opportunities and experiences that different groups of students have in our schools," said King. "The Obama Administration has always stressed how data can empower parents, educators and policy makers to make informed decisions about how to better serve students. The stories the CRDC data tell us create the imperative for a continued call to action to do better and close achievement and opportunity gaps. This is one of the reasons I am excited by the opportunity offered by the new Every Student Succeeds Act. It makes clear the obligation our schools and states have to ensure that all students have access to an excellent education that prepares them to succeed in college and careers. It also makes clear that ESSA's Title I funds are to be used to provide the additional support needed to make that happen."

fully cost-subsidized preschool; and whether the district has a civil rights coordinator. The CRDC measures access to early learning programs. Schools are required under federal law to provide special education and related services for preschool-age children with disabilities. But more than half of school districts are offering preschool above and beyond what is required. More than 85 percent of those school districts are providing those services at no cost to families. Unfortunately, the remaining school districts are charging families to attend, which is a burden to low-and middle-income families. Key data points of note follow and are included in the CRDC First Look document. **Student discipline** • Nationwide, 2.8 million K-12 students received one or more out-of-school suspensions - which is a nearly 20 percent decrease from the number of out-of-school suspensions reported two years ago. • Black preschool children are 3.6 times as likely to be suspended as are white preschool students. • In kindergarten through the 12th grade, black students are nearly four times as likely to be suspended as are white students. Black students also are nearly twice as likely to be expelled-removed from school with no services-as are white students. • Students with disabilities are more than twice as likely as students without disabilities to be suspended in K-12 settings. They also represent two-thirds of students who are secluded from their classmates or restrained to prevent them from moving-even though they are only 12 percent of the overall student population. • The Administration has made reforming school discipline one of its top priorities. Last July, the My Brother's Keeper Taskforce convened 40 school districts from across the nation to the White House to announce new commitments to encourage alternatives to suspension and expulsion. The Department of Education's #Rethink Discipline campaign is aimed at raising awareness of the long-term damage suspensions and expulsions do to children. The campaign also highlights alternatives to those practices and has prioritized some of these alternatives through the final grant competition of the

Investing in Innovation fund. The Administration has also had an important focus on eliminating expulsion and suspension in early learning settings, and released the first Federal policy statement on this issue, with recommendations to states and local early childhood programs, in 2014. **Access to advanced courses** • More than half of high schools do not offer calculus, four in ten do not offer physics, more than one in four do not offer chemistry, and more than one in five do not offer Algebra II, which is considered a gateway class for success in college. • By many measures, some student groups are more likely than others to miss out on these opportunities: • Only a third of high schools with high black and Latino enrollments offer calculus, compared to 56 percent of those that serve low numbers of black and Latino students. • Less than half the high schools with high black and Latino enrollments offer physics, while two in three high schools that have low numbers of black and Latino student offer physics. • English learners have disproportionately low participation rates in Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programs: while English learners are 11% of all students in schools offering GATE programs, fewer than 3% of GATE students nationwide are English learners. • Black and Latino students also

participate at lower rates in Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programs. Although black and Latino students make up 42 percent of students enrolled in schools that offer GATE programs, they are only 28 percent of the students who participate in those programs. • Girls are underrepresented in some advanced coursework such as physics, but not in others such as calculus. **Teacher and Staffing Equity** • 10 percent of the teachers in schools with high numbers of black and Latino students are in their first year of teaching, compared to only 5 percent in schools with low numbers of black and Latino students. • 11 percent of black students, 9 percent of Latino students and 7 percent of American Indian or Alaska Native students attend schools where more than 20 percent of teachers are in their first year of teaching, compared to 5% of white students. • More than 20 percent of high schools lack any school counselor. • 1.6 million students attend a school with a sworn law enforcement officer but not a school counselor. This week's release is the first in a series of data analyses from the 2013-14 CRDC that the Department will issue over the course of the summer and fall. To make these data more accessible and useful for parents, educators, policymakers and others, for the first time, the whole data file is available

online at CRDC.ed.gov. One group that plans to use the new data is the nonprofit GreatSchools, which reaches more than half of U.S. families with school-age children with school information each year. Using the CRDC, GreatSchools aims to build a richer set of individual school profiles that shed light on student access to educational opportunity, with a particular focus on equity. Specifically, the group hopes to spotlight access to rigorous coursework, college readiness milestones, student absenteeism, discipline rates, athletics participation, and counselors-per-student. "The unique national scale, school-level information and transparency that the CRDC offers can help drive meaningful conversations from the kitchen table to the principal's office to a school board meeting," said Matthew Nelson, Chief Operating Officer of GreatSchools. "GreatSchools is proud to partner with Secretary King and the Department of Education in making this information accessible to American families, educators and policymakers to shine the light on educational opportunity for all students." The federal government has collected civil rights data about schools since 1968. As with previous Civil Rights Data Collections, the purpose of the 2013-14 report is to obtain vital data related to civil rights laws requiring public schools to provide equal educational opportunity.



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**JUDGE MORGAN WINS SPOT ON NOVEMBER NC SUPREME COURT BALLOT**

[RALEIGH] With 100% of precincts statewide, Superior Court Judge Mike Morgan finished second to qualify to appear on the November ballot for the NC Supreme Court. The top votegetter was incumbent NC Associate Justice Bob Edmunds, who led a field of four with 48%. Judge Morgan followed with 34%.



STATE BRIEFS

**HOLDING DEFEATS ELLMERS IN 2ND DISTRICT PRIMARY RACE**

[RALEIGH] After a brutal television campaign where she was portrayed as a "Republican in name only," GOP Second District Congresswoman Renee Ellmers lost a bitter primary Tuesday to 13th District

US Rep. George Holding, 53% to 24%. Greg Bannon came in third with 24%. When lawmakers redrew the districts last February, he targeted Ellmers, who was considered weak by Tea Party hardliners. GOP presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump taped robocalls for Ellmers.

**BLACK SCHOOLS REMOVED FROM GOP UNC TUITION BILL**

[RALEIGH] Under tremendous pressure to change

a Republican proposal to lower tuition at five small UNC campuses - including at three HBCU's - to just \$500.00-per-semester; the measure's sponsor, Sen. Tom Apodaca [R-Hender-sonville] introduced an amendment to his bill to remove Fayetteville State University, Winston-Salem State University and Elizabeth City State University. Apodaca blasted his critics, saying that his bill would have increased enrollment at UNC smaller

schools The NC NAACP and others countered that the schools would lose money, and standing, and soon would be closed.

**BILL TO PROTECT POLICE BODY CAMERA VIDEO FROM PUBLIC IN NC HOUSE**

A bill that would prevent North Carolinians from seeing police body cam video cleared a state House committee this week and could be on the House floor for a vote

next week. The sponsor of HB972, state Rep. John Faircloth [R - Guilford], a retired police chief, says he's pushing the bill to protect private citizens, not police officers. No copies can be made or released to the media, unless ordered by a judge.

The bill hits the House floor next week.

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a veteran employee of State Government, Robert worked with the Community College System, North Carolina Department of Corrections and the NC Secretary of State Office, (SOS) where he served as the Assistant Secretary of State. During his more than twenty years in the SOS office, he helped to bring about many changes that have been most beneficial to the citizens of North Carolina. As the Chief Legislative Liaison for the SOS, he helped shepherd numerous pieces of legislation through the General Assembly pertaining to corporation, charitable solicitations, notaries, and lobbying to name a few. This was accomplished under both Democratic and Republican reigns. Robert will proudly tell you that one of his greatest accomplishments while at the SOS was the exceptional team and the unprecedented staff diversity that his leadership helped to cultivate.

Robert was the first member of his family to attend college when he left his home town of Wilson NC to enter Fayetteville State University in 1972. He graduated in 1976 with a BA in History. He continued his studies at North Carolina State University and Wilson County Technical Institute. He also successfully completed the curriculum for the Triangle Leadership Institute.

Robert is a former athlete, who played key positions on

his high school football and basketball teams. He continued demonstrating his outstanding leadership and athletic abilities while playing basketball at FSU. Robert was a valuable member of the 1972-73 CIAA Championship Bronco Basketball team.

Robert is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Wake Alumni Chapter of FSU and the NAACP. Through these activities and organizations, he honed and enhanced his abilities to build a team,

working for the greater good and personifying that there is no "I" in team.

