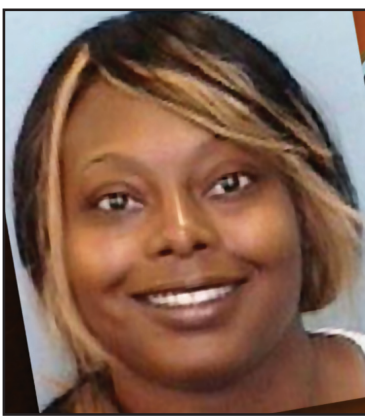




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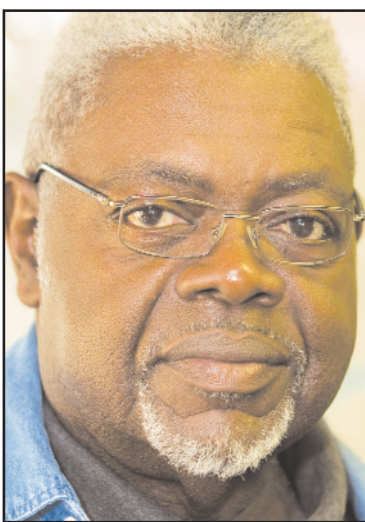
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BERNEST HEWETT

JUNETEENTH AT CAVINESS PARK

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Juneteenth celebration at Caviness Park will be held this coming Saturday, June 18, 2016. I will be this year's parade marshal at this event. It would be a great pleasure to

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CONTROVERSY OVER STATE-RUN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOLS

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Should local low-performing schools be taken over by the state and run by for-profit charter school companies in hopes that a different approach will improve results, or should the state just give local school districts more resources to improve those schools and bring them up to par?

That is the debate now in the NC General Assembly over HB 1080 to establish the "Achievement School District (ASD)," a proposed pilot project where the state selects five of North Carolina's lowest performing elementary schools, a superintendent is assigned by the state Board of Education to oversee that special district, and then choose a for-profit charter school company to actually run the schools under a five-year con-

tract, with a possible three-year renewal.

The NC House passed its version of HB 1080 two weeks ago, so now it's in the Senate Rules and Operations Committee, with no word as to when it will be reported out and hit the Senate floor for a vote.

Once a low-performing school has been selected for the ASD, the local school board has the option of either closing it, transferring it to the ASD, or adopt a recommended "principal turn-around reform model" for that school. A public hearing will be held in that local school district before a final determination is made by the local board.

The charter school operator will be responsible

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A Philip Randolph Gala



MARY ALICE JERVAY THATCH AND LEWIS HINES

BY LEWIS HINES CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On June 11, 2016 the SENCLAND of A. Philip Randolph Institute presented the Seventeenth Annual Fundraiser Gala. This year the featured speaker was Robert E. Wilson a Democrat who ran for Lt. Governor of the State of North Carolina. The evening had all the trimmings for a successful afternoon of sharing ideals and goals for our youth. The theme was "A New Tomorrow".

The program was called to order by the Master of Ceremony, Lewis Hines, Jr. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Sampson Lemon. The welcome was given by Vice President James Keaton and a special welcome from the City by Councilman Dr. Earl Sheridan. Special guests were E.B. Davis, Barbara Jones, Dorothy DeShields, Wayne Lofton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, Dr. Acquenetta Wheeler

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JAMES KEATON AND LEWIS HINES



ROBERT E. WILSON



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People around the country held remembrances, prayers, and candlelight vigils in mourning for the 49 lives lost in Sunday's domestic terrorist attack in Orlando. These candles were lit by students at Virginia Commonwealth University.

One year after the Charleston massacre, America grieves yet another mass shooting

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY EDITOR IN CHIEF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Less than a week before America commemorates the racist shooting of nine African-Americans in a Charleston, S.C. church, yet another mass shooting - this time in an Orlando, Florida night club - has America astounded with grief.

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The Juneteenth Committee and the Tauheed Islamic Center to hold Annual Juneteenth Festival this weekend

The Juneteenth Committee along with the Tauheed Islamic Center is once again planning for the Annual Juneteenth Festival. The celebration of Juneteenth is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and planning for the future. In honor of tradition, we will be hosting the Juneteenth celebrations at The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center and Robert Strange Park on June 18, 2016. All activities will be held inside the center.

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration marking the ending of Slavery in the United States. It is dated back to June 19, 1865 when Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Gal-

veston, Texas spreading the news that the war had ended and the Slaves were free. This occurred nearly 2 1/2 years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation; it became official on January 1, 1863.

The celebrations that followed the reading of the proclamation by General Gordon Granger began a tradition that has lasted over one hundred-thirty years.

Today Juneteenth recognizes African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a time for communities to come together for reflection and rejoicing. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. The festivities are open to the pub-

lic and include a parade, talent show, vending, and free entertainment. The Juneteenth Committee is asking for your kind contribution to assist in obtaining resources for this event. As a sponsor, you will receive recognition throughout this weekend event and a certificate of appreciation for your efforts. We are a non-profit 501(C) 3 tax-exempt organization, and will gladly provide a Receipt of Donation form to substantiate your contribution for tax purposes.

Plans are to utilize proceeds from this event toward planning for next year's event, Juneteenth Celebration along with a multitude of other cultural events and activities for the entire community.



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buried. Thousands of rose petals lay at the entrance as spectators lined the entrance as Ali was taken to his final resting place. It was a scene that Louisville will never see again.

The Public Memorial Service at the KFC YUM Center was filled to capacity with 15,000 people attending. Celebrities came to say their final goodbyes including former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Orrin Hatch, both speakers on the program. Others include director Spike Lee, former NFL great Jim Brown, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Whoopi Goldberg, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, boxing greats Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis and soccer star David Beckham and others. Unable to attend because of his daughter's graduation, President Barack Obama sent Valerie Jarrett as his representative. Minister Louis Farrakhan, Boxing Promoter Don King and Civil Rights Leader Jesse Jackson were also in attendance.

The three-hour interfaith service featured speakers from various religious denominations. The service began with prayers from the Quran from Ali's Muslim faith and the moderator was an imam from Memphis. Two rabbis, a catholic priest, the leaders of two Indian tribes and a Baptist minister were all on the program.

The first speaker, Rev. Kevin W. Cosby, senior pastor of St. Stephen Church in Louisville referred to Ali as a "silver-tongued poet" who led African Americans to a new identity. Bring the crowd to the feet, he said, "Before James Brown said I'm Black and I'm proud, Muhammad Ali said, I'm Black and I'm pretty."

Cosby said Ali "dared to love black people at a time black people had difficulty loving themselves. . . . And he loved us all and we loved him because we knew he loved us, whether. . . you lived in the penthouse or the projects. . . or came from Morehouse or no house."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a friend to Ali for 28 years, said Ali was truly the Greatest. "He moved with agility and punched with Herculean strength. He was an extraordinary fighter and a committed Civil Rights leader." Hatch also called Ali "an effective emissary of Islam." He said Ali showed us all the path of greatness.

Hatch said Ali was humble. He said Ali told him "God gave me this condition (Parkinson's) to remind me always that I am human and that only He is the greatest"

Lonnie Ali, also a Louisville native and Ali's wife for 30 years, gave a moving tribute to her husband. She said, "He wanted us to use his life and his death as a teaching moment for young people and the world." She said Ali "may have challenged the government, but he never ran from it, or from

America." Rabbi Michael Lerner, based in Berkeley, said the way to honor Ali was to be Muhammad Ali today. He brought the crowd to their feet as he talked about political reforms. He did not mention the Presidential candidates by name, but referring to former President Bill Clinton as the "First Man" gave the audience a clue, and the got it, judging by the applause and standing ovation.

Louisville's own John Ramsey, a close friend of Ali for many years, talked about his experiences with the champ. He said he was present with him at an Olympic gold medal boxing match and they stood with the winner hearing the chants of U-S-A. He said Ali leaned down and whispered to him that he wanted to talk to the loser. He said he arranged for Ali to talk to the loser of the match.

"In that locker room, in the lowest of the lows, he walks in and the kid recognizes him immediately, said Ramsey. "He says, in broken English, 'Muhammad Ali' And Muhammad starts dancing, saying, 'Show me what you got, man.' And he starts throwing out jabs and the kid starts ducking and smiling and Muhammad grabs him in a bear hug, and said, 'I loved what you did out there. You looked good. You're going to be a champion, don't give up.'" Ramsey said it warmed his heart because Ali took the young kid from a very low to a very high in an instant. He said when

they were in the car leaving, he told Muhammad Ali that he really was the Greatest. Ramsey said Ali's response was, "Tell me something I don't know already."

Ramsey recalled one of the quotes Ali used to say, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room her on earth." He then said, "Champ, your rent is paid in full."

Ambassador Attallah Shabazz, daughter of the late Malcolm X, gave a very tearful tribute to Ali. She has been a resident of Louisville for the past six years. "Having Muhammad Ali in my life somehow sustained my dad's breath for me just a little while longer; 51 years longer until now," she said as she fought back tears.

Speaking on behalf of President Barack Obama, Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor, said, "Ali was . . . loud and proud, an unabashedly black voice in a Jim Crow world." She said, "Muhammad Ali was America. Muhammad Ali will always be America." Jarrett said the world embraced Ali because he was the best of America.

Sports Commentator Bryant Gumbel said Ali "gave us levels of strength and courage we didn't even know we had." He said, "The world needs a champion who believes in fairness and inclusion for all... (He said) it doesn't matter which color does the hating, it's just plain wrong."

Comedian Billy Crystal said Ali always referred to

him as his brother. "He was funny, beautiful, the most perfect athlete you ever saw, and those were his own words... He was so much more than a fighter. He made all of our lives a little bit better than they were. He taught us that life is best when you build bridges between us, not walls. He is gone, but he will never die. He was my big brother."

Former President Bill Clinton said Ali was not imprisoned by a disease. He recalled Ali's carrying of the Olympic Torch. "He was going to make those last steps, no matter what it took. The flame would be lit, no matter what, the fight would be won."

Clinton said, "In the end, besides being a lot of fun to be around, I will always think of Muhammad as a truly free man of faith. And being a man of faith, he realized he would never be in full control of his life. It is the choices that Muhammad Ali made that brought us all here today, in honor and in love." He said, "We should honor him by letting our gifts go among the world as his did."

Rev. Dr. Kevin Cosby, Pastor of St. Stephen Church in Louisville summed it up best. Talking about Ali and his importance to the Black Community, he said, "He dared to love America's most unloved race. . . . While he was the property of all people, let us never forget, he is the product of black people, and their struggle to be free."

