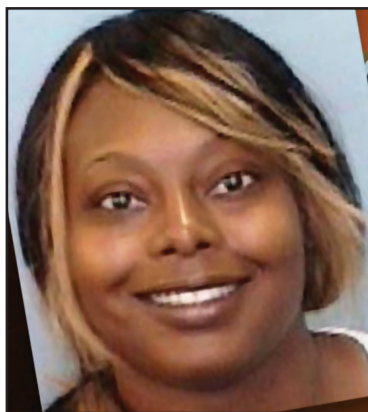


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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts.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

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

CORONER'S POSITION IN COUNTY ABOLISHED

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week's decision on closing out coroner's position in Brunswick County is another move toward taking away the power from the people and giving it to a select few. The county coroner was one of most respected and powerful jobs in Brunswick County. Not only does he sign death certificates,

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WHAT WILL "SIT-IN" DEMOCRATS DO WHEN THEY RETURN ON JULY 5TH?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Last week, in acts of civil and procedural defiance, House Democrats, led by iconic civil rights leader Congressman John Lewis [D-GA], sang "We Shall Overcome," held hands together as they sat on the floor in the well of the US House Chamber, and delivered fiery speeches criticizing the GOP House majority for doing nothing about the scourge of gun violence in the nation.

After 26 hours, the House Democrats broke for the July 4th recess as the Republicans had hours earlier, but promised, upon their return July 5th, to continue their protest "sit-in" until GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan allows a bill to be voted on that speaks to either

banning semi-automatic weapons, or keeping people on the no-fly list from purchasing guns.

So what will happen next week when Congress reconvenes?

No one outside of the House Democrats can say, but North Carolina Congressman G. K. Butterfield [D-NC-1], who also serves as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, makes clear that in light of the recent Orlando shooting massacre which took 49 lives, now is the time for Congress to step forward and do something about the flood of gun violence in the country.

"Republican leadership has failed to vote even on common-sense legislation that would expand back-

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U.S. REP. JOHN LEWIS SITS WITH U.S. REP. DAVID MEEKS (D., N.Y.)

100 BLACK MEN AND MENTEES



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FROM LEFT: KENNETH CHESTNUT, IGLESIAS DOWE, KEONTA PELLOM, DEVONTÉ BEATTY AND GEORGE BEATTY

Locals attend national conference in Atlanta

BY GEORGE BEATTY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 30th Annual Conference of the 100 Black Men of America was held June 15 through June 19 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. Three students and two chaperones from the Coastal North Carolina Chapter were in attendance. Student attendees were: Devonté Beatty, who recently completed 8th grade at Leland Middle School; Iglesias Dowe, a recent graduate of Williston Middle School; and Keonta Pellom a rising Junior at North Brunswick High School. They were chosen from among the more than 30 students in the local chapter's mentoring programs. The students were accompanied by chapter members Kenneth Chestnut and George Beatty.

Devonté Beatty and Dowe were selected based on their participation in middle school mentoring activities during the 2015/2016 academic year. While Pellom participated in the chapter's Coastal North

Carolina Success Academy which is based at Cape Fear Community College. Selections were based on attendance, participation, willingness to learn, and the potential to become future leaders.

The program featured a full youth agenda including leadership workshops, inspirational speeches by high-achieving successful students as well as successful adults. There were sessions on community service, financial and economic empowerment, the role of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines on careers of the future and other relevant topics. Also featured was the State Farm African American History Challenge. In addition, many of the student mentees had an opportunity to interact with Black professionals Men for the first time.

The 100 Black Men tag line is "What they see is what they will be" therefore the Conference provid-

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Patrick Boykin dedicated to mentoring youth



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO PATRICK BOYKIN

BY VENITA JENKINS OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

Patrick Boykin '94, '12M has first-hand experience with the power of positive mentoring.

As he began his career, legendary UNCW leaders like Chancellor Emeritus James Leutze and former basketball coach Jerry Wainwright offered Boykin advice and guidance. They also asked him to mentor a new generation of Seahawks.

"After I graduated, Chancellor Leutze, Coach Wainwright and others would reach out to me periodically to assist with classroom discussions, mentoring

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Jesse Williams' Black Lives Matter speech On BET blocked online

COMPILED BY STAFFS OF THE CAROLINIAN AND THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If you didn't watch the "BET Awards" on Sunday then you missed a real show. "Grey's Anatomy" star Jesse Williams accepted the Humanitarian of the Year award for his work with the Black Lives Matter campaign with a speech that brought the crowd to their feet.