Robert has received numerous awards for his many acts of civil service. To name a few recent ones - in 2012, he was awarded the NC Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which is the highest honor given to a civilian in the state of NC; he is the recipient of the 2010 Laurel Wreath Award from Governor Beverly Perdue; he was awarded the Perquimans County Chapter of NAACP "Speaker of

the Year" Award (2009), and he received a certificate of Appreciation from Fort Bragg, NC in recognition for his support of their Fort Bragg Special Emphasis Program (2010) where he was also the guest speaker. In addition he received the Garrison Commander's Medallion for Excellence and the Womack Army Medical Center Coin of

Excellence. Robert was also inducted into the FSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Robert is the son of the late Henry and Bernice Wilson of Wilson, NC. He currently resides in Cary, NC and has been married for 34 years to Cora Speight Wilson, formerly of Kinston, NC. He is the proud father of three children, the doting grandfather of five

grandchildren and the devoted grandfather of a Rafe Terrier dog.

Robert is a retired civil servant, who had dedicated his professional life to trying to make the state of NC a better place for all. He fully exemplifies Martin Luther King, Jr's mantra, "If you don't for something, you will fall for anything".

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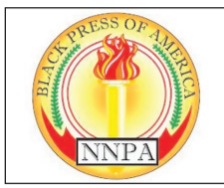
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## Our Voice

### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### CURRY'S COMMENTS

##### Muhammad Ali, the People's Champion

(Via George Curry Media)

I know it's extremely difficult, but if you can, ditch the memories of Muhammad Ali showing up uninvited at Sonny Liston's training camp, announcing that he was going bear hunting. Put aside his boasts of being the greatest of allllll-timmmme. Scratch the images of the "Ali Shuffle" and his patented rope-a-dope.



George Curry

Ali's greatest victories came outside the boxing ring. He was the greatest of all time as a boxer and, more important, as a humanitarian. He consistently displayed unwavering courage and a willingness to be unpopular. In fact, it was his unpopularity with the establishment that made him popular with people all around the world.

I had the pleasure of meeting Muhammad Ali twice, first in the late 1960s as a part of a conference of college newspaper editors in Washington, D.C. and in the late 1990s as a board member of the American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME).

At that first meeting, I was struck by how physically imposing Ali was at 6'2 1/2 inches and about 236 pounds. I pretended to be boxing with him - making sure he knew that I was just pretending - and my fist looked like a small pimple next to his face. Ali was extremely generous with his time and was playful as ever.

By the time of our second meeting, he had already been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects body movement. Though considerably slowed, he was still the star attraction, communicating with his eyes more than with his mouth.

Whether in his prime or just a shell of his old self, Ali was one of the world's most recognized and beloved public figures, a brash boxer whose punches and physical dexterity could back up the words that flowed from his mouth.

"Muhammad Ali was The Greatest. Period. If you just asked him, he'd tell you. He'd tell you he was the double greatest; that he'd 'handcuffed lightning, thrown thunder into jail.' But what made The Champ the greatest - what truly separated him from everyone else - is that everyone else would tell you pretty much the same thing," the president and First Lady Michelle Obama said in a statement.

He was also the boldest - unafraid to take a stand. He was widely criticized - and even by African Americans such as Jackie Robinson - for joining the Nation of Islam shortly after his upset victory over Sonny Liston. He later left the NOI but remained an outspoken advocate for Blacks and the downtrodden.

In an interview with Playboy magazine, which is included as part of The Muhammad Ali Reader, edited by Gerald Early, Ali was asked: "What would the old Cassius Clay be doing today?"

In his typical direct manner, Ali replied, "If I was Cassius Clay today, I'd be just like Floyd Patterson. I'd probably have a white wife and I wouldn't represent black people in no way. Or I'd be like Charley Pride, the folk singer. Nothin' bad about him - he's a good fella and I met his black wife, but Charley stays out of controversy. It's not only him, because I could name Wilt Chamberlain and others who don't get involved in struggle or racial issues - it might jeopardize their position. I'd be that kind of man."

But he wasn't that kind of man. And he was sensitive to the type of lifestyle his high-profile career afforded him and the rest of Black America.

"Last week, I was taking a ride and thought, 'I'm driving a Rolls-Royce and I got another one in the garage that I hardly ever use that cost \$40,000,'" Ali said. "I got a Scenicruiiser Greyhound bus that sleeps fourteen and cost \$120,000 and another bus that cost \$42,000 - \$162,000 just in mobile homes. My training camp cost \$350,000 and I just spent \$300,000 remodeling my house in Chicago. I got all that and a lot more."

"Well, I was driving down the street and I saw a little black man wrapped in an old coat standing on a corner with his wife and little boy, waiting for a bus to come along - and there I am in my Rolls-Royce. The little boy had holes in his shoes and I started thinkin' that if he was my little boy, I'd break into tears. And I started crying."

Ali didn't know it, but wherever he was going, the FBI was spying on him as part of its COINTELPRO campaign to undermine civil rights leaders and organizations.

According to Racial Matters: The FBI's Secret File on Black America, 1960-1972 by Kenneth O'Reilly, the agency overheard conversations between Ali and Dr. King as part of its wiretapping of King's phones and hotel rooms.

A footnote in the book stated, "FBI surveillance of Muhammad Ali sucked in everyone around him, from Howard Cosell to Angelo Dundee and even Johnny Carson. Whenever Ali appeared on the Tonight Show, an agent stayed up to watch and record the telecast."

Although his own government engaged in such cowardly acts, Muhammad Ali was a true patriot, standing up to his government when it was wrong - costing him more than three prime years of his life - and praising it when it was right.

As Ali liked to say, "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life."

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## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion

### Muhammad Ali's toughest fight: Parkinson's disease

(Via George Curry Media)

Although you aware Muhammad Ali had been living with Parkinson's disease since 1984, chances are there's a lot you still don't know about it. Let's correct that now.



Glenn Ellis

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a chronic and progressive movement disorder, meaning that symptoms continue and worsen over time.

Muhammad Ali was just one of the more than 1 million people in the U.S. who are living with the disease. The cause of Parkinson's is unknown, and there is presently no cure. For certain people, there are treatment options such as medication and surgery to manage its symptoms.

While Parkinson's itself isn't considered fatal, people can die from complications of the disease. Complications of the disease were the cause of Ali's death, not Parkinson's itself. He died of septic shock after spending five days at an Arizona hospital for what started out as respiratory problems and gradually worsened. We only know that Ali was hospitalized for a "respiratory infection." Sepsis is the body's reaction to fight infection that becomes essentially failed effort. The body's trying so hard to fight infection and basically just gives out. Septic shock is what happens as a complication of an infection where toxins can initiate a full-blown inflammatory response from the immune

system. The CDC reports that more than 1 million cases of sepsis are recorded in the United States each year, and between 28 and 50 percent of people who suffer from sepsis die.

Parkinson's involves the malfunction and death of vital nerve cells in the brain, called neurons. It is a very slowly progressive neurodegenerative condition affecting multiple circuits in the brain. The Mayo Clinic describes Parkinson's as, "a progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects movement. It develops gradually, sometimes starting with a barely noticeable tremor in one hand. But while a tremor may be the most well-known sign of Parkinson's disease, the disorder also commonly causes stiffness or slowing of movement."

During the early stages, the person's face begins to show little, or no, expression, and the arms no longer swing when the person walks. As the disease progresses, tremors and shaking becomes more and more pronounced, and what speech remains is slurred or becomes very soft, almost mumbling. Parkinson's patients also experience non-motor symptoms, which studies have shown may be even more disabling. These symptoms may include depression, anxiety, and sexual dysfunction.

The general consensus from the scientific and the medical community (and many of his fans and detractors) is that Ali's condition was the result of the continued pounding to his head during his career as a boxer. They believe that repeated hits to the head

might contribute to Parkinson's.

Comparing the brain to a squishy ball, when it's hit extremely hard, the ball bounces against the skull. About three to 12 days later, massive inflammation follows and the brain is flooded with proteins that are associated with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's.

Parkinson's results from a loss of brain cells that produce the chemical dopamine. After inflammation, these dopamine neurons are much more fragile, and more likely to become injured by other things, such as regular aging. But, the scientific evidence points to a genetic predisposition. According to several neurological experts familiar with Ali's symptoms and the course of his disease, they conclude that they were also consistent with a genetic form of Parkinson's.