MASSACRE

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"Today, as Americans, we grieve the brutal murder - a horrific massacre - of dozens of innocent people. We pray for their families, who are grasping for answers with broken hearts," said President Obama in a rare Sunday afternoon televised statement to the nation. "We stand with the people of Orlando, who have endured a terrible attack on their city. Although it's still early in the investigation, we know enough to say that this was an act of terror and an act of hate. And as Americans, we are united in grief, in outrage, and in resolve to defend our people."

Parts of South Orange Avenue near the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando was still blocked off early this week, according to the Associated Press, after a terrorist shooting that left 49 people dead - 50 including the terrorist - and 53 people wounded.

The shooter, 29-year-old Omar Mateen, was reportedly a self-radicalized ISIS sympa-

thizer and security guard who had legally purchased the automatic weapons he used to open fire upon people at a gay nightclub. Mateen, the 50th casualty, was killed by the police.

The Sunday morning massacre stunned President Obama, civil rights leaders and the general public, reigniting debates over gun control, terrorist surveillance as well as bigotry, intolerance and violence against gay people. The tragedy also recalled the havoc of just one year ago on June 17th when 21-year-old Dylann Roof studied the Bible with S.C. Rep. and Pastor Clementa C. Pinckney and eight of his parishioners at the historic "Mother Emmanuel" AME Church; then shot them to death while using racial epithets.

"HATE knows no bounds", tweeted Transformative Justice Coalition President Barbara R. Arnwine in response to what was clearly a hate crime murder spree by Mateen.

In her TJC newsletter, she compared the massacre to the Mother Emanuel shooting:

"Observing that the first anniversary of the Mother Emanuel Massacre is June 17th...these two tragedies have in common HATE and GUNS! We need less of both and more of a creed of Love! Our nation must denounce the language of hate and embrace our LGBTQIA neighbors." LGBTQIA stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Asexual.

According to the Associated Press, the New York-born Mateen, described as a quiet man with a young son, was known to regularly attend evening prayer at Orlando's Islamic Center. His father said Mateen had witnessed two gay men kissing and had become incensed by it. However, some witnesses said he had visited the club several times.

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), America's premiere monitor of hate and violence, was not surprised.

"While the full facts are still unknown, unfortunately it is not surprising that the LGBT community was targeted," said a statement on the SPLC website. "This community has long

been vilified by those opposed to LGBT rights and is too often the target of violent hate crimes."

Other civil rights leaders chimed in strongly as the details of the massacre continued to unfold.

"Attacking any individual because of their sexual orientation, race or ethnic background is an assault on our collective humanity. And the ease in which the perpetrator of this crime was able to obtain assault weapons, is once again, a dark reminder of the urgent and long overdue reforms needed at the federal and state level to control access to guns in this country," said Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, in a statement. "While the nation searches for answers, we must remain firmly committed to the principles of respect and tolerance that define us as a nation. We must condemn misguided acts of retaliation and do our part to prevent a backlash against our Muslim neighbors. Our democracy

demands that we unite in the pursuit of equality, dignity and freedom that every individual in this country so rightly deserves. We call for vigilance against hate, overdue reform of gun laws and continued peace."

The names of all the victims weren't readily available at deadline for this story. The FBI investigation continued to unfold.

"In the coming hours and days, we'll learn about the victims of this tragedy. Their names. Their faces. Who they were. The joy that they brought to families and to friends, and the difference that they made in this world," said President Obama. "Say a prayer for them and say a prayer for their families -- that God give them the strength to bear the unbearable. And that He give us all the strength to be there for them, and the strength and courage to change. We need to demonstrate that we are defined more - as a country - by the way they lived their lives than by the hate of the man who took them from us."

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see Caviness Park full of people. We must not forget what this event stands for or the freedom it brought to slaves.

On June 19, 1865, the Union soldiers landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War was over and the Union had won, and, therefore, slaves were free.

We need always to keep this date in our memories. Our people have fought too hard to keep freedom free, and we must always look to the hills for our health and daily living. We must remember never to give up. We must continue to fight to retain our right to be free!!

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

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Hines, and Linda Pearce. Awards were given to Mary Alice Jervay Thatch for "Citizen of the Year" and to Top Keaton for "Longshoreman of the Year". Music was provided by The Heavenly Host Gospel Group who had "Church". Food By "Cat" with Dinner Music by Neil's Disco. Decorations were tastefully done by Larry Epps with flowers for all the ladies. Eric Robinson was the bartender. The keynote speaker, Robert Wilson received a time clock for his talk on N.C. past, present and future of our youth. Wayne Lofton had kids from The Community Boys and Girls Club to hear this powerful message. Thanks to the community for a great night. Until next Year!

HB1080: ASD

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for hiring all staff under the direction of the special superintendent. Funding will come from both state and local coffers.

Needless to say, the political battlelines have been drawn, even though some Republican House members have voted against ASD, and at least one black Democratic House member, Rep. Cecil Brockman of High Point, is a co-sponsor of the bipartisan measure.

Rep. Brockman maintains that because urban and rural black children are, for the most part, poorly served by low-performing schools, that ASD offers an opportunity to dramatically change what has ultimately proven to be a broken model that no amount of additional funding has

fixed. "[The schools] have failed black students," Brockman insists.

But there is controversy about whether the ASD model does indeed work. The inspiration for the bill is the ASD in Tennessee. The Tennessee model has produced, "mixed results" say researchers at Vanderbilt University, compared to pupils attending low-performing schools. Published reports indicate parents in the local school districts are not pleased with the state takeover, and oppose it bitterly.

Published reports add there is solid opposition from the Tennessee Democratic Caucus and the Tennessee Black Caucus. A bill has been introduced to do away with ASD there by May 2017.

The state of Michigan got out of the ASD business in February after four years, based on spiraling costs and little progress.

"It's unproven at best," Mark Jewell, president-elect of the North Carolina Association of Educators told House members considering the bill. NCAE prefers the state bolster failing schools with better trained, better paid teachers, stronger administrative leadership and better resourced programs designed to help struggling students.

Ironically, HB1080 also allows local school districts that transfer a school to ASD to then identify several low-performing schools and designate them for "innovation zones" or "iZones", where public schools can run failing schools as charter schools, where the rules are not as

stringent.

What little research there is shows that student achievement in iZone schools is much improved over ASD and standard low-performing schools.

Supporters of the ASD measure include the Raleigh-based conservative think tank, the John Locke Foundation, which says that the bill offers "promise of improvement" for the state's low-performing schools.

But opponents, like Dr. Henry Johnson, former associate state schools superintendent at the NC Dept of

Public Instruction, and Professor Andre Overstreet (retired) of the College of Education at NC State University, say based on the Tennessee results so far, there is very little "promise" to hope for.

"[ASDs] have a short history and little effectiveness research," wrote Dr. Johnson and Prof. Overstreet in a recent op-ed. "They spend large amounts of public tax dollars on often sketchy private companies that collect significant fees. And there is no evidence that they work."

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GUN PERMIT APPLICATIONS RISE IN ORLANDO AFTERMATH
[GREENVILLE] The FBI says it happens after every well publicized mass shooting - the number of gun permit applications goes up primarily because people want to protect themselves, and also want to obtain a firearm before the laws get stiffer. In Pitt County, the Sheriff's Department there says the number of gun applications there has exploded since the Orlando



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massacre Sunday, where 49 people were killed at a nightclub, 53 injured. There have been numerous local vigils commemorating the victims held in Raleigh, Durham, Wilmington and throughout North Carolina.

TWO NORTH CAROLINIANS AMONG ORLANDO MASSACRE VICTIMS
[ORLANDO, FL] Among the 49 victims in the Orlando "Pulse" Club fat; shooting tragedy, two North Carolinians friends say were building promising lives for themselves. Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33, was a graduate of East Carolina University and sang lead vocals for the

band, Frequency, in the Orlando area. He was known for being "kindhearted, funny and passionate." Tevin Eugene Crosby was a graduate of West Iredell High School in Statesville. He studied business administration at Strayer University South and was working in Michigan.

WAKE PRINCIPAL SAYS ARREST WAS "MISTAKE" BY AUTHORITIES
[CARY] The principal of West Cary Middle School claims that authorities mistakenly arrested her last weekend because of a stolen license plate on her car she had no knowledge of. Nikia

Davis was arrested RDU International Airport and charged with possession of stolen property. Davis says she has no idea how the stolen plate got on her car, and she has owned the vehicle for six years.

DEMONSTRATORS PROTEST CONDITIONS AT DURHAM COUNTY JAIL
[DURHAM] An estimated eighteen people demonstrated in front of the Durham County Administrative building Monday night, calling for "people's" investigation into alleged poor conditions at the Durham County jail. In a press conference prior to the County Commissioners meeting, speakers

said improvements were needed in the food served inmates, their treatment by guards, and the conditions by which medical treatment is administered. They also alleged that prisoners were allowed to practice their religious beliefs. The Durham Sheriff's Dept. has gotten a federal assessment of jail conditions, and says that it is now acting on 33 recommendations from that study.

TRUMP RIPS OBAMA DURING GREENSBORO VISIT
[GREENSBORO] Presumptive Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump ripped into President

Obama Tuesday evening, "telling a packed house t the Greensboro Coliseum that the president was doing a "hell of a terrible job" when it came to fighting terrorism and managing immigration. Trump did take time to praise North Carolina Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, whom Trump said was doing "a fantastic job." McCrory endorsed the billionaire industrialist weeks ago. Trump has flamed controversy for saying that all Muslims should be banned from coming to the US. Twenty protesters were escorted from Trump's rally.

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Muhammad Ali: A send-off fit for a king

BY YVONNE COLEMAN BACH, EDITOR
 LOUISVILLE DEFENDER

"America must never forget that when a cop and an inner city kid talk to each other, miracles can happen," words spoken by Lonnie Ali at the public memorial service for her husband, Muhammad Ali.

The Greatness of Ali began after he had a talk with retired Louisville Police Officer Joe Martin who taught him to box. That was the start of the man known to the world as "The Greatest."

Ali died on Friday, June 3, 2016 at the age of 74. The world watched as Muhammad Ali's life was celebrated in his hometown of Louisville, KY June 9-10, 2016. Two services filled to capacity, a procession through the streets of Louisville was a send-off fit for the King he was.

A traditional Muslim service was held on Thursday at Freedom Hall with a capacity crowd of 14,000 attending. The procession and Interfaith Memorial Service were held on Friday.

Although Ali touched the lives of so many throughout the world, the people of Louisville knew what others did not know. The procession route included a stretch of Broadway Street. In the earlier days, after Ali won his fights, he loved to come back to Louisville. He drove a big recreational vehicle west on Broadway, sometimes very fast, fast enough that the police would pull him over. But when

they looked inside and saw it was the Champ, they would just smile and tell him to slow down. It is that incident and so many others that are unique to Louisville. Ali was loved by his hometown and he always made it clear that he indeed loved his hometown.