Jesse's words were poetic, passionate and inspiring. So much so that as of Tuesday you can't seem to find them anywhere on the Internet. BET's website doesn't have it posted. Viacom had it blocked from YouTube, touting copyright infringement.

Copyright infringement? None of the booty shaking, gun shooting, drug dealing videos have been blocked! Just the one that was an uplifting call to

action and demand for change and equal treatment for blacks was blocked.

BET is owned by Viacom, who is owned by National Amusements. None of these companies are black-owned or operated, but they cater to the "amusement" only of black people. Gone are the days of hard news and inspirational television programming on BET, which stands for Black Entertainment Television by the way. This station exists for amusement only.

So when Jesse Williams used this platform to bring awareness to a much larger problem plaguing America he was immediately and ironically black-balled.

BET is due to air the "BET Awards" again this week and hopefully you have a DVR to record it. It may well be the last opportunity you get to actually see the Jesse Williams speech on televi-



Jesse Williams delivered a powerful speech on stage while accepting the Humanitarian Award at the 2016 BET Awards held at the Microsoft Theater on Sunday, June 26.

sion. For those who do not have access to the Internet or the desire to watch the "BET Awards" rerun we have tran-

scribed the speech.

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but he also is authorized to take over the position of sheriff if anything happens to him. Now the position has been discontinued and will become a political position for whoever is in power. Wake up, Brunswick County! We are losing our civil rights fast and very fast! We don't need to be caught up in titles or personal opinions that hang on myths or hatred.

We must stand on the truth and move forward. This elected administration has set out to destroy Blacks, poor Whites, the elderly, and the sick. They use the title of being conservative to fool citizens into doing that which is wrong. They turn Blacks against Whites, Whites against Hispanics, Hispanics against Jews, etc. Wake up! Look up at the trouble this is causing. Together we stand! Divided we will fall! *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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"Peace peace. Thank you, Debrah. Thank you, BET. Thank you Nate Parker, Harry and Debbie Allen for participating in that [video]. Before we get into it, I just want to say I brought my parents out tonight. I just want to thank them for being here, for teaching me to focus on comprehension over career; that they make sure I learn what the schools were afraid to teach us. And also thank my amazing wife for changing my life.

Now, this award, this is not for me. This is for the real organizers all over the country. The activists, the civil rights attorneys, the struggling parents, the families, the teachers, the students that are realizing that a system built to divide and impoverish and destroy us cannot stand if we do. All right? It's kind of basic mathematics. The more we learn about who we are and how we got here, the more we will mobilize.

Now, this is also in particular for the black women in particular who have spent their lifetimes dedicated to nurturing everyone before themselves. We can and will do better for you. Now, this is also in particular for the black women in particular who have spent their lifetimes dedicated to nurturing everyone before themselves. We can and will do better for you. Now, this is also in particular for the black women in particular who have spent their lifetimes dedicated to nurturing everyone before themselves. We can and will do better for you.

Yesterday would have been young Tamir Rice's 14th birthday. So, I don't want to hear any more about how far we've come when paid public servants can pull a drive-by on a 12-year-old playing alone in a park in broad daylight, killing him on television, and then going home to make a sandwich.

Tell Rokia Boyd how it's so much better to live in 2012 than it is to live in 1612 or 1712, tell that to Eric Garner; tell that to Sandra Bland; tell that to

Dorian Hunt. Now the thing is though, all of us in here getting money, that alone isn't gonna stop this. Alright? Now dedicating our lives to getting money just to give it right this back for someone's brand on our body when we spent centuries praying with brands on our bodies, and now we pray to get paid for brands on our bodies. There has been no war that we have not fought and died on the frontlines of, there has been no job that we have not done, there is no tax they haven't levied against us. But freedom is somehow always conditional here. "You're free," they keep telling us, "but she would've been alive if she hadn't acted so ... free." Now freedom is always coming in the hereafter, but you know what though, the hereafter is a hustle. We want it now.

Let's get something straight, just a little side note. The burden of the brutalized is not to comfort the bystander. That's not our job. Stop with all that. If you have a critique for the resistance, for our resistance, then you better have an established record of critique of our oppression. If you have no interest in equal rights for black people, then do not make suggestions to those who do. Sit down.

We've been floating this country on credit for centuries, yo. And we're done watching and waiting while this invention called whiteness uses and abuses us, burying black people out of sight and out of mind while extracting our culture, our dollars, our entertainment like oil, black gold. Ghettoizing and demeaning our creations, then stealing them, gentrifying our genius, and then trying us on like costumes before discarding our bodies like rinds of strange fruit. The thing is though, that just because we're magic doesn't mean we're not real. Thank you."