His late trainer, Angelo Dundee, and daughter Rasheda indicate that Ali may have boxed with symptoms of Parkinson's. In some patients, events such as head trauma or medications can "unmask" disease that's still in its earliest stage. So, in Ali's case, boxing may have contributed to his illness, but genetics was likely a bigger factor.

Like any other disease or medical condition, should we become affected, we must always remember that life can, and must, go on. Parkinson's disease is a progressive disorder, and although it is not considered to be a fatal disease, symptoms do worsen over time and make life difficult.

There are many medications available to treat the symptoms of Parkinson's,

although none yet that actually reverse the effects of the disease. It is common for people with Parkinson's to take a variety of these medications in order to manage the symptoms of the disease. Life expectancy for people with Parkinson's who receive proper treatment is often about the same as for the general population. The average life expectancy of a Black man in America is 75.5 years, Muhammad Ali died six months' shy of his 75th birthday.

Early detection is the key to reducing complications that can shorten your life from Parkinson's or any other condition. Another good reason for regular checkups with your doctor:

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one.

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## Valuing a gorilla's life over that of a Black child

(Via George Curry Media)

The story is old as news cycles go: a 3-year-old toddler fell into the gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo and the end-result is that the gorilla was shot and killed, but the toddler was rescued, apparently unharmed.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

It's a bitter-sweet end-result, yes?

The little boy is Okay; the 400-pound gorilla, probably pretty stunned that the little guy was in his space, dragged him around but didn't hurt him. But because the situation was so tenuous, zoo authorities decided the only way to insure the safety of the child was to shoot and kill Harambe, the gorilla.

Immediately, the outcry and outrage rose to deafening levels. An online petition was begun by animal rights activists, and had by the next day garnered more than 330,000 signatures. Activists said that the gorilla should have been tranquilized, not killed. However, zoo authorities and animal behavior experts said they decided to kill Harambe because they were not sure tranquilization would have worked - and would not have worked imme-

diately - and might have actually enraged the animal, putting the little boy in more danger. (<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/harambe-gorilla-killed-cincinnati-zoo-had-pay-price-experts-n583146>)

The blame game started - with a fair number of people on each side of the "whose fault is it?" conversation. But now something very troubling has come to the surface: it seems that the parents of the little boy are being investigated and they may face charges for this whole unfortunate incident.

This is an African American family.

Apparently the child's father has a "long criminal history," with charges including burglary, drug trafficking, and disorderly conduct. But as everyone knows, a Black kid can be and is arrested for "offenses" for which White kids are never approached. It is very easy for a Black person, especially a Black male, to be criminalized for non-violent offenses. More important, what does his record have to do with the accident? (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3617016/EXCLUSIVE-PICTURES-parents-four-son-fell-zoo-enclosure-sparking-controversial-killing-Harambe-gorilla-emerges-father-lengthy-criminal-history.html>)

The issue is bigger than the scrutiny being given to the child's parents, especially his

father. It is not unusual for kids to fall into the pens and enclosures of animals at zoos. (<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/05/harambe-gorillas-zoos-safety-incidents-animals/>) According to one news report, "since 1990, animals died during escapes or attacks 42 times; 15 incidents of this sort have resulted in the loss of human life and 110 have resulted in human injury."

What is troubling is not only the statistics that support the not-so-unusual occurrence of kids getting into animal pens at zoos, but also the fact that for this incident, the attacks on the parents have a distinctly racist undertone.

The mother has been called "stupid and lazy" for "letting" her child get away, and both parents have been called "irresponsible" in light of the incident, though the father was not at the zoo with the family at the time.

The attacks on the parents have been brutal and non-stop and very many people want both parents to be charged with a crime. I do not recall this kind of reaction in previous incidents where kids have gotten away from their parents in a zoo setting.

It is because Harambe had to be killed that people are angry, but it is telling about the times we live in that very few comments have been printed or reported voicing relief that the little boy is

well. There has been very little acknowledgment that kids get away from even the best parents, and it is horrifying whenever it happens.

The core and gut of America is not one of compassion and care; it is filled with the poison of racial and sexual hatred. In incidents like this, it seeps out. The scab over America's sore does not hold well when it is hit by events that play to the most base racist instincts and emotions of far too many people.

I hope the investigation of the parents ends. I hope the mother and father do not lose their jobs and therefore, their capacity to take care of their children. I hope they keep taking their kids out to places - like zoos - where they can learn and grow. I hope the mean-spirited "moms" and "animal lovers" will stop spewing their hatred and perhaps spend energy on getting zoos to make their animal enclosures more kid-safe.

I hope all of that, but I am not optimistic that my hopes will be realized.

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# The many delusions of Donald Trump

What do you say about someone who apparently sees things that do not exist? I have been asking myself that question while I have watched Donald Trump's presidential campaign unfold. And, as taunts name-calling, and the lack of substance continue to define the tone of Trump's campaign, I have wondered whether we need to think about Trump in a different way.

Let's review three items. First, Trump has argued for a wall between the United States and Mexico to prevent Mexican migrants, who he

contends are the major source of crime in the U.S., from entering this country. Interesting. In reality, the migration flow in recent years has reversed between the U.S. and Mexico, i.e., people are returning to Mexico. Second, if Mexicans are the major source of crime, what does Trump have to say about Russian immigrants and the Russian mafia? What about previous generations of criminal organizations that have been associated with immigrant communities, such as the Cosa Nostra (Sicilian and Italian), as well as Irish and Jewish mobs? Why not expel all of them? Well, the Donald is silent on this. Besides racist, what does one call such a mischaracterization of reality?

A second example: Trump asserted—and repeated—that

on 11 September 2001, masses of Muslims in the U.S. were applauding the terrorist attacks. No evidence—and I repeat NO EVIDENCE—has ever been found to back up his claim. Yet, Trump and many of his supporters continue to argue that they saw it. How is that possible?

The third example, and I simply have to bring this up. Trump seized onto the so-called birther allegations against President Obama, suggesting that he is not a true citizen of the U.S. and, therefore, has been ineligible to be President of the U.S. Again, in addition to racism, what do you call someone who, despite all legitimate evidence, continues to assert something which is so obviously false?

This all reminded me of the "Flat Earth Society." I

have no idea whether they still exist, but during the 1960s this group, which believed that the Earth was flat, sent a congratulatory note to an orbiting U.S. space vehicle saying to them that while the Earth might look round, it was actually an optical illusion. Hmm...

So, the next time that you hear someone say that they support Trump because he calls it as it is, ask them about Mexican immigration to the U.S., Muslims celebrating 9-11, and his false citizenship allegations against President Obama and watch their response. If they tell you that it doesn't matter, all that I can only suggest one thing...run.

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## CURRY'S COMMENTS

### Ali's stance on Vietnam War emboldened MLK to oppose conflict

(Via George Curry Media)

Muhammad Ali's decision to risk going to jail by opposing the Vietnam War provided Dr. Martin Luther King with the strength to come out against the war publicly for the first time, according to the board chairman of King's old organization.



George Curry

Bernard Lafayette, a longtime Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) field organizer and current board chairman, said in an interview with [EmergeNewsOnline.com](http://emergeonline.com): "He was the reason Martin Luther King had the courage to come out and take a stand against the war, even though Martin Luther King's own board was not in favor of it."

He added, "I don't remember any exact quotes, but Muhammad Ali is the one that pushed Martin Luther King to take a stand." Ali, who was a global icon in and out of the boxing ring, died June 3 in a hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he had been admitted with respiratory problems. He was 74 years old. A private funeral service will be held Thursday in his hometown of Louisville, Ky. followed by a public memorial on Friday.

On April 28, 1967, at the height of the Vietnam War, Muhammad Ali refused to be drafted into the U.S. Army, citing religious reasons. He said, "I ain't got no quarrel with those Vietcong." Ali, who had converted to Islam three years earlier and changed his name from Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. to Muhammad Ali, was immediately stripped of his heavyweight championship title.

He was convicted of draft evasion on June 20, 1967, sentenced to five years in prison, fined \$10,000 and banned from boxing for three years. He remained free while his case worked its way through the appeals process. On June 28, 1971, a unanimous Supreme Court overturned his conviction, granting him conscientious objector status.

Ali's standoff with the federal government captured the attention of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the preeminent civil rights leader of that period.

Like Ali, he took a stand against the Vietnam War, a position that was opposed by many of his fellow civil rights warriors, including NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins and National Urban League President Whitney Young, Jr.