He was known for his bragging, known to many as the "Louisville Lip" He called himself "the greatest." When others talked about his bragging, he would often say, "It's not bragging if you can back it up."

The City of Louisville backed him up in a big way showing the world that he was "the Greatest" when over 100,000 people lined the streets for 20 miles to say their final goodbye to the Champ. As the procession, that originated from A. D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home-Southeast passed, the crowd chanted "Ali, Ali." Some began throwing flowers on the windshield of the hearse carrying their hometown hero. Children were running alongside the hearse throwing jabs in the air. People were running up to the hearse to kiss the roof.

As the cars traveled down Broadway, Hana Ali, the champ's daughter, tweeted, "We just left the funeral home and are in the car now following our beautiful father in route to his final resting place, as his recurring dream is realized. When he was younger he said, I used to dream that I was running down Broadway in downtown Louisville, Kentucky and



PHOTO COURTESY OF LOUISVILLE DEFENDER
OVER 100,000 PEOPLE LINED THE STREETS AS MUHAMMAD ALI'S FUNERAL PROCESSION MADE ITS WAY THROUGH THE STREETS OF LOUISVILLE, KY

all of the people were gathered in the street waving at me and clapping and cheering my name. I waved back, and then all of a sudden I just took off flying. I dreamed that dream all the time. . ."

When the procession made it to the little pink house on Grand Avenue in west Louisville, the heart of the African American community, those waiting wanted to touch the hearse. Ali's children low-

ered the windows of the limos and began shaking hands with the people. The pink house on Grand Avenue is where Ali grew up.

One could only imagine the

reaction of Ali's Children when they saw the many thousands who lined the streets of Louisville to pay their final respects to their father.

The procession made the

final leg of the journey when it made the turn into Cave Hill Cemetery where Ali was

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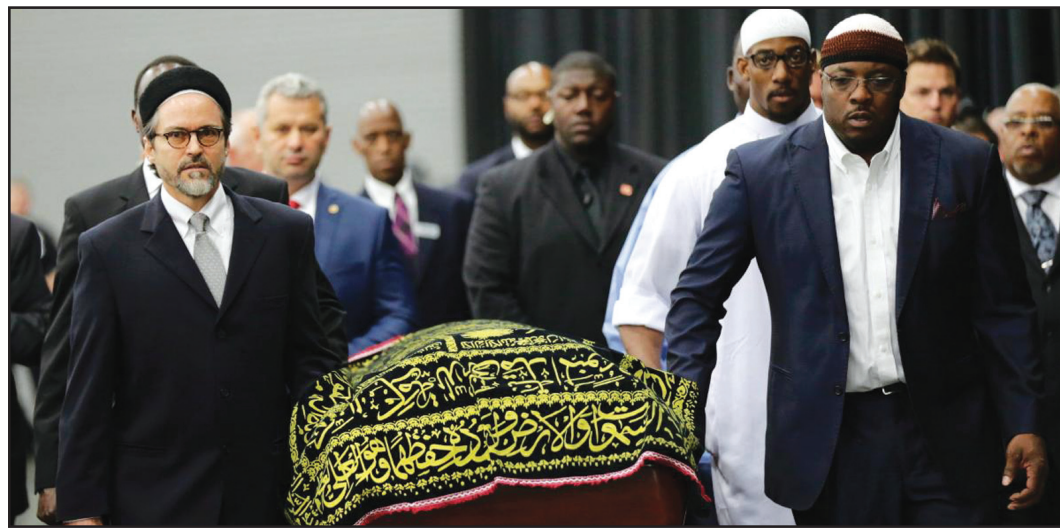
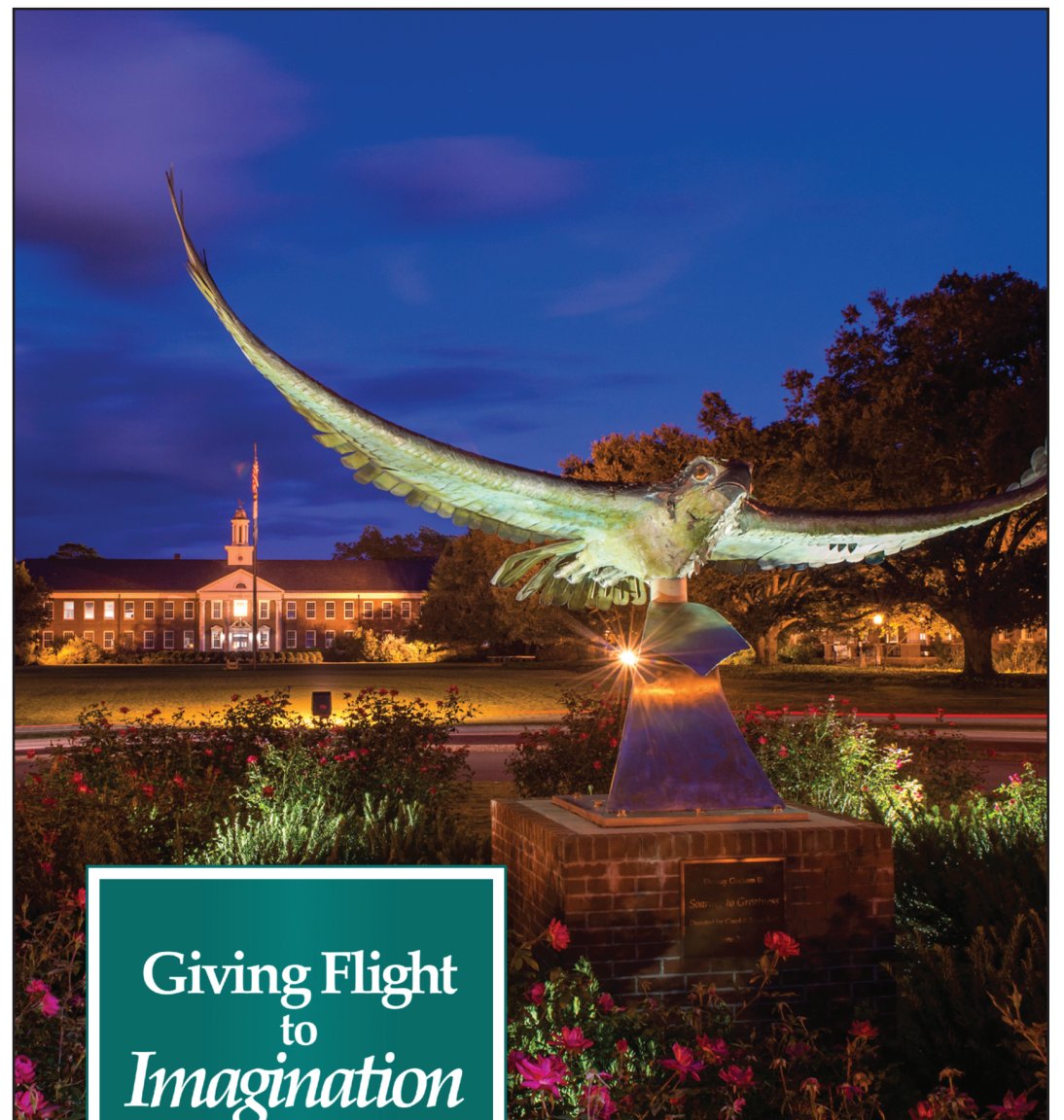


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THE CASKET CONTAINING THE BODY OF MUHAMMAD ALI WAS CARRIED DURING THE TRADITIONAL MUSLIM SERVICE ON THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2016 AT FREEDOM HALL BEFORE A CAPACITY CROWD OF 15,000 PEOPLE.



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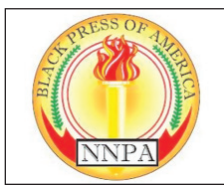
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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Gary Convention:

A showcase of political impotence

(Via George Curry Media)

Last weekend was supposed to be a remix of the 1972 National Black Political Convention in Gary, Ind. Richard G. Hatcher, who became the first Black mayor of Gary in 1968; Newark, N.J. Mayor Ras J. Baraka, the son of the late poet/activist Amira Baraka, one of the original organizers; and Tuskegee, Ala. Mayor Johnny Ford were among the co-conveners.



George Curry

According to organizers, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders had confirmed they would attend. Convention officials had been in touch with Donald Trump's camp and were convinced that he, too, would land his jet in Gary. But within a week of the event, convention organizers said each presidential candidate said they would not be in attendance and offered to send a "representative" instead.

For all of the talk about the importance of the Black vote and, in Donald Trump's case, "My African American," it was what Bernie Sanders would characterize as a "hugeeee" slap in the face.

To illustrate just how "hugeeee," consider the legwork for the conference performed by the National Policy Alliance (NPA). Its members include:

- Blacks in Government (BIG)
- Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)
- Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies (Joint Center)
- Judicial Council of the National Bar Association (NBA-JC)
- National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO)
- National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBCLEO)
- National Black Council of School Board Members (NBCS-BM)
- National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL)
- National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO)
- World Conference of Mayors (WCM)

NPA's website declared its "purpose is to give voice to the nearly 10,000 African American elected officials and the more than 3 million African American government employees who serve the nation. Together, these public servants represent not only the interests of the 35 million African Americans, but the interests of all Americans. For example, the 43 members of the Congressional Black Caucus represent approximately 40 million people of every racial and ethnic group."

Yet, the major political candidates thought so little of African Americans that they were only willing to send a "representative" instead of coming themselves.

I can say without fear of contradiction that neither of those candidates would have exhibited such an appalling disrespect toward a White organization of similar standing. As we have already seen, all of the major candidates cleared their schedules to speak before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Sanders spoke there even though he believes "to be successful, we have to be a friend not only to Israel, but to the Palestinian people, where in Gaza, they suffer from an unemployment rate of 44 percent - the highest in the world - and a poverty rate nearly equal to that."

Except for Trump - who had advance warning that he would probably be booed - Republican presidential candidates knew they had to appear before the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). Ted Cruz was there. Marco Rubio and John Kasich checked in. And so did Ben Carson. They were too afraid to not appear if they wanted to win the conservative vote.

Meanwhile, Clinton and Sanders in particular felt no need to show up in Gary. Mayor Johnny Ford, one of the Gary co-conveners, is a Clinton delegate to the Democratic National Convention and he couldn't persuade her to attend. Sanders has Professor Cornel West, actor Danny Glover and former NAACP President Benjamin Jealous in his corner, yet none of them successfully pressed their candidate to go to Gary.

Evidently, when it comes to African American voters, we are Roger Dangerfield - we get no respect. And we don't demand it. Republicans know that in order to win, they must get a small slice of the Black and Latino vote and augment that with their disenfranchisement efforts in different states.