Williams received rousing applause, both from the crowd and from fans virtually. The twittersphere quickly showed the history-teacher-turned-actor with praise for his inspiring message.

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ground checks and prevent dangerous firearms from being sold to suspected terrorists. Enough is enough."

Rep. Butterfield continued, "Now, more than ever, the issue of gun violence should transcend party lines. It's time for the American people to demand new gun laws to make our country a safer place for all. We must take action."

Butterfield wasn't the only North Carolina congressman to join the House Democratic "No Bill, No Break" in last week. His 12th District colleague, Rep. Alma Adams said, "There's a difference between being concerned and being committed."

"We were not elected to only hold moments of silence; we were elected to act and legislate for the general welfare of the American people. It's time for House Republicans to do their job and bring these common-sense bipartisan bills to the floor."

The two bills in question that House Democrats want Speaker Ryan and the House Republicans to allow for an up-or-down vote are the bi-partisan King-Thompson measure to expand and strengthen the background checks system, and the bi-partisan "No Fly, No Buy" legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists.

House Republicans have reportedly voted 13 times to block consideration of "No Fly, No Buy," saying that if someone is mistakenly placed on the "No Fly" list, their due process rights to challenge the assignment are denied, and their Second Amendment right to bear arms violated.

House Republican Rep. Mark Walker [R-NC-6] of Greensboro

called the Democratic sit-in "a disgrace to Woolworth's," apparently referencing the historic February 1, 1960 sit-in at Woolworth's in downtown Greensboro by four North Carolina A&T students to end segregation.

House Democrats were inspired by forty Democratic members of the US Senate, led by Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, who filibustered their chamber days earlier until the Republican majority agreed to hold votes on four gun control measures. All went down in defeat, but observers say the votes opened the door to a possible meaningful compromise on a bill introduced by Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine.

North Carolina's third House Democrat, David Price [D-NC-1] was also in support of last week's sit-in, in addition to the "No Fly, No Buy" legislation. But Price's Republican senatorial colleague from North Carolina, Thom Tillis, was anything but.

"The business of the House is more important than the antics that we see going on there, and if it were my chamber, it would be cleared and people would be arrested, if that's what's necessary to get us back to the task at hand," Sen. Tillis said on the Senate floor last week.

But Rep. Adams disagrees. "Gun control is not a partisan issue-it is a common-sense issue," Rep. Adams says. "We cannot be guided by politics; it is wrong and irresponsible to suggest that the rights of law abiding gun owners are being compromised by tightened policies that can save lives. More than 30,000 people die each year in gun deaths."

"It is unacceptable to see the lack of leadership in Congress to bring meaningful gun safety measures to the floor of the House and Senate."

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ECSU REINSTATED AS "DISCOUNT" UNC SCHOOL

[RALEIGH] When the state Senate originally proposed several weeks ago to designate struggling Elizabeth City State University as one of three historically-black UNC campus schools to introduce a \$500.00 per semester proposal for in-state students in order to boost enrollment, many critics suspected closing ECSU to be the true motive of the bill.

There were concerns that the tuition discount would hit the schools hard, and even though they were promised at least \$70 million in the upcoming budget to make up the difference, there were no guarantees in the years to come. Plus, critics alleged, then cheapened tuition could tarnish the image and reputation of the UNC schools involved.

Protests rang up from black lawmakers, the NC NAACP, students, alumni and supporters of ECSU, in addition to Winston-State University and Fayetteville State University (the other two UNC System schools involved), forcing Sen. Tom Apodaca [R-Hendersonville] to withdraw his bill, complaining that his intentions had misunderstood, and he only wanted help the three black schools, in addition to UNC-Pembroke and Western Carolina University, increase their enrollments.

Charging that his life had also been threatened, Sen. Apodaca removed his bill.

Fast forward to Monday evening when leaders of the state Senate and House announced that they have a \$22 billion budget agreement

ready for both houses to ratify this week, and Gov. McCrory to possibly sign no later than Friday in time for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st.

In as part of the new budget, the provision Sen. Apodaca said he would kill, a \$500-per-semester tuition, this time involving just three schools - UNC - Pembroke, Western Carolina University and Elizabeth City State University. Senate Majority Leader Phil Berger said the schools were re-included because their chancellors asked to be. He added that ECSU was in "critical" need of the program because a March audit showed a sharp drop in enrollment, with only 232 students out of over 1186 freshmen admitted who actually enrolled.