On April 30, 1967 - just two days after Ali refused to take a step forward to be inducted into the Army - King gave a major address against the war at Riverside Church in New York City.

"I speak out against this war, not in anger, but with anxiety and sorrow in my heart, and, above all, with a passionate desire to see our

beloved country stand as the moral example of the world," King said. "I speak out against this war because I am disappointed with America. And there can be no great disappointment where there is not great love. I am disappointed with our failure to deal positively and forthrightly with the triple evils of racism, economic exploitation, and militarism. We are presently moving down a dead-end road that can lead to national disaster. America has strayed to the far country of racism and militarism."

While then-president Lyndon B. Johnson objected to King's opposition to the war, the nation's first African American president praised Ali for his unpopular stand. In a statement, President and Mrs. Obama said, "Muhammad Ali shook up the world. And the world is better for it. We are all better for it."

They explained, "He stood with King and Mandela; stood up when it was hard; spoke out when others wouldn't. His fight outside the ring would cost him his title and his public standing. It would earn him enemies on the left and the right, make him reviled, and nearly send him to jail. But Ali stood his ground. And his victory helped us get used to the America we recognize today."

LeBron James, the Cleveland Cavaliers great, said Black professional athletes owe Ali a special debt of gratitude.

"The reason why he's the GOAT is not because of what he did in the ring, which was unbelievable," James said, referring to the acronym that stands for greatest of all time.

"It's what he did outside of the ring, what he believed in, what he stood for, along with Jim Brown and Oscar Robertson, Lew Alcindor - obviously, who became Kareem [Abdul-Jabbar] - Bill Russell, Jackie Robinson. Those guys stood for something. He's part of the reason why African-Americans today can do what we do in the sports world. We're free. They allow us to have access to anything we want. It's because of what they stood for, and Muhammad Ali was definitely the pioneer for that."

The former heavyweight champion occupied a special place in Black America. Like Joe Lewis had instilled mass pride in an earlier generation, he did the same for the succeeding generation.

The Louisville, Ky. native won a gold medal at the 1960 Olympics in Rome and turned pro later that year. On Feb. 25, 1964, Ali scored an upset knockout over Sonny Liston in the sixth round, becoming heavyweight champion. In addition to predicting the round his opponent would fall, Ali provided the most colorful quotes of any boxer before or afterward.

"The Louisville Lip," as he was sometimes known, was famous for saying, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee -

his hands can't hit what his eyes can't see."

In case you didn't get the point, he said, "I done something new for this fight. I wrestled with an alligator. I tussled with a whale. I handcuffed lightning. I thrown thunder in jail. Only last week I murdered a rock, injured a stone, hospitalized a brick. I'm, so mean I make medicine sick."

He also said, "I'm not the greatest. I'm the double greatest. Not only do I knock 'em out, I pick the round. I'm the boldest, the most superior, most scientific, most skillful fighter in the ring today."

And there was this: "It's hard to be humble when you're as great as I am."

Not all of his lines were original, but that did not seem to matter. For example, he often said, "I'm so fast that last night I turned off the light switch in my hotel room and got into bed before the room was dark."

A variation of that quote is widely attributed to Negro League baseball great Josh Gibson describing Cool Papa Bell. But Ali could get away with claiming it.

He would also get away with some politically incorrect jokes.

"If a Black man, a Mexican and a Puerto Rican are sitting in the back of a car, who's driving?" he asked. "Give up? The po-lice."

After being banned from boxing, Ali returned to the ring against Jerry Quarry in Atlanta on Oct. 26, 1970. Ali knocked him out in the third round.

Many of Ali's fights had catchy titles, most of them supplied by him. His 1971 fight against Joe Frazier was billed as the "Fight of the Century." He defeated George Foreman in the "Rumble in the Jungle" in Kinshasa, Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo), knocking out Foreman in the eighth round. After splitting two bouts with Joe Frazier, Ali defeated him in 14 rounds in the "Thrilla in Manila."

Ali retired in 1981 with a 56-5 record and the only person to hold the heavyweight championship three times. In 1984, he was diagnosed with Parkinson disease.

"Later, as his physical powers ebbed, he became an even more powerful force for peace and reconciliation around the world," Obama said of Ali. "We saw a man who said he was so mean he'd make medicine sick reveal a soft spot, visiting children with illness and disability around the world, telling them they, too, could become the greatest. We watched a hero light a torch, and fight his greatest fight of all on the world stage once again; a battle against the disease that ravaged his body, but couldn't take the spark from his eyes."

Jesse L. Jackson, founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, said of Ali, "He sacrificed the heart of his career and money and glory for his religious beliefs about a war he thought unnecessary and unjust...He was a champion in the ring, but, more than

that, a hero beyond the ring. When champions win, people carry them off the field on their shoulders. When heroes win, people ride on their shoulders. We rode on Muhammad Ali's shoulders."

Another civil rights leader, Marc H. Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League, said: "I believe Muhammad Ali was the greatest athlete of the 20th century. Whether he was the greatest boxer in history may be debated for generations. But none has had a greater impact on American culture and social justice."

On Twitter, Rev. Al Sharpton, president and founder of the National Action Network, said Ali "was and always will be the greatest." Sharpton said, "We should all strive to embody the virtues he possessed."

Even Ali's former opponents had nothing but praise for him.

"It's like a part of me just passed w/him," George Foreman Tweeted. "It's hard for me to think about being in a world without Muhammad Ali being alive."

Bernard Lafayette, the SCLC board chairman, gave two personal examples of Ali's typical interaction with people he did not know.

In 1966, Lafayette had been organizing the Chicago Freedom Movement, which marked the expansion of SCLC's activities from the South to northern cities. He was preparing to board a flight to Atlanta when he spotted Ali.

"I was a complete stranger," Lafayette recalled. "I recognized him and started talking to him. He said, 'Where are you sitting?' I told him coach. He said, 'Give me your boarding pass.' He took my boarding pass and got me a first-class seat next to him."

Lafayette said Ali spent most of the flight talking to his wife on the telephone.

"When we got off, everybody went wild when they saw him. I just pretended to be his bodyguard so people wouldn't bother him."

The following year, Lafayette and a friend decided to drop by Ali's residence in Chicago unannounced.

"Paul Brooks and I just rang the door bell," Lafayette recounted. "A guy came out and we said, 'We're here to see the champion.' He went back and told him we were there to see him. He told us to come on in. We went into his bedroom and Ali was shaving. He finished shaving and talked to us about an hour and a half. Ali loved to talk."

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## CASH IN THE APPLE ALI

Seeing him old and frail these last couple of years, I knew...indeed the world knew that we'd soon be saying goodbye to Muhammad Ali. Literally the most recognized human being on the planet. What joy Ali brought us during the 1960's and 70's when he was still in the ring. We needed a bold, brave black man of courage to stand up to the world unafraid. Yes, we had Martin, we had Malcolm, and so many others who spoke truth to power. And they paid for their selflessness with their lives.



Cash Michaels

They didn't kill Ali (though I'm sure the young black Muslim got his share of threats). No, they thought they could turn him into a slave, have him put on an Army uniform, and travel around the world representing a war (Vietnam) That he didn't believe in.

They thought wrong. The courage, wisdom and sheer humanity of Ali's act of defiance in refusing to be drafted into the Army, thus allowing the government to take his title, his livelihood, and arguably the best years of his professional life, is unmatched. Ali exhibited a manhood few could equal in either word or deed. People like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - no slouch in the manhood department himself - stood with Ali in support of his brave stand.

And then, once the US Supreme Court ruled after three years that Ali was right, he reentered the ring, and continued to give us some of the most thrilling fights in history.

No, it was not pretty watching Ali fighting past his prime, but as he got older in front us, we realized that we loved him that much more. And when we witnessed the ravages of Parkinson's Disease on this Old warrior, we loved him even more.

There can be no question that Ali's appearance lighting the Torch at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta was an historic moment none of us will ever forget. That took tremendous courage.

The numerous acts of humanity and charitable work that Ali performed all over the world, despite his limitations, until the very end, are testament to the kind of human being he really was. So we look back with pride and with warmth. Just look at how blessed we were...to be born during a time when we saw the first black president of the United States, and to see with our own eyes "The Greatest of All Time."