Democrats, who have been winning with a minority of the White vote and an overwhelming majority of people of color for the last half-century, simply cannot win without the Black vote. As the Washington Post pointed out, "in the 1992 election, 13 percent of the Democratic vote came from black voters. In 2014, it was 23 percent."

Since Lyndon B. Johnson's election in 1964, Republicans have carried the majority of White voters every year except 1996, the year Bill Clinton carried the non-Hispanic White vote over Bob Dole by one percentage point, according to Gallup.

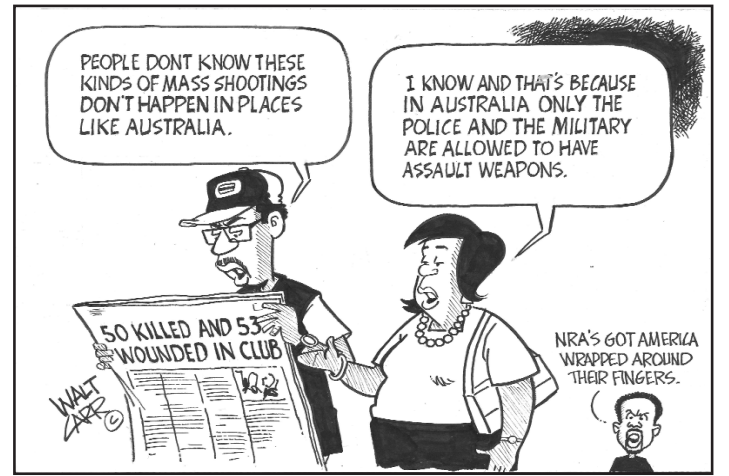
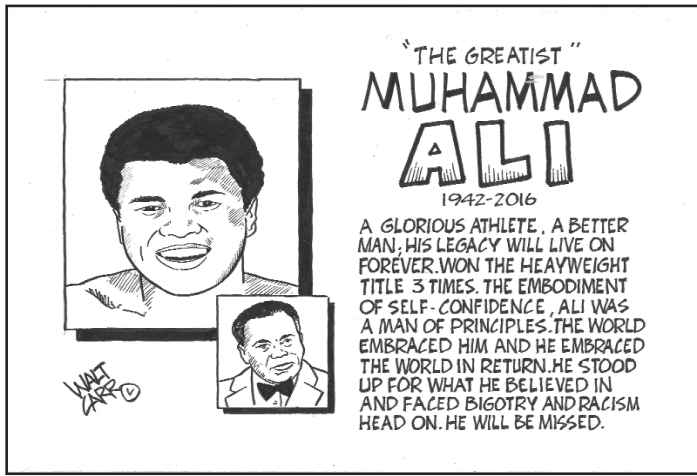
In addition to questioning the major presidential candidates, a goal of the Gary conference was to develop a Black Agenda and force the presidential nominees to respond to it. But the convention got off to a rocky start. I was asked to moderate the convention's Presidential Forum, but was told of the cancellation only days before the convention was to begin. I was also asked to moderate an intergenerational Town Hall, but that, too, was cancelled. With things falling apart, I decided to skip the convention.

Before plans for the Presidential Forum fell into disarray, Mayor Johnny Ford told me:

"Every presidential candidate has been invited. If they are interested in Black votes, they ought to want to come out and hear from us. We hear from them all the time." Apparently, they are content to keep it that way. And we keep accepting it.

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Visual Voice



Your Voice

I recall receiving a Congressional Citation from the office of then Congressman Joseph Kennedy

The work for the last 20 years or so that I have been blessed to do involves raising the presence of Veterans and their importance to our community. Often times I am challenged, but there are no victories without struggles.

During the time of then Congressman Kennedy's Congressional membership my work with and for Veterans came to the attention of a staff member, Mr. Earl Moore who requested the and presented the citation on behalf of Congressman Kennedy.

Since that time my work as an advocate has expanded to being the first community based Veterans organization Founder who worked with the late Dr. Joseph D. Warren, PhD at Northeastern University who was a Principal in a scientific research project involving African American Veterans and health disparities. Those findings were presented by me, Haywood Fennell, Sr. to the Public and at a workshop in Washington, DC that was a part of the Annual Congressional Black Caucus Conference.

Today, there is a strategy in

place with a petition drive that seeks the support of the New England Congressional delegation for having the images from "Triumph! Unsung Black Veterans in U.S. History" created into a US commemorative stamp series. The paintings represent additional History drawn by youth then in an art program sponsored by Artist for Humanity located in South Boston.

The offices of Mayor Setti D. Warren and US Congressman Jim McGovern have been very supportive and have written letters of support. This project is about Veterans and should be treated with honor and support. I sent information and a calendar to some of the members of the New England Congressional delegation and did not receive an acknowledgement. Again I am asking you and other Veteran leaders of organizations as well as community based organizations and individuals familiar with this Historic Art Exhibit to write your letter of support that we plan to send to the Office of the Post Master General for consideration. I am respectfully requesting from you and send a copy to:

Haywood Fennell, Sr.
Boston, MA



PHOTO BY TYREE S. BROWNE
Massachusetts Secretary Francisco Urena(r) and Author/Playwright Haywood Fennell, Sr(L). also a Veteran at the Roxbury Veterans Memorial Service in April 2016.

"Happy Father's Day to all men" "And the ladies who have to fill in for an absent father"

My three sisters, two brothers and I were blessed to have a loving, caring and Christian father. He did not "send" us to church. He "took" us to church every Sunday. We were money poor, but educationally and spiritually rich.

My daddy, Edward "Hank" Hankins, had to drop out of school after the 6th grade to get a job and help support his mother and sister. He made a promise to GOD that when he married and had children, he would send all of them

through four years of college. He worked two jobs, fought the good fight and fulfilled his promise by attending the graduation ceremonies of all of his children.

On July 28, 1972 at the young age of 58, he was elevated from his small barber shop on Castle Street in Wilmington, NC to his retirement home in Heaven.

He can never come back to my brother, Reginald and I, but if we continue to practice the triple love commandments he taught us, we will one day go to where he is.

James Hankins
Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Clinton and Trump point America in two very different directions

(Via George Curry Media)

Residents in the District of Columbia voted in the last primary on Tuesday. Bernie Sanders vows to make the case to superdelegates that he is the best choice to take on Donald Trump, as he has every right to do.

The media has already dubbed Hillary Clinton the presumptive nominee. She has won more votes, more pledged

delegates and more primaries. Superdelegates will not overturn the choice of the voters unless the former secretary of state's email scandal gets much worse.

We are headed into a race between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Most attention is focused on their personalities. The polls show that Americans feel unfavorably toward both of them. Trump calls Clinton "crooked" and has already begun a campaign of personal insults and slurs. Clinton calls Trump "unfit temperamentally" for the job and has highlighted his changing ideas and lack of policy expertise. Trump wants to be seen as a strong outsider. Clinton wants to be perceived as experienced and responsi-

ble. But this election is less a choice about personality than about direction, less about individuals than about movements. Trump presents himself as an insurgent in the Republican Party, but he carries that party's right-wing agenda. He thinks climate change is a myth. He's for massive tax cuts

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Dear White people: Muhammad Ali did not transcend race

(NNAAP News Wire Columnist)

Muhammad Ali was, among other things, a proud Black man. He embraced his Blackness, and often referred to it. He is often quoted for saying he had no quarrel with the



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Vietcong, but less frequently quoted for saying, in the very next sentence, "the Vietcong never called me a n**r." Muhammad Ali was unapologetically Black. Why, in death, are White folks claiming that he "transcended" race?

White people must think it some kind of compliment to say someone "transcended" race. I consider it an insult. Race is nothing that someone has to overcome, or "rise above." Race is not an impediment. It is simply a fact. Muhammad Ali is "The Greatest," he's amazing, he's an outstanding boxer, he's a humanist and he is a Black

man. Nothing to transcend. Something just to be.

I have never heard anyone say that a White person transcended race because, perhaps, whiteness is not perceived as a handicap, as something to rise above. Whiteness is perceived as the norm, and everything else is perceived as at least somewhat deficient. This manner of thinking is what allows the likes of Donald Trump to disrespect a judge because his parents were born in Mexico. It is the kind of thinking that allows a judge to sentence a teenage White Stanford rapist to six months in jail because he would be damaged by jail time. It is the kind of thinking, indeed, that compelled tens of thousands of people to call for the parents of a Black child who fell into a gorilla pen in Cincinnati to be investigated by Child Protective Services. It is plain and simple white skin privilege that allows a White person to speak of an African American icon as having "transcended race."

Why not say that Muhammad Ali has "universal appeal." Why not speak to his humanism and his kindness? Why is it necessary to implicit-

ly put his blackness down, to compliment the man while going negative on his race? He never went negative. He was essentially, and centrally, a Black man. After all, he converted to the Nation of Islam when he was in his early twenties and had adhered to that faith for the rest of his life. His friendship with Malcolm X was likely the foundation of his unwillingness to be drafted to fight in Vietnam. Many African Americans decried his conversion, but he was so firm in it that he fought all the way to the Supreme Court to protest his elimination from professional boxing.

Through it all, Ali was outspoken and defiant. He proclaimed, "I am America. I am the part you won't recognize. But get used to me. Black, confident, cocky; my name, not yours; my religion, not yours; my goals, my own; get used to me." White folks kind of got used to him, but they attributed their acquiescence to the fact that Ali had "transcended race." What he actually did was eluded them - he took no tea for their fever. He was a Black man, an unapologetic Black man who cared about humani-

ty because to be Black is to be human, not to be transcendent.

There is so much of Muhammad Ali's life that is inspirational. Yes, he was an amazing boxer, and he was also an amazing human being. He stood for what he believed in, regardless of the cost, losing his prime years of boxing, because of his religious beliefs. He did, as he said, "float like a butterfly and sting like a bee." He stung with his fist and with his words. He made us smile, he made us laugh, and he made us inhale with his awesome athleticism. And when he succumbed to Parkinson's disease, he made us marvel at his grace and dignity.

Whatever we have to say about Muhammad Ali, let's not say that he "transcended race." He was a Black man. A courageous man. An unapologetically arrogant man. Yes, he had universal appeal. But according to him, he was always Black.

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy is available at julianne-malveaux.com and [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

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on the wealthy, and for more spending on the military. He has embraced the GOP's race-baiting politics and carted them to new lows.

He has no program for dealing with inequality. He's built his campaign by pushing off against Hispanics, Muslims, women, environmentalists and African-Americans. He pledges to tear up the Iran nuclear deal, which would add tensions to the most volatile region of the world.