Rev. William Barber, president of the NC NAACP, continues to criticize the move, charging that it is just a "shell game" to ultimately close ECSU down. Apodaca says the budget has \$40 million allotted to help all three schools with any short-falls next year.

US SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW NC CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] Their decision won't come in time to affect the November elections, the US Supreme Court has indicated that it will review North Carolina's appeal of the US Circuit Fourth Court of Appeals decision that the First and Twelfth Congressional districts were drawn by the Republican-led Legislature with race as the primary factor, which was deemed unconstitutional. The appellate court ordered North Carolina to redraw the two districts, forcing the state to conduct two different primaries. The US High Court will review

the case this fall.

SUPREME COURT DECISION COULD IMPACT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN NC

[CHAPEL HILL] The future of affirmative action policies at North Carolina's universities could be determined by a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. As early as this week, the court is expected to rule on a case challenging the admission policy at the University of Texas in Austin (Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin) which includes race as a factor in the admission of some of their students. Depending on how the eight justices rule, it could have an impact on the policy at the University of North Carolina, which also considers race in its admissions process.

Mark Dorosin, managing attorney at UNC Center for Civil Rights said it's important the high court preserve diversity.

"Diversity among the student body is a valuable and critical educational tool," he said. "It's a component of education that is particularly vital as our country grows more diverse."

A similar case challenging UNC's admissions policy is pending in the court system, but it was stayed pending the outcome of the Texas case. Because the court is evenly numbered, a deadlocked decision would let the ruling of a lower court, which ruled in favor of the affirmative action policy, stand.

Dorosin said without affirmative action policies in place, universities don't maintain their accessibility to everyone naturally.

"What we know is that in places that have eliminated any use of affirmative action,

there has been significant segregation among higher education," he added. "Much fewer diverse admissions, much fewer diverse campuses."

California banned affirmative action in 1998 and, since then, Hispanic and black enrollments have decreased. A similar outcome was seen in Michigan, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

ACTION URGED ON TOXIC CHEMICAL IN NC DRINKING WATER

[RALEIGH] In the wake of a major overhaul of the federal Toxic Substances Control Act, the Environmental Protection Agency is being urged to act on a chemical found in several North Carolina water systems.

The Environmental Working Group is urging the EPA to address PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid), a chemical used in hundreds of household products and linked to a host of serious health conditions, including cancer and birth defects.

It's been found in excess of safe levels in five North Carolina communities. Those water systems serve well over 200,000 people.

Liz Hitchcock, legislative director for Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, says the legislation, signed last week by President Barack Obama, is a significant improvement.

"The federal government now has the authority to take action on toxic chemicals that it has not had," she states.

The legislation vastly expands the EPA's authority to test and regulate the thousands of chemicals in daily use.

The original law, passed in 1976, allowed the cost of regulation to be a major consideration, and it set standards for scientific proof of harm that

were so high that the EPA was even blocked from regulating asbestos.

Current North Carolina law allows for a small concentration of PFOA in public water.

The law now makes health and environmental considerations the sole criteria for regulation.

Hitchcock says that change might have made a big difference 40 years ago.

"We could hope that EPA would have regulated PFOA, and prevented the health hazards now being experienced in communities all over the country," she stresses.

The new law requires the EPA initially to test 10 chemicals a year, expanding to 20 a year once protocols are established.

But there are some 80,000 chemicals sold in the United States.

Hitchcock says that means the pace will be very slow, but if the EPA gives known harmful substances the highest priority, it will make a real difference.

"If we can take action on even a small number of chemicals that have a big health effect, we can affect the lives of millions of Americans," she states.

Hitchcock also criticizes the new law for putting restrictions on the ability of states to impose their own regulations on chemicals.

STATE SENATE PASSES \$22.3 BILLION BUDGET PROPOSAL

[RALEIGH] The NC House is expected pass the \$22.3 billion proposal ratified by the state Senate Tuesday, possibly in time for Gov. Pat McCrory to sign it into law by Friday, July 1st, the first day of the new fiscal year. The new budget includes a 4.7 percent raise for teachers bringing their aver-

age pay to this coming school year to \$50,186. State employees will see a 1.5 percent bump in their pay checks, and state taxpayers get another income tax cut. The Democratic minority criticized \$35 million put aside to fund private school vouchers, and restrictions placed on a planned light rail system between Durham and Chapel Hill.