THE NEW "ROOTS" - Last week, no less than rap music legend Snoop Dogg opened his mouth to protest the airing of the new miniseries "Roots," which is based on the old 1977 ABC television miniseries, and the book by author Alex Haley. As you know the story is about Haley's great, great ancestor, Kunta Kinte, and how he was kidnapped from West Africa to the New World. The story follows Kinte and how his family tree evolved throughout the years.

In other words, the classic story of Kinte always has been, and always will be an important piece of black history. And that's why "Roots" was brought back by Mark Wolper; the son of original 1977 executive director David L. Wolper, and actor/director LeVar Burton, who made his television debut as the original Kunta Kinte in the ABC series.

Apparently Snoop hated the very idea of "Roots" coming back, because he started blasting it before it started airing.

He went off on Instagram ranting about how "they" are going to show us how they enslaved us then, when "they" are enslaving us now. And instead, they should be showing the successful lives blacks are living today.

Now wait a minute...if "they" are still enslaving us now, then what "successful lives" are Snoop talking about? But what is more important is Snoop is apparently one of those extremely ignorant colored people who believe that there should be no such thing as an "African-American" or anything linking us to our common history in Africa. Either you're "black" or you're not. If the best you can do is trace your family back 50 or 60 years to a small town somewhere with any acknowledgment that you had kinfolk before that, then as far as Snoop, Raven - Symone and other ignorant folks are concerned, that's all we need to know. Since we don't "know no Africans," folks like Snoop don't want to know any, and would prefer not to be linked to any.

The fact remains that black people, African-Americans today owe whatever success they have today to the groundwork that their ancestors toiled for hundreds of years earlier. Those ancestors also had a beginning, but more importantly, they also greater respect for their beginnings, and they passed that respect onto us through the oral tradition, something we, as a people, maintain and cherish even today.

To have people like Snoop Dogg, who still has a large following of young people as fans, to pretty much say that there is no value in knowing where we come from, and how we still survived against all odds, is a travesty, and ignorant. As the parent of an intelligent 13-year-old, I want my youngest daughter to watch the new and old "Roots," and I want to watch it with her. I want to share that history with her, so that she may carry the same pride in her that many of us have carried since watching the original "Roots".

I guess Snoop just isn't invited. THE PEOPLE VS. O.J. SIMPSON - After a recent bout in the hospital for another round of chemo, I had the chance to watch a lot of the television I couldn't see while I was away from home. One of the programs I watched was the FX miniseries "The People vs. O.J. Simpson." Yes, we all know how the actual 1995 case ended (Simpson was found not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman), but we were never made fully aware of all of the politics involved on both sides of the case. The series is based on the book "Run for Your Life" by CNN analysts Jeffrey Toobin.

The series is well produced and written, and stars Courtney B. Vance as defense attorney Johnnie Cochran and attorney Robert Shapiro. Cuba Gooding Jr. portrays O.J.

This Saturday, FX reruns the entire 10-episode series in a marathon starting at 3 p.m.. Trust me, it is well worth watching.

Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011. Until next week, keep a smile on your face, GOD in your heart, and The Wilmington Journal in your life. Bye, bye.

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## New Hanover County

**Be the Bridge Wilmington** will present "Awareness Justice & Reconciliation Conversation" with Latasha Morrison on Thursday, June 16th at Port City Community Church, Studio 3, 250 Vision Dr. at 6:30 p.m. doors open at 6:00 p.m.



**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

**Saint Augustine's University Alumni Chapter** will hold their monthly meeting on June 18th from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Covil Farms Club House, 7100 Covil Farms Rd. Run Ride, & Roll will be held at Greenfield Park on June 4th 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: Free. First 150 registrants will receive a Run, Ride & Roll cinch bag. Register on line at [www.runriderooll.com](http://www.runriderooll.com). Three different activities will take place for this event. All events take place at the same time so please just pick one event.

**The Burnett-Eaton Museum Foundation and St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church** along with the community and friends of Wilmington, North Carolina will "Celebrate The Legacy and Preserve Our Community" through an outdoor event and tour. The Walk of the heritage trail will take place through the cobblestone streets of the city and we will learn of their indomitable spirit and triumph through those tough times of our history. It is free and open to all ages, youth are encouraged to bring an adult with them at 10:00am Saturday, June 25, 2016 at Burnett-Eaton Museum Foundation 410 North 7th Street. Then at 11:45am the tour will proceed at St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church on 501 Red Cross Street. At 1:00pm there will be the intermission and refreshments back at the museum. After that we will be having the Meet of "Harriet Tubman" Violence Prevention Pledge at 2:00pm and the Heritage Trail will continue from there. For more information, or inclement weather call Ishah Speller 910-795-8597.

**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](mailto:info@lupusnc.org) or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit [www.lupusnc.org](http://www.lupusnc.org).

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

## Brunswick County

**The Navassa Parade Committee** is accepting applications from anyone who would like to come help celebrate the 35th Annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, July 9th at 10:00 a.m. Applications can be picked up at Navassa Town Hall, 334 Main St., Navassa between 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. or [www.townofnavassa.org](http://www.townofnavassa.org). Vendor applications can also be retrieved from the website.

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Bolivia Brunswick County

A population is all of the people inhabiting a specified area. The population in Brunswick County Beaches appears to be increasing yearly. The summertime is here and tropical storms can be destructive to the beaches in Brunswick County.



Verniece Stanley

Survival tactics are more important than the racist bill House Bill 1083. We should discuss evacuation plans with our friends. They may be foreigners, Whites and African Americans. In this country today, we are having more and more floods in the deep South and elsewhere. With floods, earthquakes, landslides and hurricanes

happening more frequently, results of such adverse weather conditions could be more destructive in the United States. Thousands of Americans could end up homeless, hungry, hurt, or even dead.

We want our children to grow up in a better educational society and receive the best education possible. We are losing too many students with good minds. Sometimes, students need more individual help for them to gain a specific skill. Many times, it only takes a minute or two longer. Many questionable things are going on in our schools, and they will stay hidden because some teachers do not want to teach Black children. Two or three black children in some teachers' classrooms may be too many. More qualified Black teachers are needed in Brunswick County Schools. Sometimes,

highly qualified teachers are turned down for work in Brunswick County and are hired in New Hanover County with the same qualifications. Parents in Brunswick County want their children to have the best education possible. This includes the best modern day technology available as well.

Blacks in Bolivia and Brunswick County must use their freedom of speech in the Democratic presidential election in November. We must use our right to vote and support the candidate of our choice! Both Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders were confronted by Black Lives Matter activists. The question at hand is this: Beyond the movement itself, what does the actual term mean to you? Black Americans deserve the right to vote, and that rights must not be taken away. Slavery was the original sin

of America, but the Thirteenth Amendment tried to move us forward. We still have the equivalent of Jim Crow, and we still live with legal segregation.

*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.*

## Film screening to support Williston students and food bank

Documentary on 1898 massacre returns to Wilmington

After touring the state and several parts of the country, Speller Street Films L.L.C. returns to Wilmington, NC with a double screening of the documentary, *Wilmington on Fire* on June 18th at 1pm & 4pm at Williston Middle School Auditorium. A percentage of the proceeds from ticket sales to benefit Williston Middle School students.

"It feels great to be back in Wilmington, where it all started", said Christopher Everett, the Director & Producer of Wilmington on Fire. "Since the premiere at Cuccalorus in November, the community and the city of Wilmington have embraced the film. This time around I wanted to host a few community screenings and help some of the schools and organizations that are striving to help the youth in the

community."

Christopher is also working with The Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC in Wilmington and they will have a table at the screening from 12:30pm - 4pm. The Food Bank in Wilmington is working to support families who are food insecure during the summer months when children are home and out of school, having no access to free school lunches. Attendees are asked to please bring can goods or monetary donations to contribute to The Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC in Wilmington.

You can also catch Christopher Everett on the next episode of the Black Issues Forum, June 13th at 5pm on UNC-TV. He will have an in-depth discussion with the show's host,

Deborah Holt Noel about the film and the history of the 1898 massacre. UNC-TV airs on channel 6 in Wilmington.

The Wilmington Massacre was a bloody attack on the African-American community by a heavily armed white mob with the support of the North Carolina Democratic Party on November 10, 1898 in the port city of Wilmington, North Carolina. It is considered one of the only successful examples of a coup d'état in the United States that left countless numbers of African-American citizens dead and exiled from the city. This event was the spring board for the white supremacy movement and Jim Crow segregation throughout the state of North Carolina and the American South. The film

shows how this tragic event not only cemented white supremacy in the city of Wilmington and the state of North Carolina but also throughout the United States of America.