Trump sounds refreshing in his skepticism about America's failed trade policies and about its interventions across the world. But his answers - that he'd cut a better deal - are postures, not policy.

Clinton, in contrast, offers herself as an experienced reformer who will build on the progress made over the last years, not reverse it. She'll push for strengthening the Voting Rights Act, comprehensive immigration reform, equal pay for women and a stronger effort to address climate change. She'll defend progress made on choice, gay rights, civil rights and the environment. She favors lifting the minimum wage and empowering workers to organize. She celebrates the Iran deal and the Paris agreement on climate.

Trump is far more a Caesar than a movement candidate. But he will be supported by and pressed by the conservative movements that drive the Republican right - the Tea Party, the Gun Lobby and the

anti-choice, anti-immigrant, anti-gay and anti-Black reactions.

Clinton is far more an establishment than a movement candidate. But she will be supported by and pressed by the civil rights, women's, environmental, LGBT, union, Latino, pro-democracy and anti-Wall Street movements. Sanders was right to run in the Democratic primaries because that is where the reform movement energy gets expressed.

The choice in direction is clear. Activists have to decide whether it is preferable to fight against a leader supported and pushed by the right - even if it means supporting a candidate they deem less progressive - or to deny their vote to both nominees.

We know the cost of dismay and the power of hope. In 1960,

John F. Kennedy beat Richard Nixon by 112,000 votes, the margin of our hope. In 1968, Hubert Humphrey lost to Richard Nixon by 800,000 votes, the margin of our despair. In 1980, Ronald Reagan won in large part because of Democratic Party divisions over Jimmy Carter. In 2008, Barack Obama became the first African-American president on the basis of our hope.

We're headed into a negative campaign featuring on personal insult and negative attacks. But we're making a choice about direction. And we should not forget that.

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

CHILDWATCH**Expanding the non-White teacher pipeline**

(Via George Curry Media)

"If not for the teachers that I had at PS 276 in Canarsie and Mark Twain Junior High School in Coney Island, New York, I would not be alive today. Maybe I'd be in jail today. But those teachers, they chose to invest in me and to see hope and possibility."

-Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr., speaking at the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools® National Training



Marian W. Edelman

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) has just completed a week of national training for nearly 2,000 college students and recent graduates preparing to teach in CDF Freedom Schools summer literacy programs across the country. Most come from the communities they serve and are role models for the children they serve. It is hard to dream of college and what you can be in the future if you don't see it and we are so proud of the young, energetic, hardworking and committed servant

leaders who spend very long hours preparing to serve more than 11,000 low-income children when they return home to 95 cities and communities in 27 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

I hope many or most of them will become public school teachers who love, respect, and set high expectations for every child in their care. Since 1995 more than 17,000 college-aged students, public school teachers and juvenile detention personnel have come to CDF-Alex Haley Farm for training to teach in summer Freedom Schools. Many have gone on to become teachers, principals, administrators, college professors and more.

They are filling a great need. Secretary of Education King was among the extraordinary leaders who spoke to and inspired them this year. As our first Puerto Rican-African American Secretary of Education, he spoke movingly of losing his mother at 8 and his father at 12 and how caring teachers saved his life and put him on the path to success.

He graduated from Harvard University, Columbia University's Teachers College, and Yale Law School. He stressed the crucial importance of building a strong multiracial and multicultural teacher pipeline to inspire and guide all of our children, especially those who are poor and non-White. Students of color constitute a majority in our schools but teachers of color constitute only 18 percent of their faculties. Unless we are able to encourage many more talented students and teachers of color to enter and stay in the profession, this "mismatch" will only get worse.

In a *Washington Post* Op-Ed Secretary King noted, "We have strong evidence that students of color benefit from having teachers who are positive role models, as well as from the changes in classroom dynamics that result. Teachers of color often have higher expectations for students of color; are more likely to use culturally relevant teaching practices, are more likely to confront racism in their lessons and, yes, also serve as advocates."

On May 6 Secretary King and the U.S. Department of Education held a National Summit on Teacher Diversity where education leaders, researchers, policymakers, teachers, and students spoke about the value of a diverse teaching force. Researchers noted that Black and Hispanic children in schools with high concentrations of Black and Hispanic teachers are less likely to be suspended, more likely to be recognized as better students and be placed in academically gifted classes, and more likely to graduate on time than those who attend schools with fewer diverse teachers.

Teachers of color are underrepresented compared to students of color in every state and a report released at the Summit by the Department of Education showed how the supply of teachers of color decreases at multiple points in the educator pipeline including enrollment in and completion of education programs, initial hiring, and retention. Seventy-eight percent of new teachers are White compared to 8 percent Black and 10 percent Hispanic. Only 2 percent of teachers are Black males.

Secretary King pointed out the "invisible tax" paid by teachers of color, especially males - often given extra tasks like planning cultural activities or mentoring or disciplining students of color. Adding these roles on top of standard responsibilities without extra support can lead to teacher burnout. Recent research by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) found more teachers of color are being hired than in the past but they are leaving more quickly than White teachers. Making the educator workforce much more diverse would help everyone.

Secretary King emphasized a more diverse workforce would be good not just for students of color but for all students: "It's also important for our White students to see teachers of color in leadership roles in their classrooms and communities. Breaking down negative stereotypes helps all students learn to live and work in a multiracial society. Ultimately, the work we can do together to create opportunity for all students will determine not only the kind of economy we have and the kind of people we will be, but also whether we will become the nation we ought to be."

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

TO BE EQUAL**Muhammad Ali: A fighter in and out of the ring**

(Via George Curry Media)

"It's hard to be humble when you're as great as I am." - Muhammad Ali, Cham-pionship Boxer, American Activist, International Icon, 1942-2016

How would you approach the colossal task of describing a man who once boasted that he, "wrestled with alligators, tussled with a whale, done hand-cuffed lightning and throw thunder in jail? Only last week murdered a rock, injured a stone, hospitalized a brick, so mean he made medicine sick?"



Marc Morial

I think that's a man you allow to define himself - in his own colorful words - which is what Muhammad Ali did his entire life and throughout his legendary boxing career.

Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. was born where he was buried: Louisville, Ky. His mother was a cook and house cleaner and his father was a frustrated painter with big dreams, dreams he would pass on to both his sons along with this constant refrain - "I am the greatest."

Ali's legendary boxing career began with a beloved, stolen bicycle. The \$60 red Schwinn was a Christmas gift from his father, and it would set the wheels in motion for an angry 12-year-old kid who claimed he would

"whup" the person who stole his bike, to step into a ring, pick up boxing gloves and fight for justice. It was a defining moment and a trope that would shape his professional and personal life.

Ali was a great fighter, but his fights were never limited to the inside of a boxing ring. Ali's career was teeming with personal success, but every win in and out of the ring was a win for every man or woman who ever felt attacked, or had to bob-and-weave past the ferocious jabs of social injustice. Ali was a professional athlete, but he used that platform to make an impact that transcended pugilism. Famous people often take up causes, but Ali is the greatest because he stood up for his principles and made consequential sacrifices on behalf of those causes.

After winning a gold medal in the Rome Olympics and beating Sonny Liston for the heavyweight championship, the newly crowned 22-year-old champ renounced his given name, Cassius Clay, as a "slave name" and revealed that he was a member of the Nation of Islam. His new faith and his new name drew intense controversy and lost him many fans, but he persevered and successfully defended his title every time he stepped in the ring.

In 1967, Ali was drafted to serve in the Army during the height of our nation's war in Vietnam. He refused to serve, saying, "I ain't got no quarrel with them Viet Cong," and requested conscientious-objector status from fighting against people he said never

lynched him or put dogs on him. No slight of hand in the ring, head fake or lightning quick shuffle was as bold as Ali's refusal to fight in a war he did not believe in.

The reaction was swifter and harder than the punches of any opponent Ali had ever faced. Many called him a traitor. Ali was convicted of draft evasion, stripped of his heavyweight title and banned from boxing. While he wasn't locked up for sticking to his conviction, he was locked out of the sport that brought him to fame. He sacrificed three years of his career and untold millions rather than renounce his anti-war stance.

Ali would return to the ring in 1970 and would go on to thrill boxing fans, supporters, and critics, with his skill in the ring. Loud and unapologetic, Ali would continue to speak out against social injustice and preach the gospel of Black pride. Never forgetting those who were still "catching hell" while he had it made, Ali understood that "service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." The 12-year-old boy who lost his bike at the hands of an unknown thief may have changed his name, but never wavered from his purpose: to seek justice. His fight for justice was never his alone; it was for everyone.

It was during this period of his career that I, a star-struck 13-year-old, was thrilled to meet Ali at an Alpha Phi Alpha convention in Milwaukee. I was awed by him and have considered him a hero all my life. One of my prized possessions is an autographed Ali boxing glove, a

cherished wedding gift from my wife. Later, I was honored to serve as an Ali Center board member for several years.

Ali laid his gloves down for the last time in 1980. After retiring, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. As the progressive condition robbed him of his poetry, stinging provocations and physical dexterity, he became a more cherished figure, here and abroad, and the accolades poured in for breadth of Ali's career as a boxer and activist. He was the first boxer on a box of Wheaties. He lit the Olympic flame during the Atlanta Olympics. President Bush presented Ali with the Medal of Freedom, and the National Urban League honored Ali with the highest commendation presented by the organization by giving him an Equal Opportunity Day (EOD) Award.

He was my idol and his courage has been a beacon for so many in my generation.

Ali fought his last battle against his most vicious foe in the public eye for more than 30 years. While we mourn the time of his departure, we are reminded of what made him "the greatest of all time." We should all draw comfort from knowing that he competed well. We take pride in the fact that he finished the race.

And we recognize that we are all better because he kept the faith. Rest in peace, champ.

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

BLACKONOMICS**Muhammad Ali -- The legacy**

(Via George Curry Media)

"Where you been, boy?"

When I heard those words in June 1966, I knew I was going to have rough time in the U.S. Navy. My immediate reply to that Petty Officer was, "Who are you calling a boy? I am a man!" I was 21-years-old, already an angry Black man who experienced separate bathrooms, water fountains, restaurants at Greyhound bus stops that had "Coloreds served round back" signs posted on their front doors, and having to sit in the balcony of the local theater in Winston-Salem, N.C. during my two years of high school there. I was already angry about Medgar Evers, Schwerner, Goodman, and Chaney, and Malcolm X. So I knew at that very moment I was called a "boy" by this southern White guy, I would be a marked man on that ship because of my belligerence and unwillingness to go along to get along.

Ten months later, when Muhammad Ali refused to step forward to be drafted, I took a step up, got on his shoulders and have been there ever since. My view from that perch

has given me the spirit, the drive, the commitment, and the dedication to do what I have done for decades now. His example gave me the audacity and temerity to stand before anyone, White, Black or otherwise, to state my case and stand my ground. A backbone is much stronger than a wishbone. Ali had backbone, and he passed it on to me without ever knowing it.