STATE SENATE APPROVES TAKEOVER OF FIVE LOW-ACHIEVING SCHOOLS

[RALEIGH] By a 35-15 vote, the state senate this week approved the Achievement School District, where a special school superintendent hires a charter school company to take over five low-performing schools throughout the state in an effort to improve them. The House had earlier passed a different version of the bill, so the two sides must reconcile their difference now. Some Democratic senators tried to have their local school districts exempted from the law.

WAKE GRAND JURY INDICTS STATE SENATOR FOR CAMPAIGN FRAUD

[RALEIGH] A Wake County grand jury has indicted Republican State Sen. Fletcher Hartsell of Concord on three felony counts of filing false campaign finance reports. The 69-year-old is accused of using campaign funds for personal benefit, including paying for credit cards. The criminal charges by the Wake County District Attorney's Office follow a prolonged investigation by the NC Board of Elections.

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basketball players, and other needs for which they needed community input," said Boykin, a commercial relationship manager with PNC Bank. "The relationships that I formed while there, and post-graduation, have formed a certain level of loyalty to UNC Wilmington."

In fact, Boykin, along with two of his UNCW basketball teammates - Corey Stewart '95, MBA, PMP and Mika'il Petin, Ph.D. - are establishing a non-profit organization to help youth in Wilmington.

"The purpose of the organization is to give youth in our community the tools necessary to be successful through mentorship, education and sports," said Boykin, the 2012 Cameron School of Business Norman R Kaylor Outstanding MBA student. "Our goal is to launch the program by the fall of 2017."

Boykin, a 1999 recipient of the Watson College of Education Razor Walker Award, also serves on the

Cape Fear Museum Associates, Inc., New Beginning Christian Church Trustee Board, New Hanover County Community Foundation and the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame boards. He is a member of the executive board of the Cape Fear Council of the Boy Scouts of America, where he formerly served as field director.

During his time with the council, Boykin recruited youth and adults into the Boy Scout program and assisted community organizations with establishing scouting units. He was recognized for a program he developed that established units in the inner City of Wilmington.

His participation on numerous boards reflects Boykin's dedication to mentoring young people. He models the community engagement he hopes they will one day embrace themselves.

"We must remain committed to the place that gave us our foundation for growth and to the relationships that have elevated us to the places where we are," Boykin said.

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ed a variety of positive role models and experiences for attending students. Several programs were run by students as the 100 Black Men organization seeks to continuously develop leadership skills within the participating students.

The 100 Black Men focuses on Education, Health and Wellness, Economic Empowerment, and Leadership Development. These are cornerstone issues for overall improvement in the Black community.

The 100 Black Men of America began in New York in 1963 when a group of concerned African American men began to meet to explore ways of improving conditions in their community. The group eventually adopted the name, "100 Black Men of America, Inc." as a sign of solidarity. These men envisioned an organization that would implement programs designed to improve the quality of life for African Americans and other minorities. They also wished

to ensure bright futures for their communities by concentrated youth development. These pioneering members were successful black men from various walks of life including: David Dinkins, Robert Mangum, Dr. William Hayling, Nathaniel Goldston III, Livingston Wingate, Andrew Hatcher, and Jackie Robinson.

Today the organization has grown to over 118 chapters throughout the United States, the Caribbean Islands, and the United Kingdom. Those 118 chapters boast a membership of more than 10,000 persons who continue to improve the quality of life in their communities and enhance educational and economic opportunities for African Americans. More than 125,000 youth participate annually in 100 Black Men of America, Inc. mentoring and youth development programs. Members of the 100 continue to serve as a strong force in the world by overcoming the cultural and financial obstacles that have limited the achievements of some African Americans,

particularly young African American males. Members of the 100 have made outstanding progress, proving that Blacks can, and do, excel as corporate leaders, community leaders and as independent business owners.

The Coastal North Carolina Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America is based in Wilmington and has 25 members. These members come from various professional disciplines, such as medicine, engineering, accounting and business management. The group has both active and retired professionals who provide valuable guidance mentees, answering their questions by sharing real-world experiences, and fulfilling valuable voids that help mentees develop bright futures. During the 2015/2016 academic year, the chapter mentored a total of 34 students from the Williston Middle School, Leland Middle School and the Coastal North Carolina Success Academy.