Speller Street Films L.L.C. will host various screenings of the film in the city, throughout the summer as a way to raise funds for various schools and organizations in the Wilmington area. *Wilmington on Fire* will screen at 1pm & 4pm, June 18th at Williston Middle School Auditorium, 401 S 10th St, Wilmington, NC 28401. Tickets are \$10 at the door and can be purchased in advance at [www.wofwililmington.eventbrite.com](http://www.wofwililmington.eventbrite.com).

For more information, contact Speller Street Films L.L.C. at [spellerstreetfilms@gmail.com](mailto:spellerstreetfilms@gmail.com).

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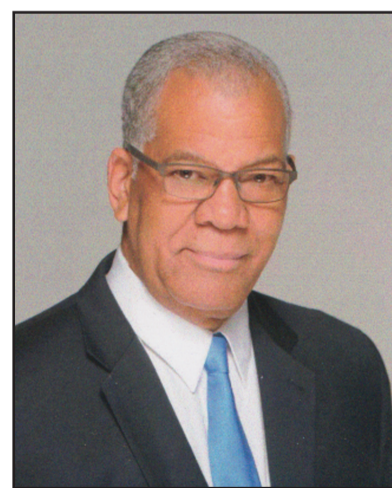
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**Marie Maynard Cotton**

Marie Maynard Cotton, who resided in Wilmington, North Carolina, Leaves to cherish precious memories her son, Clarence Cotton, two granddaughters, one grandson, three great grandchildren and many loved ones and friends. Marie was preceded in death by her daughter Mable Cotton.

Services were held Saturday May 21, 2016. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com).

**Mr. Michael Reid**

Michael Reid was born on October 25, 1956 to Elizabeth Reid and the late James E. Reid in Jacksonville, North Carolina. He departed this life on May 26, 2016. He was preceded in death by his brother Alan Reid.

Michael graduated from John T. Hoggard High School, Wilmington, North Carolina in 1975, after which, he attended St. Augustine College, Raleigh North Carolina and Niagara Falls College in Buffalo, New York. After college he worked with Northern Telecom in the Raleigh/Durham area.

Michael had a passion for driving long distance trucks as well as referring the inner city youth games. Before calling a game, he always had prayer with the team players. He had a great affection towards his mother and grandfather. He was very well known, never met a stranger. He loved people and they loved him. Michael was such a devoted kind, loving spiritual and caring person and will be greatly missed.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his son Isaiah Reid of Durham, NC; daughter Michelle Reid of Raleigh, NC; his mother Elizabeth Reid of the city, his brother Thomas Morris of the city, grandfather Ben Nelson of

the city, his half-brothers Nicholas Reid (Tonette) of Charlotte, NC; James Reid, Jonathan Reid, Jonathan D. Reid (Rochelle) and Frankie Chavis, and Michael L. Reid, all of Raleigh, NC; half-sister Narja Odain (Marlon) of Tokyo, Japan, a special cousin Wanda Cook Coston of the city, nieces Shanelle Hines and Shanita Reid both of the city and a host of in-laws, other relatives and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com).

**Mary L. Wilson**

Mary L. Wilson, 83, of Riegelwood, passed away Friday, May 27, 2016. Services were held Thursday, June 2, 2016 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 484 Money Hole Rd., Riegelwood, NC 28423. Burial followed in the Freeman Community Cemetery.

Mary Lee Fowler Wilson was born October 3, 1932 to the late John Edward Fowler and Lillie Mae Shaw Fowler. On Friday, May 27, 2016, God dispatched an angel to her home and called home a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend from time to eternity.

Mary Lee was joined in holy matrimony to the late Rufus Wilson, Sr. Their union was blessed with five children. She was preceded in death by: three sons, Rufus Jr., Curtis, Kenneth; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Wilson; three grandchildren; O'Keon Graham Wilson, Tyesha Wilson, Sonya Ratchford and Dorothy Marie Brown.

At an early age Mary Lee accepted Christ as her Savior and joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Bolton, NC. She was a faithful and very devoted member. She sung in the choir and did missionary work throughout the community.

Mary Lee was a great wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to all. She loved people and they loved her back. In many communities she will be remembered for her sweet potato pies, fried corn, and homemade biscuits. Mary Lee always saw the good in others. She would lend a helping hand to anyone who needed her.

A devoted family woman, Mary Lee spent countless days, nights, and even years caring for her family. She will always be remembered for her generosity of spirit and loving ways.

She leaves to cherish wonderful and loving memories: Children, Mary Ella Brown and Edward (Lutricia) Wilson; Sister, Mabel Fowler Lucky (Clarence); Sisters-in-Law, Edna Wilson, Cynthia Fowler, Mattie Feaster (Alonzo), and Ella Lee Brooks (Troy, Sr.); Daughters-in-Law, Delores Wilson and Debbie Wilson; Grandchildren, Rachel Walker (Kendrick), Edwina Green (Marvin), Isha Carr (Nicholas), Oliver Brown, Jr. (Equanell), Tyron Brown (Shequita), Levern McLeod, Erica Barnett (Shane), Tiffany Reid (Cliffton), Jermaine Jones (Lisa), Marie Simpson, Fatima Wilson, Gage Wilson, and Carlos Sanders; Great Grandchildren: Shakeda Wilson, Tiest Ratchford, Anya Nillaly, Shameek Green, Armoni Moore, Jamari Moore, O'Keon Wilson, Nymia Carr, Shiyron McLeod, Arvonyma McLeod, Caiden Brown, Daisa, Brooklyn, Harmey Barnett, India Reid, Mark, Rakeen, Dominique, Aliyah Ratchford, and Chris Freeman; Special Friends: Pauline Graham and Yvonne Marks; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Andrade D. Samuel**

Andrade D. Samuel, 39, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, May 20, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

He was born March 9, 1977 in Wilmington, NC to Cordillia V. Samuel. He departed his earthly journey, on May 20, 2016.

He was deeply loved by his family and friends. They will miss his every loving presence.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Raphael Samuel; his loving aunt, Evelyn Noble-Nixon and his great-grandparents, James and Theola Noble. Andrade attended New Hanover County Schools and enjoyed landscaping.

He leaves to cherish his memories: mother, Cordillia V. Samuel; two sisters, Gabrielle Samuels and Dominique Samuel; grandmother, Virginia Samuel; one uncle, Tommy "Tim" Samuel (Stephanie); three nieces, Rakael, Cloey and special niece, Janiya; nephew, Jaylin; three great aunts, Janet Noble, Marcia McNeill and Beverly Noble; special friends, Stephanie Devaughn, Lorenzo Sharpe, Jerome Davis and Mike Williams; and a host of cousins, other relatives 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Major Grady, Jr.**

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 AME 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 too, 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.

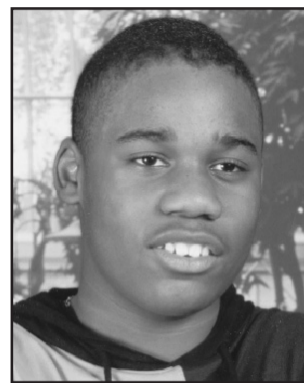
He leaves to cherish his memories his devoted wife: Vernessa D. Grady; children: Kristal Jackson (Bruce), Shiquitta Bowman, L'Eacha Tindall, Torrell Tindall, Darius Grady, Kaleah Peters, Kateria Peters, Kalaia Peters; grandchildren: Melodi Grady, Bre-Elle Hamilton, Ari Jackson, Nia Jones, Ciera Batts, Anthony Brown, Antonio Brown; mother: Arlene Grady; sisters: Faye Grady, Sylvia Grady, Jerelyn Dowd, Paulette Grady, Evangeline Tart (Frankie Sr.), Donna Grady, Tracy Grady, Marilyn Rhodes (Virgil), Reba Hobbs, LaRonda Woods-Freeman (Greg); brother: Gerald Davis. A host of other loving nieces, nephews, family, friends and the entire Rippy Cadillac Family. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Hattie D. Shepard**

Hattie D. Shepard, 82, of Wilmington passed away Friday, June 3, 2016. Services will be held 1:00 pm, Friday June 10, 2016 at First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, 520 N. 5th Ave. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6:00 -

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**In Loving Memory Of**



**Christopher Brooks Thomas**

**Sunrise: December 22, 1991  
Sunset: June 8, 1997**

Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day, I'm going home to my Jesus, everything's going my way.