Ali and those few athletes who stood with him were giants in a land of cowering, timid, "yessah" men. He was bold, brash, brave, and brutal in his in-your-face assessment of society's ills. Ali was the personification of dreams, the realization of hopes, and the culmination of victory, with his fists as well as his voice, which could only be silenced by Parkinson's disease.

In today's society of "make money without making waves," prominent athletes should learn from Ali. It was not enough to wear hoodies when Trayvon was killed, not enough to turn shirts inside out and throw them on the basketball court in response to a racist franchise owner, not enough to wear "I Can't Breathe" T-shirts after Eric Garner was choked to death, not enough to stand in front of the Walmart where John Crawford was killed for checking out a BB Gun, not enough just to voice outrage after Sandra Bland died inside a jail cell despite not committing a crime, and not enough to say, "I haven't really been on top of this issue," when 12-year-old Tamir Rice was executed for carrying a toy gun in the "Open Carry" State of Ohio. Empty gestures are temporary and cause no real changes.

It's easier to speak highly of Muhammad Ali than it is to do what he did. I am proud to say that I did what he did, and will continue. I am reminded of the following quote from a Village Voice article titled, "Compas\$ionate Capitali\$im"

by Ta-Nehisi Coates: "Forty years [after his death], it's easy to quote Malcolm and put him on a postage stamp - now that we've killed him. Martin Luther King Jr. was ultimately abandoned by the civil rights establishment for his stand against poverty and war. Today he has a national holiday, and even conservatives have to honor him - now that he's no longer here to shame them. Ditto for the Black Panthers. Everybody says their dad wore a black beret - now that J. Edgar Hoover isn't alive to tap their phones.

"Progressive vision almost always lacks mass appeal. While possibly enjoying a bit of rebellious sheen, prophetic insight is decidedly uncool; it involves the sacrifice of family livelihoods, the sully of reputations, and, at worst, death. Only the afterglow is romantic. Everybody says they would have fought with Nat Turner - now that none of us are slaves."

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"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB



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 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.

Smart Start of NHC will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Large Training Room at the Smart Start office, 3534-F South College Rd. All meetings are open to the public. For more information contact Smart Start at 910-815-3731.

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 Islah 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@lupus-nc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupus-nc.org.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Voter registration training will be offered at the meeting. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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

Williston Senior High Class of '61 will have its June monthly meeting on Sunday, June 26th (Fourth Sunday). SITE: Mount Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall (1001 S. 7th Street). TIME: 6:00pm - 7:00pm. THIS IS A ONE-TIME TIME CHANGE because of another event at Mt. Olive. The focus will be on the planning of the 2016 reunion to celebrate the 55th anniversary of graduation. All graduates to participate in the meeting, as well as others who were "on track" with us at Williston but graduated from somewhere else. Also, we extend a special invitation to out-of-town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 26th.

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. Vendor applications can also be retrieved from the website.

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50th Wedding Anniversary
George and Essie Hawes

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HAWES

On June 18, 1966 marriage vows were taken between George and Essie Hawes. To this union four children were born, Antonio "Tony", Kimberly "Kim", Craig and Marcus Hawes. Six grand-

children arrives also.

We would like to thank God for this holy union. Also thanking our family and friends for helping to make our marriage successful.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Blue sky and white floating clouds

I am really impressed with how the white clouds in the sky can make the shape of anything on earth. We can see them all over the world at different times. The blue sky and the blue waters of the sea, contrasted against the white clouds, make the clouds more prominent.



Verniece Stanley

The soft, puffy clouds remind us of soft fluffy cotton or the driven snow on the earth in many different ways. The blue sky has such a peaceful look and could help one have more peaceful feelings. Viewing such a scene calms one down and causes him or her to think. It might cause

one to think of various useful things, for example, helping someone in need. The white fluffy clouds are, many times, large and are shaped like a mountain and are, many times, small and shaped like faces.

Summer is here and we spend a lot of time outside. Trees are near us and birds are making a lot of chirping sounds. These make summer a more pleasant and enjoyable time of year.

Along with this season usually come clouds which are dark gray, nearly black. These clouds are beautiful also and can cover the sky. Generally, rain falls from the these clouds and onto the earth. Many times, they are accompanied by winds, which can get pretty strong. This is the season for tornados and/or hurricanes and floods. We all are concerned about storms

because the homes and lives of both the rich and the poor can be destroyed. Man cannot control the weather. He can tell how fast the winds are traveling, but he cannot turn these storms around and make them go in another direction. We will, no doubt, experience these storms even this summer of 2016. Man can give helpful information and even name each storm and give helpful advice and information that will help us make the necessary arrangements for our safety. This could be the worse season for storms in North Carolina. The floods in Texas have left many people homeless. The same thing may well happen here in North Carolina, even in in Brunswick County.

Now, on a brighter note, Hillary Clinton has amassed the votes of enough delegates to win the Democratic nomi-

nation. She is the "presumptive" nominee for the Party, and, if things go my way, she will be the first woman to hold the office of President of the United States!

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.

PEOPLE'S CLINIC

African Americans and skin cancer

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 3.5 million people are diagnosed with skin cancer in the United States every year. Current estimates are that 1 in 5 persons in the US will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.

Even more alarming, skin cancer rates and deaths have been increasing rapidly in the last 30 years, particularly among young adults. A new study has revealed an alarming rise in skin cancer, melanoma in particular, among people aged 18 to 39: over the past 20 years, rates of this potentially deadly skin cancer grew by 800 percent among young women and 400 percent among young men.

Many African Americans, and members of other racial/ethnic groups who have a majority of darker skin tones, often think they cannot get skin cancer, but anyone can develop skin cancer, regardless of their skin type. African Americans may not practice sun safety habits as often as others, and as a result, are often diagnosed at an advanced stage of skin cancer.

Understanding our skin

Our skin is the largest organ in your body, and it does a multitude of things to protect us. Our skin 1) covers our organs to protect them from injury, 2) is a barrier to bacteria, viruses and other germs, 3) helps control body temperature, 4) protects our body from ultraviolet (UV) rays, and 4) helps our body make Vitamin D. Our skin has three layers, epidermis (top layer), dermis (middle layer) and the subcutis (deepest layer). Each layer has a unique job, and they all work together to protect our body.

What are the types of skin cancer?

Skin cancers (carcinomas) are generally classified as basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, or melanoma. Basal and squamous cell skin cancers are the most common skin

cancers. These lesions occur in areas that are exposed to the sun, such as the face, ears, neck, lips, and back of the hands. Basal and squamous cell cancers can be either fast- or slow-growing, but they rarely spread to other parts of the body. If detected and treated early, these types of cancer have a 90% cure rate.

Melanoma, on the other hand, although it accounts for a small percentage of skin cancer, it is far more lethal than basal and squamous cell cancers. In fact, melanoma accounts for more than 75% of all skin cancer deaths and can spread to other organs, such as your liver and lungs. The AAD states that on average, one person in the US dies from Melanoma every hour.

What are the risk factors for skin cancer?

Risk factors for skin cancer include:

- Unprotected or excessive exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation or sunlight - including indoor tanning (beds, sun lamps) which can increase your risk by up to 75%
- Having a fair complexion
- Work-related exposure to coal, tar, creosote, arsenic compounds or radium
- Having a family history of skin cancer (can increase your risk by up to 10 times)
- Having multiple or atypical moles
- Experiencing severe sunburns as a child

Are there ways to reduce the risk of skin cancer?

The best way to reduce the chance of developing skin cancer is to avoid intense sunlight exposure and to practice sun safety. Several guidelines for protection from the sun include:

- Avoiding the sun between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- Wearing protective clothing when out in the sun
- Using sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF)

of 15 or higher

- You should remember to apply generous amounts of sunscreen before you go outside and to reapply after swimming, towel drying, or perspiring

- The use of sunglasses with 99% to 100% UV absorption provides optimal protection for the eyes and surrounding skin

- It is important to follow these practices even on cloudy or overcast days, as UV rays travel through the clouds.

- Avoid indoor tanning - No tanning facility should advertise with wording like "safe", "no harmful rays" or similar wording, because that is not true.

- Practice monthly self skin exams to monitor moles/dark pigmented areas and watch for changes as well new growths.

What are the signs of skin cancer?

Understanding the signs and symptoms of skin cancer frequently leads to earlier detection and subsequently a better clinical outcome. You should check your skin regularly. Common signs of skin cancer include any change in the size or color of a mole or darkly-pigmented growth. New oozing, bleeding, irritation or change in the appearance of a bump or skin nodule should also prompt concern. Most skin cancers have very high cure rates when they are caught early, so check with your doctor immediately if you have any of these symptoms. Many primary care providers will refer you to a dermatologist, a doctor who specializes in skin-related health issues, for further diagnosis and treatment.

According to the AAD, you should see a dermatologist if you have anything on your skin that lasts for two weeks and is:

- Growing
- Changing Shape
- Bleeding or Itching

For melanoma specific-

ly, the ABCDEs of moles are recommended by the AAD as when you should see a dermatologist. They are: A=Asymmetry (one half unlike the other); B=Border (irregular or poorly defined border), C=Color (varies from one area of the mole); D=Diameter (melanomas are usually 6mm or larger when diagnosed); and E=Evolving (looks different from others or is changing in size, shape or color).

The AAD describes looking for any of the above by using the following steps:

- 1) Examine your body in a mirror front and back, and both sides with your arms raised
- 2) Bend elbows and examine forearms, underarms and palms
- 3) Examine the backs of your legs and feet, between your toes, and the soles of your feet
- 4) Examine the back of your neck and scalp with a hand mirror
- 5) Examine your back and buttocks with a hand mirror.
- 6) Ask your partner or a family member to look at areas you cannot see yourself

Although Skin cancer is one of the most preventable types of cancers, and has a high cure rate when caught early, it is important to remember that skin cancer can be deadly so early detection is key!

Do you need further information or have questions or comments about this article? Check out the American Academy of Dermatology's SPOT Skin Cancer Campaign at <https://www.aad.org/public/spot-skin-cancer> and the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org

For more information about the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity or resources in your area, please call toll-free 1-877-530-1824 or visit our website: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/MACHE>.