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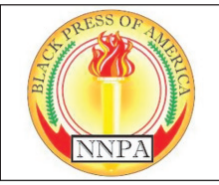
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Appreciating Congressman John Lewis

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I have always had enormous admiration for Congressman John Lewis (D-GA), and that admiration increased exponentially when I watched him lead dozens of his Congressional colleagues to sit-in on the floor of Congress to force a vote on gun control. As the supercilious Paul Ryan called for "decorum" (where is the decorum in a man walking into a nightclub with an automatic weapon and gunning 49 people down), determined Democrats disrupted proceedings in the House of Representatives. Right on.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Congressman Lewis tweeted, "Sometimes you have to get in the way. You have to make some noise by speaking up and speaking out against injustice & inaction". He is frustrated, as are many voters, about the fact that Congress has failed to take a position on background checks and the availability of assault weapons. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) is equally frustrated, saying, "Moments of silence aren't substitute for the action needed on gun violence." Republicans

have attempted to deflect, suggesting that the focus should be ISIS and terrorism, not gun violence. But the Newtown, Connecticut shooter was not a terrorist connected to ISIS. Indeed, troubled white men perpetrated many of our recent mass shootings with access to guns, not ISIS loyal terrorists. No matter. Can't Congress walk and chew gum at the same time? Can't they focus both on ISIS and on our out-of-control gun culture?

Nobody is talking about repealing the Second Amendment (though that might not be a bad idea). Still, the "right to bear arms" does not mean the unfettered right to bear all kinds of arms. Nobody needs an automatic weapon. And anyone deemed dangerous or mentally ill needs never be allowed a gun purchase. The National Rifle Association (NRA) is an irresponsible organization that elevates the right for any random citizen to own and bear arms over the right of other citizens to survive. Members of Congress need to cut the cord from that organization. Voters need to back them up.

One might think the Congressional sit-in has yielded few results. House Speaker Paul Ryan pulled the plug on CSPAN coverage and dismissed the sit-in as a "stunt". Still, responding to the fact that 90 percent of us in the United States support background checks and restrictions on access to weapons, those who sat in showed enormous courage. And, taking advantage of social media, they broadcast their sit-in using Periscope, reminding Ryan that he might control CSPAN, but he doesn't control all broadcast.

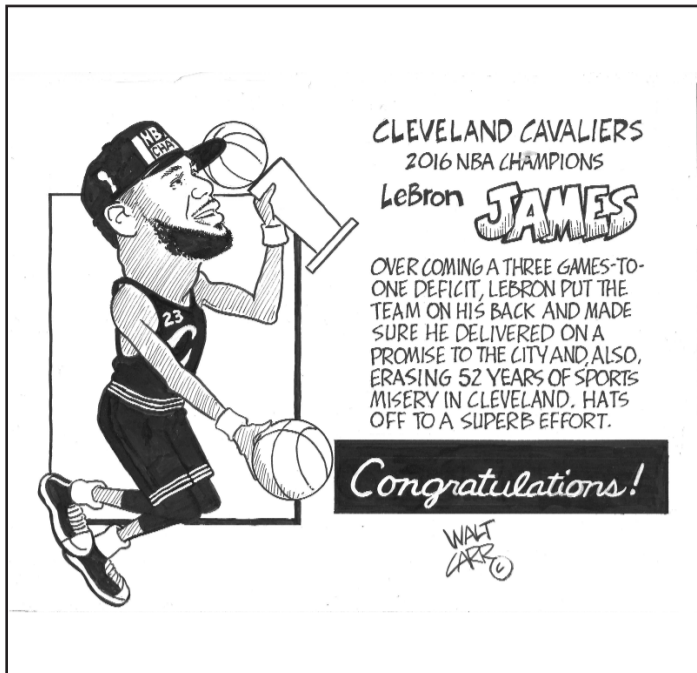
Ryan was insulting and condescending in calling the sit-in a "stunt", and he reminded me of the many reasons I so admire Congressman John Lewis. Was the Atlanta Congressman's skull fractured in a "stunt" in 1965 on Bloody Sunday, when his civil rights activity caused rabid whites to attack him? Lewis pulled no stunt; he stood for what he believed in then. He is standing, firmly in his belief now, and using the time-honored tactic of protest to bring attention to the important cause of gun control.

Congressman Lewis and his colleagues were not successful in forcing votes on gun control. But they were successful in shutting the House down. Speaker Ryan was forced to adjourn Congress before he planned to, and Republicans sulked off like thieves in the night. Democrats held the floor hours after the Republicans scurried away, like hungry rats. No vote was forced, but a point was made.