I woke up this morning bright lights all around, church folk dancing and shouting, everybody getting down.

What is this place I asked? I didn't have to ask it twice; an angel turned to me and said "Chris, you're in Paradise."

You're about to take journey, to nothing you can compare. You're in the arms of Jesus, there's happiness everywhere. Your time on earth with us is over; you've put away earthly things. The time has come and we're deeply saddened, but we know you've earned your wings.

You're in the arms of Jesus and we know you're safe with Him, you're left us who love you, so many precious memories.

You have paved the way for each of us and now we miss live a kind and gently life like you, with Jesus as our guide. We know you will be there to greet us on our appointed dates. When it's our turn to join you in Heaven's pearly gates.

Chris, you were very special to me in so many ways. I'm hurting now, but I know God will see me through.

I'll miss the talks we had and the letters too, but God has promised to comfort me and to keep me in His care. I'm already finding strength in knowing that not only were you special to me and all the family.

**But most importantly,  
YOU WERE EXTRA  
SPECIAL TO GOD.**

With love,  
The Family

**In Loving Memory Of**



**Sadie Bell Pearson  
June 2009**

Though your smile is gone forever  
And your hand we cannot touch  
We have so many memories  
Of the ones we loved so much.  
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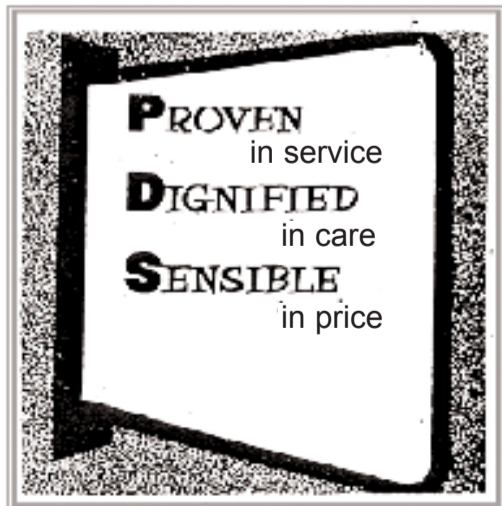
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(L-R) Robert "Butch" Brunson, Karen Davis Brunson, Sadie Davis Graham, Jennifer A. Terrell and Javoke S. Terrell



## New Hanover County

**Central Missionary Baptist Church**, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate Father's Day and Men's Day on Sunday, June 19th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Gary Fullard, associate minister of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.



## Religious Briefs

**Chords Across America Gospel Ministries**, 1020 Rankin St. will hold an evening service on Sunday, June 12th at 4:00 p.m. The speaker will be Pastor C. McIntyre of New Hope Baptist Church.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 600 Grace St., Community Vacation Bible School 2016 will be held from Monday, June 13th - Friday, June 17th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Classes for K-12th grade and parent participation is essential. The entire family is welcome. For more information contact the church office at 910-763-3858.

**St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church** will their Annual Children's Day celebration on Sunday, June 12th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Miss Charissa Cuttino. For more information, you may call Sis. Boykin at 910-200-4953 or Sis. Aimee Brown at 910-383-3605.

**The Spirit of Truth**, 216 Marsteller St. will hold a birthday celebration for Chief Apostle Vivian Benjamin on Friday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Apostle LeTonya McLaurin Harris, pastor of Death to Destiny. For more information call 910-617-4542.

## Brunswick County

**The Sons of God** will present Friday Night Live: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost join force on Friday, June 10th at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, NC. The speakers will be Rev. Richard Joyner, Rev. Brian Monroe and Rev. Quan Stewart. Hooper's Chapel Male Chorus, Zion Hill Male Chorus and the Sons of God will be the musical guests.

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## Men's Day at Mt. Olive

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE  
TO THE WILMINGTON  
JOURNAL

Sunday, June 19th is Men's Day at Mt. Olive AME Church, 1001 S. 7th Street.

The speaker for the worship service is William O. Boykin, Manager/Funeral Director at Shaw's Funeral Home. He is a son of the church, a Steward and a member of the Lay Organization.

The Sons of Allen Men's Choir will be rendering the



WILLIAM O. BOYKIN

music. We invite the public to join us on this special day.

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8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

## Donal N. Thomas

Donal N. Thomas, 71, of Navassa, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2016 at New

Hanover Regional Medical Center. Services will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 335 Main St., Navassa. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be on Friday, June 10, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

## TELL SOMEBODY

"And it came to pass that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

**"R**ender therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." Romans 13:7

One of the best ways in which we can give honor to God, is to humble ourselves and come before him in sincere prayer! While Jesus dwelt among us, he always honored his Father God and taught his disciples to do the same.

"And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." Luke 11:2

When Jesus humbled himself, he set the example for his followers in order for them to have a relationship with our Father God. In order to be a true and effective disciple of Christ, one must be teachable and possess the virtue of humility so we

## "Lord, teach us to pray"



Sylvia Hooper

can walk like he walked and live as he lived. We need to seek the face of the God and ask him in the name of Jesus for whatever we need to have. We all need to have an understanding of exactly what the Father's will is for our lives. Having this understanding will empower us to carry out His will, and to give him the glory and honor due his high name.

When we pray, we need to understand the "Fatherhood" of God to all mankind and to further understand that he is in heaven. His name is Holy, and is to be revered (honored and respected). We want his kingdom to come into our hearts and into our everyday lives. "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." I Corinthians 4:20 We want his will to be done in every area of our lives. We surrender our will to his, and we submit our thoughts and our ways to his will.

"Give us this day our daily

bread." Matthew 6:11 So, when we pray, we must be totally dependent on the Lord to supply our daily needs. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." When we pray, and ask for forgiveness, we must release and forgive others who owe us something.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: From time to time, we will be met with temptations (to entice to do wrong with the promise of pleasure) James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptations:"

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations." II Peter 2:9 . Our God is a divine deliverer, and he is able to deliver us from anything at anytime.

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen" Matthew 6:13 "God has spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God." Proverbs 62:11 The true power of God is without limit and without boundaries. Our God has power to deliver; Daniel 3:17; Our God has power to save to the uttermost, Hebrews 7:25. Our God has power to subdue all things, and God has power to

keep us from falling. Jude 24; God has power to do exceeding, abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Ephesians 3:20 Knowing this, gives us power through prayer to overcome every obstacle, and to walk in victory, everyday of our lives!

Prayer: Lord, teach us to pray each and every day, for without you, we can do nothing. Amen Tell Somebody!

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

## Stand against gun violence

Wilmington Faiths Against Gun Violence is a coalition of over 25 religious and civic groups dedicated to doing what it can to reduce gun violence in our city. The group seeks to promote responsible gun ownership, support those working with youth who are particularly prone to experience gun violence, and to promote civil and reasonable conversations about gun laws and regulations. As a coalition, we held a prayer vigil in downtown Wilmington last December 14th on the anniversary of the Sandy Hook slaughter of the innocents, offering prayers for gun victims and shooters alike. Prayers were prayed by Christian ministers, a Rabbi, an Imam, a Buddhist monk, a state legislator, young children and the mother of a child who was killed on our streets

That prayer vigil drew in excess of 250 Wilmingtonians. The final prayer was for "the next victim" whom we all knew was going to be a reality. Sadly, just two weeks later a young man was shot and killed in our city. Since the vigil, six people have been shot to death in Wilmington, others have been wounded and the incidents of gun shots fired remain an all too regular occurrence. We are on a pace, yet again this year, to experience 30,000 gun deaths as a nation and 60,000 more injured. Crime rates have declined without a corresponding reduction in gun

deaths. Something has to be done.

What drew us together was the belief that to do nothing in the face of these tragedies was to condone them. We are tired of the unproductive rhetoric of the extremists on both sides of the issue. We are aware that most gun owners are responsible and support tighter regulations on gun safety requirements, on universal background checks, on the loopholes which can allow guns to get into the wrong hands. We also know that gaining a consensus on steps we might take to reduce gun violence will take time, patience and persistence.