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Alderman Elementary School	2035 Independence Blvd.	11:15-12:15
St. Paul's Methodist Church	300 Harper Ave. (Carolina Beach)	11:30-12:15
Royal Palms Mobile Home Park	5140 Carolina Beach Road	11:30-12:00

Sites with different schedules:

Monday - Thursday: July 18- August 11, 2016	Douglas Academy	507 North 6th Street	11:30-12:15
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Cherry M. Nelson

Cherry M. Nelson of New York City, transitioned into eternal rest on Saturday, May 21, 2016. A beautiful angel was born to Mr. John Baker "Hooby" and Mrs. Mary Baker in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Cherry was educated at Williston School and graduated in Wilmington, NC. Following graduation, she relocated to New York City, where she was employed at Citibank and worked there for thirty years. Cherry united in Marriage to Archie Nelson and they became parents of one son, Demetrius Nelson.

In addition to her parents, Cherry was preceded in eternal rest by her husband, Archie Nelson, son, Demetrius Nelson of Yonkers, NY and sisters and brother, Janie James, John Baker, Margie Wise and Luberta Bell.

Surviving to cherish her memory are: Sisters, Mrs. Christine Alston and Marylyn Hamilton, both of New York City and Mrs. Geraldine Roberson of Wilmington, NC; one brother, William Baker of Wilmington, NC; one grand godchild, Nevaeh Constant of Charlotte, NC; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; several nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends. *Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.*

Eric W. Thomas

Eric W. Thomas, 40, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2016. Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave. Viewing will be 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Friday, June 17, 2016. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Hattie D. Shepard

Hattie D. Shepard, 82, of Wilmington passed away Friday, June 3, 2016. Services were held Friday June 10, 2016 at First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, 520 N. 5th Ave. Burial followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hattie Louise Shepard with her contagious smile, unconditionally touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with. Realizing the struggles of this life was becoming tedious for her, God gently sent His loving angel of mercy to transition her home

June 3, 2016.

Hattie was the lovely daughter of the late James and Lizzie Delanie, born on September 6, 1933. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Johnny Delanie and James Delaine, Jr., also a grandson, Shannon Bernard Drye.

A devoted child of God, Hattie confessed Christ early in life; and lived a life that honored God. She was a dedicated member of First Baptist Missionary Church; where she served faithfully until her illness. Hattie's life exemplified the love and compassion that she generously shared with countless family and friends.

Hattie graduated from Rosenwald High School in Society Hills, South Carolina. She was employed by: Eckerds, Timmie Corporation, New Hanover Housing Authority and New Hanover County Schools until her retirement. She was also a loyal and active Daughter of Isis, Habib Court #159 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Hattie's passion included: exercising, serving others through volunteer work and entering various competitions. She taught exercise classes to senior citizens, and volunteered with the Meals on Wheels Program. Hattie entered and won the 11th Annual Senior Games By The Sea Contest, various Pep Rallies, Step Aerobics Competitions, 10K Cycling Events and also receiving Silver Medals for Step Aerobics Events. She was named North Carolina Senior Pageant Sweetheart Queen and known throughout the city as the Senior Exercise Icon. Hattie took most pride in healthy living and staying in shape.

Deeply engraved in the hearts and minds of her loved ones and friends, are so many precious indelible memories. Hattie leaves to cherish these memories: her husband of forty-five years, Herbert Randolph Shepard, affectionately known as "Shep"; two children, Darnell (Kim) Kelly of Chesapeake, VA and Janet Kelly-Grady of Wilmington, NC; four grand-children, Kiara Kelly, Sylvia Kelly of Wilmington, NC, Kimpus Kelly of Charlotte, NC and Desha (Dion) Bonner of Jacksonville, FL; six great-grandchildren: Isaiah Kelly, Elijah Kelly, Jakeelah Kelly, Dion Bonner, Jr., De'nee Bonner and Dayanna Bonner; three sisters, Rachel Harvey and Mabel Evans of New York and Geraldine Dixon of Florence, SC; four brothers, Collins (Christina) Delanie and Thurlo (Olivia) Delanie of Florence, SC, Albertus (Louise) Delaine of Hartsville, SC and SGM (Ret.) Deacon Connell (Dorothy) Delanie of Society Hill, SC; two aunts, Helen Byrd and Rosena Robinson of Society, SC; one uncle, Delone (Pansy) Jones of CT; other brothers and sisters-in-law, along with countless 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.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Donal N. Thomas

Donal Thomas, 71, of Navassa, born to the late Mary and John W. Thomas on July 18, 1944 peacefully transitioned from this life to life eternal on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina. Services were held Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Ava Thomas, Geraldine Hall, Charles Thomas and Arthur Thomas.

He received his education in the Brunswick County School system at Lincoln High School. Upon completion of high school he joined the United States Army then moved to New Jersey where he worked various jobs to include, Immont in Bound Brook, NJ, the United Postal Service of Newark, NJ, and Newark Board of education. He retired from both the U.S. Postal Service as well as the Newark Board of education. Under the Lord's direction Donal was one of six members who started Clearway Missionary Baptist Church, Irvington, NJ under the leadership of Rev. David Everett. He served faithfully as trustee until retiring and moving home to Navassa, NC.

Upon returning home, he joined Davis Chapel Baptist Church and was a member of the Men Choir, Trustee Board, and an avid Sunday school teacher. Donal was a compassionate, positive, and very bossy man who did not tolerate any foolishness. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling and spending time with family and friends, and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife and companion of 40 years, Barbara Thomas, children, Glenda Cooper (Sherman) of Jacksonville, FL, Wanda Thomas of Leland, NC, and Gregory White (Patricia) of Navassa, NC; adopted son and daughter, Vanessa Bullock (John) of Montgomery, Ala, and Randall Hayden (Lyndia) of Mt. Vernon, NY; God son, Walter F. Mapson, Jr. six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, sister, Helen Mapson of Leland, NC, brothers, Harold Quince of Washington, DC; John Thomas (Margaret) of Jacksonville, NC; Ernis Briant (Pauline) of Navassa, NC, George Gibbs (Lynn) of Cooper City, FL; sisters-in-law, Geneva Hayden, Beulah Dixie, and Sarah Dixie, brothers-in-law, Al Hayden, Walter Dixie and Robert Dixie, special nephew, Minister Walter Fennell Mapson (Sadie) of Leland, NC; special cousins, Hazel Weston, and Bobby Brown and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other rel-

atives 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.davisfuneralhome-nc.com*

Card of Thanks



The Family of the late **Ronald Antonio Wilson** acknowledges with sincere gratitude the heartfelt prayers and love shown during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each one of you for everything you did during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to all the neighbors, family and friends, both near and far, we appreciate you. To UNC Chapel Hill and the SECU House doctors, nurses & staff who were instrumental during his illness, we thank you all for your care and compassion.

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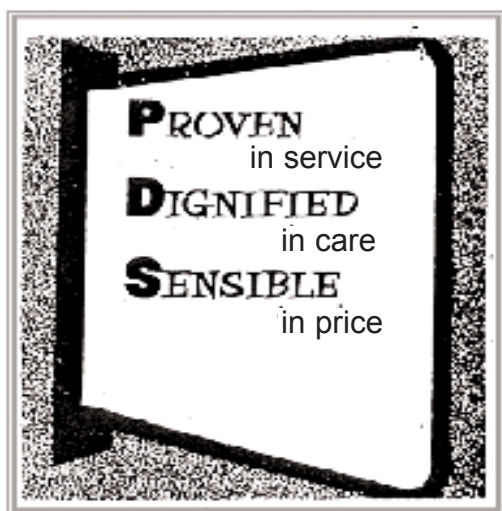
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(L-R) Robert "Butch" Brunson, Karen Davis Brunson, Sadie Davis Graham, Jennifer A. Terrell and Javoke S. Terrell

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 also on Sunday, June 26th at 4:00 p.m. the Usher Board will celebrate their anniversary. The guest speaker will be Rev. Timothy Davis, pastor of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church along with his choir, ushers and congregation.

Religious Briefs

First Baptist Missionary Church, 520 North Fifth Avenue will have their Annual Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 20th - Friday, June 24th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School is a fun and exciting time as we learn to apply biblical teachings to our lives. Come out and have a great time fellowshiping, singing, creating crafts, playing games and more! If transportation is needed please call the office, 910-763-2647, and leave your name, address and telephone number by 1:00 pm on the dates you plan to attend or leave your information with Christina Sellars at 910-617-3235.

St. Andrew AME Zion Church Family & Friends Committee will hold Friday Night Live Musical on June 24th at 7:00 p.m. Featuring Pastor Gregory, Barry Smith & Co., Hoopers Chapel, Ian Davis, M & R Gospel Singers and many more.

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 located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community will hold their church car wash for the benefit of their Building Fund on Saturday, June 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Advance Carwash on Castle Hayne Rd. On Sunday, June 19th their Father's Day Program will be held during the 11:00 a.m. service. The guest speaker will be Mr. Harvard Jennings. St. Phillip's Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 20th-Friday, June 24th from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. nightly. There will be classes for the children and adults. Dinner will be served nightly. Also the church will hold their General Claims Rally on Saturday, June 25th at 4:00 p.m. Rev. Richard Joyner from Hooper Chapel will be the guest speaker along with his choir and congregation. And on Sunday, June 26th at 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. St. Phillip will hold their Annual Men's and Women's Day. Rev. Dr. Carl Byrd will be the 11:00 a.m. guest speaker and Elder Dan Smith, Jr., will be the 3:30 p.m. speaker. For additional information, you may contact Sis. Ashley Hall at 910-540-4250, Sis. Aimee Brown at 910-368-3605, Sis. Dentrail N. Boykin at 910-200-4953, Dr. Nixon at 910-540-4406 or the church at 910-251-9892

The L.O. Saunders Club of Mount Olive AME Church, 1001 S. 7th St., will be holding a mini concert and Hat Parade Show on June 26th at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 910-762-4506.

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.

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Mt. Nebo to hold 30th Anniversary Celebration for Reverend Richard Smith



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PASTOR RICHARD SMITH AND FIRST LADY GWENDOLYN SMITH

The Pastor's Aide Committee of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will hold the 30th Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Reverend Richard W. Smith beginning on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Reverend David Flowers, Jr. of Central Baptist Church and choir of Whiteville, NC will render the service. On Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Reverend Lester Frink, Sr., of First St. Paul Baptist Church and choir will render the service.

The 30th Anniversary Honorary Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Carrie S. Ballard Fellowship Hall of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. The guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. Jerry Ganus of Whiteville, NC. The music will be rendered by The Heavenly Voices and The M & R Gospel Singers.

The Sunday morning worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m. on June 26, 2016. Reverend Nori Scott will deliver the message.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A Message to Fathers"

Fathers, your children may love and depend on mother, but they still need you. From the moment they are born, and throughout their lifetime, children need to have the security, love, and support of a father being there for them. The impact of a loving and caring father in the life of a child is far reaching.



Sylvia Hooper

Fathers should be there when children are young and impressionable to help in the molding and shaping process of that child's conduct and character.