Congress goes back to work on July 5. People should urge their representatives to take an appropriate vote to reduce access to guns, especially for those on a "no fly" list. People should also give Congressman John Lewis a "shout out" and appreciation for his leadership. He has taken the tactics of the 60s and taken them into the twenty-first century. He has reminded us that "stunts" have their purpose. His unassailable moral courage is admirable. Thank you, Congressman Lewis, for your activism in the 1960s and now. You are much appreciated!

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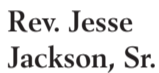
Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Why Warren should be Hillary's VP

(Via George Curry Media)

Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic Party nominee for president, is now sorting out her pick for her running mate and potential vice president. She's launched the "search," the traditional and often irritating public surfacing of various possibilities, paying respect to different constituencies and different personalities, before settling on a choice.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

One possibility being floated clearly merits serious consideration. Consider the resume: Raised in a family struggling to get by, this prospect started working while still in high school, went to college on a debate scholarship, graduated from law school, and became a Harvard Law professor and expert on bankruptcy law, particularly as it relates to how the financial industry preys on families in crisis. This person wrote path-breaking books on the economic pressures on working families, then chaired the Congressional Oversight Panel monitoring the federal bailout of the U.S. banking system and created the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), ushering it from conception to passage into law. Then elected as U.S. senator, immediately gaining a national reputation as a progressive leader willing to take on the big banks and stand up for working people, this leader has demonstrated a tough mind, a full heart, a strong will and a gift for inspiring people. What's not to like?

Sen. Elizabeth Warren is, of course, a woman. Some suggest it's impossible to have two women lead the party's ticket. But haven't we gone far beyond that? We've had two men lead parties forever, so there's no tradition of gender balance. Hillary Clinton should be looking for the strongest candidate. And on that criterion, Warren is hard to beat.

Warren would help Clinton heal the divisions of the primaries. She appeals to the Sanders wing of the party, to independents and the young. Indeed, before Sanders announced, progressives

organized across the country to urge Warren to run. She speaks with a credibility earned by her willingness to take the side of working families against powerful interests and the Washington establishment. She's already demonstrated the fire needed to call out Donald Trump and the party that is about to nominate him.

Warren exemplifies Clinton's goal to be a "progressive with results." She had to take on the banking lobby, Obama's treasury secretary, entrenched regulators, and Republican and more than a few Democratic members of Congress to get the CFPB enshrined in law. Already that agency has helped consumers recover more than \$10 billion from credit card companies and banking institutions that had defrauded them. If she is on the ticket and helping to lead the administration, voters can be confident that Wall Street bankers will finally be held accountable.

Warren has been a leader in the effort to expand Social Security, now an emerging consensus in the Democratic Party. She led the effort to reduce student debt from college. She's been a strong supporter of lifting the minimum wage and creating a floor under workers.

Warren has less experience in international affairs and national security. But what is required there is intelligence and judgment. No one doubts she has the intelligence to learn what is at stake in any crisis. She exhibits the judgment - and a skepticism about foreign military adventures - that is badly needed in any White House. And, of course, she's already shown she will call them as she sees them, ensuring that Clinton would get her best informed and unvarnished opinion, no matter who is lined up on the other side.

Clinton, like most presidential candidates, will make her choice on the basis of political judgment, extensive vetting and personal affinity. She will want to choose someone who will add strength to the ticket, and to the administration if elected, and have her confidence. She should not let the fact that Warren is female get in the way of giving her strong consideration.

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CASH IN THE APPLE

SO PROUD

To hear House Speaker Paul Ryan and the rest of the Republicans tell it, the historic 25-hour sit-in on the House floor in Congress last week was nothing but a publicity stunt to raise a campaign money. And truth be told, the Democratic Party, once it saw how successful the sit-in was turning out to be, did send out fundraising letters. But let's face it, if First Lady Michelle Obama beat the president at darts, the Dems would send out a letter just to get all of the female Democratic dart-throwing fans to pass the hate.



Cash Michaels

No, what the House Democrats, led by Georgia Congressman John Lewis, last week was not some cheap publicity stunt to raise a quick campaign buck. The sit-in they staged was a brilliant attempt to embarrass the Republicans for doing everything they can, especially after tragic mass shootings, to bottleneck the legislative process so that the Second Amendment right to bear arms would remain unfettered, unthreatened, no matter how stupid or crazy it may seem.

Forty-nine innocent people are shot to death at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, and Republicans talk around the fact that a crazed self-styled Islamist was able to legally by an AR-15 semi-automatic weapon after first being investigated by the FBI and then being taken off the international no-fly list.