As people of faith and conscience, we cannot let the difficulty of the task deter us. We need to continue to keep this issue in the public eye. We must advocate for the election of representatives who are neither afraid of special interests nor advocates of repealing the second amendment. We need to elect people who share our vision of mitigating the risks of violence while at the same time enforcing and where needed, strengthening the laws we already have for those who violate them. We need to support the efforts of our Police Departments to reduce the violence by working with communities in the most affected areas. We need to support the efforts of local churches at the epicenter of the violence. We applaud the work of local grass roots

organizations such as "Moms in Mourning" who are reaching out to schools and families because they know, firsthand, what it is to lose a child to gun violence.

The North Carolina Council of Churches has called for a "Stand Up Sabbath" to coincide with the first anniversary of the killings at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston on the weekend of June 17-19. Communities of Faith around the state will gather to remember that tragedy, to speak to one another about what it means to be affected by gun violence and to contact our state representatives asking them to do what they can to stop the violence. Here, in Wilmington, there will be a service on Sunday, June 19 at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church. Wilmington Faiths Against Gun Violence will be participating in that commemoration.

We hope that all of us, regardless of our position on guns, will take a moment that weekend to remember a senseless, horrific act in Charleston and all the senseless carnage caused by gun violence in our community and nation each year.

We know that we will never totally end gun violence. But that is not an excuse to throw up our hands and do nothing. There is a saying in organizational development that "this system is perfectly designed to get the results we are currently getting." The results of our

systems around guns and gun violence are unacceptable. It is time to Stand up and begin working on changing the system.

Signed:

- The Rev Canon James Hanisian (Church of the Servant)
- Reverend Emile Harley (Winterpark Presbyterian Church)
- Reverend Wayne Johnson (St. Stephen A.M.E. Church)
- Rabbi Paul Sidofsky (Temple of Israel)
- The Very Rev. Dena Whalen (St. Paul's Episcopal Church)
- The Rev. Victor Frederickson (St. Mark's Episcopal Church)
- The Rev. Ron Abrams (St. James Episcopal Church)
- Reverend Clifford Barnett (Warner Temple, A.M.E. Zion)
- The Rev. Richard Warner (Church of the Holy Cross)
- Ms. Judy McKnight (Moms in Mourning)
- The Rev. Blair Both (Church of the Servant)
- Rabbi Julie Koslow (B'nai Israel Congregation)
- Imam Abdul Rahman Shareef (Tauheed Islamic Center)
- Reverend Jermaine Armour (St. Luke AME Zion)
- Reverend Maria Lacewell (Price Cathedral AME Zion)
- Reverend Henry Gregory (St. Andrew's AME Zion)
- Reverend Karen McCracken (Speaks Temple AME Zion)
- Reverend Carolyn Lewis (Bowden Chapel AME Zion)
- Bishop Linwood Nesbitt (New Covenant Holiness Church).

## The 'Rosa Parks of Wall Street' continues the fight for economic empowerment

## BY MARC H. MORIAL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "Don't just give us money, and don't just show up for the Equal Opportunity Day dinner. That is not enough when you look at black consumer power in this country. It's not enough for you to come and shake our hands and be our friends. We want in." - **Vernon Jordan, National Urban League President 1971 -1981, on his message to corporate executives**

The National Urban League last week released our annual report on the social and economic status of people of color, the State of Black America®. This year's edition, "Locked Out: Education, Jobs & Justice," was especially significant because it marked the 40th anniversary of the report, first issued in 1976 by Vernon Jordan.

In a video message Jordan

recorded for the State of Black America® release, he recalled the tears he wept the night Barack Obama was elected President.

"It dawned on me that my tears were not really my tears, but they were the tears of my grandparents and my parents. They were the tears of all those black people who toiled that cotton and lifted that bale. The notion that Obama was going to be President, or that any black person was going to be President, is stunning."

While we reflect this year on how far we've come since Jordan first issued State of Black America®, Jordan's own life is a vivid illustration of the progression of civil rights throughout the latter half of the 20th Century and into the 21st.

"He is kind of the Rosa Parks of Wall Street," Harvard historian Henry Louis Gates, Jr., told Bloomberg. "He realized that

the first phase of the modern civil rights movement was fighting legal segregation, but the roots of racism were fundamentally economic."



Marc Morial

According to the Bloomberg profile, published on the occasion of his 80th birthday last year: "As a young man in Jim Crow Georgia, his first job was chauffeuring a white banker who was shocked that he could read. Now he counts some of America's most wealthy and powerful citizens as friends and CEOs of Fortune 500 companies are proud to call him a mentor."

Jordan himself often recounts what he calls his earliest political memory, listening to Georgia's segrega-

tionist Governor Eugene Talmadge on the radio in 1943, when Mr. Jordan was only eight years old. "I have two planks in my platform," Talmadge said. "N\*\*\*\*rs and roads. I'm against the first and for the second."

Persuaded by a recruiter to apply to an integrated college in the north, Vernon enrolled at DePaw University in Indiana over his parents' misgivings.

"Here were Negro parents, both of whom had grandparents who were slaves, who to some extent were conditioned to the southern way of life," Jordan told author Robert Penn Warren in 1964. "They could never quite adjust to the idea of their boy even being in Green Castle, Indiana, the only Negro in a class of 400 students, and they felt their boy, their baby, their prize, would be happier and have less frustrations if he went to a predominantly Negro institution."

But his parents came to realize the significance of Jordan's choice the night a white classmate came to stay at the Jordans' home.

"In the middle of the night, my father got out of bed and came into my room and turned on the light and stood there with tears in his eyes, put the light out and went back to bed and said to my mother, 'You know, this democracy thing is really here, and it's right here in my house.'"

Having struggled in college due to his sub-standard segregated education in Georgia, Jordan determined upon graduation to pursue a career in civil rights. After receiving his law degree at Howard University, he returned to Georgia where he successfully challenged the University of Georgia's discriminatory admissions policy.

Through the civil rights movement, he realized that

economic empowerment would be the driving force for justice.

"In the 1960s, we conferred and defined the right to check into a hotel," he said. "The 1970s were about providing the wherewithal to check out."

In a commencement address at Stanford University last year he said, "It's much easier to integrate a lunch counter than it is to guarantee a livable income and a good solid job. It is much easier to integrate a public park than it is to make genuine, quality, integrated education a reality. But that is the challenge at hand."

We are grateful that Vernon Jordan has dedicated his life to that challenge, and we are proud to continue his legacy.

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **Doris Ward**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of August, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of May, 2016

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

May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2016

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

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Dennis Michael Edmonds**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **September 9, 2016** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 9th day of June, 2010.

Geraldine Edmonds  
of the Estate of Dennis Michael Edmonds  
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM  
720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Ashby C. Lewis**, 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 **9th day of September, 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 9th day of June, 2016

Sherrill L. Lewis, Executor  
2951 Page Rd.  
Wade, NC 28395

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **John Wesley Chauncey**, 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 **9th day of September, 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 9th day of June, 2016

Dorothy Mae Chauncey, Collector  
419 Sheppard Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28411

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Albert 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 OF JUSTICE, DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 16CVD000134

**Maher Ahmad Awwad  
Alsaibi, 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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Albert Jackson**, 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 **2nd day of September, 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 2nd day of June, 2016

Reginald G. Jackson, Administrator  
1202 S. 8th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **Ruby Elnora Lockard Smith**, 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 **9th day of September, 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 9th day of June, 2016

Johnny M. Smith, Co-Executor  
101 Lucille's Place  
Burgaw, NC 28425  
Jeanne S. Rieman, Co-Executor  
1167 Kings Landing Rd.  
Hampstead, NC 28443

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION 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  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3511  
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May 26, June 2, 9, 2016

## LEGAL NOTICES

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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June 9, 2016

### NOTICE

The Transportation Advisory Committee opened a 30-day public comment period and will be accepting written public comments regarding the Regional Point Assignments for Prioritization 4.0. Comments will be accepted from Thursday, May 26, 2016 through June 24, 2016. Copies of the Draft Regional Point Assignments are available at the WMPO offices, 4th Floor, at 305 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

If you have any questions, please contact Executive Director Mike Kozlosky at (910)342-2781 or email mike.kozlosky@wilmingtonnc.gov.

Please mail all comments to: Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 1810  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1810

June 9, 2016

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION File No. 16 JT 138

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
B.G.T. (DOB: 03-19-2016)**

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following June 9, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR June 27, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 9th day of June, 2016.

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

June 9, 16, 23, 2016

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Julia Elizabeth Johnson**, 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 **9th day of September, 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 9th day of June, 2016

Matthew Johnson, Collector  
404 S. 14th St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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