Father's love should be a reflection of God's love. God's love is sacrificial and unconditional. John 3:16. This type of love should be habitual and consistent, not just at a time of emotional stirring. A father's unconditional love is vital to a child's sense of security. A godly father should strive to give his child these five things to ensure their happiness and wholeness.

1. Acceptance

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12 Primarily and fundamentally, sons and daughters need to feel acceptance from their fathers. If

you don't accept your son or daughter, you reject them. They may suffer in one way or another all their lives because of that basic lack of acceptance. Whether or not things work out between dad and mom, kids should not be denied a genuine expression of a father's love. When we are born of the Spirit of God, God the Father will not deny us. Our faith may not be strong, but Father God draws us with love and kindness. When we become "born again", we become a partaker of his divine nature. His unconditional love is there for us, even before we know him. He accepts us into the family of God regardless of our past failures and mistakes. "God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." Ephesians 1:6

2. Approval

Fathers not only need to give children acceptance, they also need to give them approval. Children need to have the approbation of a father that confirms their identity. Without that, they may be drawn to other substitutes for acceptance, even if not favorable or positive examples. They may even suffer from identity crises that may never be resolved, simply because they have never been confirmed by a father's approval.

3. Affection

Fathers need to give their children affection and devotion. They should feel their

parents are more devoted to them than to things. Children suffer when they do not get the proper affection from the proper source. Fathers should make great effort to show kindness to their children. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies and kindness, humbleness of mind meekness, longsuffering." Colossians 3:12

4. Association

Our children must have a sense of belonging. Four basic desires in man are: 1. To be 2. To beget 3. To belong 4. To possess. We all desire to belong to somebody or to something. Children want to belong to mom and dad...family. When they don't receive that sense of belonging, they may go through life struggling and trying to fit in, even where they may not belong; to achieve a sense of "belonging". Too many children turn to the wrong elements in society to fill the void left by absentee parents.

5. Authority

A wise father will give his children an understanding and respect for authority. A realization of true authority starts in the home. When father is provider, protector, teacher, mentor, kids realize the meaning of authority. Discipline comes from one in authority. When children have no discipline in the home, they may be tempted to revert to rebellion and deny any form of authority in their lives, simply because they never understood authority.

Fathers, don't be overwhelmed by the responsibilities of fatherhood. Be an example to your son or daughter, and do whatever is necessary to assume your responsibility in rearing this child and loving him/her as God the Father has loved you. You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you. [Phil. 3:15] Young men, don't just be your baby's daddy, take the time and effort to be his father! Have an active part of their lives and validate them each and every chance you get! If you have already practiced the privilege of 'fatherhood', keep up the good work! Your labor is not in vain! Some excerpts from, Crises in the Family Prophecy Update 1991, Ed

"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!"

Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church (USA) honors 2016 graduates and retirees



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church (USA)'s 2016 Graduates & Retirees: (L-R), Zamaria Ellen McNeill, Qaasim Aarif Watson, Susan B. Thompson and Carole W. Bryant

BY RITA TODD
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On Sunday, June 12, 2016, Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church (USA) honored its 2016 high school graduates, college graduates and retirees. This recognition was held during the 10:00 Morning Worship Service.

Two high school graduates were honored: James Henry Jordan, II, and Zamaria Ellen McNeill. James is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Jordan of Holly Springs, NC and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Johnson of Wilmington, NC. James plans to attend Wake Technical Institute and pursue a career in music. Zamaria is the daughter of Ms. Panza Allen McNeill and Mr. Michael McNeill and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Allen. Zamaria will be attending Wake Technical Community College to pursue a degree in business administration and cosmetology.

Three college graduates were recognized; Taylor Burns Keith, Aubrey Anne Russ, and Qaasim Aarif Watson. Taylor is the son of Darryl and Kim Keith of Providence, Rhode Island and the grandson of Jeanne Barksdale Keith Harris. Taylor graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Management. He plans to pursue a career in the professional sports industry in the field of facility/operations management.

Aubrey Anne Russ is the daughter of Angela Jackson. On May 13, 2016, Aubrey earned an Associate's Degree in Accounting and Applied Science from Cape Fear

Community College. Her immediate future plans include to excel in her career as a banker; while her long range goal is to own an accounting business.

Qaasim Aarif Watson graduated from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC on Monday, May 6, 2016. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with a concentration in Cell and Molecular Biology and a minor in Mathematics. Qaasim's awards include the Golden Key Honour Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Qaasim also served as president of the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students which is the largest pre-medical organization on the campus. He was also an executive board member of the American Medical Student Association. Qaasim's future plans are to attend medical school and pursue a career as a trauma surgeon.

Four retirees were honored during this ceremony: Leo Anderson, Carole W. Bryant, Ivy L. Murrain and Susan B. Thompson. After 36 years of service, Sergeant Major Leo Anderson officially retired from the US Army's Medical Materials Agency on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. During his career, he served in various positions. Presently, he is completing his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Carole Watson Bryant retired on May 23, 2016 from the New Hanover County Foster Grandparent's Program. She served in this capacity for 16 years mentoring and tutoring students. Her future plans include volunteering in a less rigorous, strenuous capacity.

Ivy Lori Murrain retired from the New Hanover County School System on August 1, 2015. She worked for the school



JAMES HENRY JORDAN, II

system as a teacher, an assistant principal, and the 1st principal of Wilmington Early College High School. Ivy's career spanned a period of 30 plus years. Her retirement plans include completing the setup of her home, continuing to serve as caretaker for her mother, and volunteering in the community.

Susan B. Thompson retired from the New Hanover County Government Department of Social Services on October 1, 2015. She served in the capacity as social worker for a period of 30 years. Her retirement plans include relaxing, spending time with her family and friends, providing service to others, and traveling. "To God be the Glory"!!!

DeVaughan Shepard led the processional of graduates and retirees into the church. Andrian Jackson provided a prayer for the honorees while Anthony Jackson read a poem entitled, Climb Til' Your Dreams Come True. A light repast was held in the BH Baskerville Fellowship Hall following service.

This annual recognition is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women's Organization at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church. The 2016 Graduates' and Retirees' Recognition Committee included Ms. Angela Jackson, Ms. Sheila E. MacRae, Mrs. Paula P. Moore and Ms. Rita D. Todd. Ms. Leslie R. Watson serves as the organization's president.

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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, 2016.

Geraldine Edmonds
of the Estate of Dennis Michael Edmonds
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM
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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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **John Wesley Chancey**, 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 Chancey, Collector
419 Sheppard Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Kimberly Bullard Benson**, 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 **16th 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 16th day of June, 2016

Joanne H. Bryan, Administrator
108 Gladiolus Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2016

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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 Co-Executors 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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Jeanette McIntyre**, 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 16th 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 16th day of June, 2016

Jacqueline N. Sweat, Executor
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Cary, NC 27513

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Jean Reade Brown Carraway**, 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 **16th 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 16th day of June, 2016

Sharon C. Clapp, Executor
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New Hill, NC 27562

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Wade R. Shanklin**, 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 **16th 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 16th day of June, 2016

Phyllis C. Shanklin, Executrix of the Estate of Ruthy Elizabeth Rountree Davis
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16 North Fifth Avenue
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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
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Burgaw, NC 28425
Jeanne S. Rieman, Co- Executor
1167 Kings Landing Rd.
Hampstead, NC 28443

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Linda H. Gross (aka Sarah Linda Hutchison)**, 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 **16th 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 16th day of June, 2016

Lisa Aycoth, Executrix of the Estate of Linda H. Gross (aka Sarah Linda Hutchison)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Ruthy Elizabeth Rontree Davis**, 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 **16th 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 16th day of June, 2016

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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

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)

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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.

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TV SCREENS

Lots of controversial stuff we're seeing of late on our TV screens. Hard not to have an opinion on some of it.

ORLANDO - They all deserved to live. Every one of Omar Mateen's 49 victims in the deadliest mass shooting in recorded American history deserved to live out their young lives, free of discrimination, and certainly free of threat of death because of who they were, or where they chose to celebrate their lives.

They were American citizens, and no matter what anyone thought of them, they all had the right to live.

Apparently Mateen didn't think so. Because he reportedly saw two men exchanging affections in front of him and his young son one day, instead of either ignoring it, or explaining it to the boy, Mateen - a mixed-up, angry terrorist wannabe - decided to take matters into his own hands and express his hatred of gay people the only way his feeble mind knew how - through deadly, senseless violence.

Let's be clear about something ... it takes a particular brand of coward to pack two fully-loaded firearms, one of them an AR-15 military assault rifle capable of firing multiple rounds of ammo in a clip, to a club where 350 unarmed men and women are partying and minding their own business, and start firing at will. Not much courage required for that behavior.

And yet, Mateen apparently felt that it was his duty to kill as many human beings as possible at the "Pulse" club in Orlando Saturday night. Somehow it made him feel... more like a "man," I guess.

Here's the problem - there are plenty more Omar Mateens out there just waiting for their chance to explode and "prove" just how "manly" they are in a similar way. And because, despite all of the protestations of Pres. Obama, this country refuses to do anything to ban military assault weapons (as we once did under the Bill Clinton administration), weapons of war continue to flood our streets - legally and otherwise. And so every weekend, the streets of Chicago, Philadelphia and New York become war zones. And the body counts of our young people just keep on rising. And the National Rifle Association continues

to insist that it's every citizen's right to get their hands on as many guns as possible.

And Pres. Obama continues to throw his hands up in frustration. The Republican-led Congress he's stuck with refuses to do anything at all because it's so deep in the NRA's pockets.

And so it goes. This week Orlando. Last December it was San Bernardino. Before that a black church in Charleston. and a movie theater in Aurora, Colo. A college campus. An elementary school with young children.

They all had the right to live. NO NAME - CNN's Anderson Cooper refuses to mention the name of the killer, or show his face, not wanting to give the monster any glory at all. That's cool with me.

TRUMP'S SOLUTION - Needless to say, GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump has now reiterated his call to ban all Muslims from coming into the United States as a result of the Orlando massacre.

Like it or not, Trump does have a following here in the South and the Midwest - two areas where many whites believe this really isn't their country anymore because they feel they don't have "control." Trump gives them that sense of control with his "Make America Great Again" mantra, and apparently the best way to accomplish that near trick is to throw the values most of all were raised on in the toilet. So we build walls instead of building bridges. And we treat women like second-class citizens instead of equal partners in our democracy. And of course, we fool ourselves into thinking that we're keeping potential terrorists out of the country, when all we're really doing is proving real terrorists right by acting like a nation with no sense.

Yep, there are a lot of folks who are buying what Trump is selling. The question is, are there enough of them to elect him the next president of the United States? We'll see.

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.

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