The solution to the average person seemed simple - pass a law making sure that if a person the FBI once investigated who falls off the radar is delayed in purchasing a gun until he or she is looked back into. And while we're at it, why in the world would we allow average citizens the ability to purchase and own weapons of war that fire multiple rounds from a single magazine? Far too many military experts have stated that such gun belongs on the battlefield, not on our streets or in our communities.

And yet, because the leaders of the National Rifle Association are greasing as many Republican palms as possible so that laws they don't like are never passed, we have to deal with a GOP-majority Congress that is essentially bought and paid for.

That is what John Lewis and the rest of the House Democrats were finally fed up with last week. The polls show that 90 percent of Americans want sensible gun control passed, and an amazing 85% of NRA members want the same thing.

But since Republicans can't seem to find their way to logical, reasonable solutions without a certain amount of drama, then the

House Democratic sit-in was a necessary tool.

Sure House rules governing decorum on the floor were violated. That's what happens when the majority doesn't want to listen to what ever common sense the minority is tired of begging for. And we should all be glad that the House Dems were more than happy to break them. Because if there's one thing this 2016 election season has taught all of us, it's that people are tired of business-as-usual. Folks now want fairness and what's right, no matter what the cost. So if the so-called "Establishment" gets their collective noses rubbed in it in the process, then so be it.

And that's why whoever is leading the anti-establishment movement must be a person whose very history is a testament to the highest integrity and examples of personal sacrifice imaginable.

That's why choosing Georgia Congressman John Lewis was a stroke of genius.

Having marched with civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a young man, and withstanding having his head beaten in by Alabama state troopers during the first march from Montgomery to Selma, there is simply no other member of Congress who can hold candle Rep. Lewis' bravery and history.

So to be led by such an icon, in a cause where 90 Americans a day are being killed by guns, is beyond

important, and certainly doesn't qualify as a cheap publicity stunt.

So seeing Rep. Lewis lead the charge as Democrats took turns making key speeches asking the Republican House majority to just bring a gun bill on the floor for a voter, watching them lock arms singing "We Shall Overcome," and finally going outside the US Capital Building to assure the gathering of supporters that one way or another, meaningful gun legislation will be achieved in Congress, was heart-rendering.

We look forward to the Democrats picking up the fight where they left it after 23 hours last week when they return from their July 4th recess. Will anything be accomplished? We'll certainly see. But we'll now know for sure who is trying hard for change, and who indeed is happy with the status quo.

Let's just hope and pray that another mass shooting doesn't happen in the meantime.

Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011.

Until next week, keep a smile on your face, GOD in your heart, and The Wilmington Journal in your life. Bye, bye.

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"Most White people couldn't survive as Black people"

(Via George Curry Media)

The takeover of the House floor led by civil rights icon John Lewis over the lack of House action on gun control was exciting to see. House Democrats decided to "agitate," a primary function of direct actions done to force social change, and Republicans reacted as might be expected - tossing off the sit-in as a mere publicity stunt and shutting down the House until July 5.

The sit-in made me think, though, of what has always been the spiritual resilience of Black people. Lewis reminded me that he had to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge three times in the quest to get from Selma to Montgomery, Ala. In spite of violence, in spite of White people scoffing at their efforts to get the right to vote, and in spite of them saying that all the protesters were

doing was trying to get attention, the protesters stayed the course. They marched, endured beating and horrendous violence, and kept on moving and working until they crossed that bridge, got to Montgomery and ultimately got the Voting Rights Act of 1965 passed.

What resilience! Even though Black people have perpetually fought for civil and human rights in this country, it has been with the knowledge that the forces against them have been behemoth, with the opposition not seeing them as human beings worthy of justice. Mothers, fathers and families of Black people accused of crimes they did not commit have gone to court with the smallest bit of hope, and have left those same courtrooms after their loved one has been convicted and thrown into prison or worse...with the ability, still, to keep on keeping on.

Black people have kept on going in spite of being passed over for jobs, denied loans and housing, believing that God has heard their cries and that God will make things all right.

It is a faith that is hard to define and even harder to understand. Rev. C.T. Vivian said, "most white people couldn't survive as Black people." That is an understatement.

It seems that now, Black people are figuratively "crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge" as the issue of police violence against Blacks is being recorded and exposed. What is being caught on video is not a new thing, but the fact that Black people have the strength to take those videos and keep on fighting for the justice that has never been the reality points to their resilience. Black people will not give up. This society and its institutions have knocked Black people down for decades, but Black people keep on getting up and keep on fighting.

John Lewis is part of the resilient core of America; that core is made up primarily of Black people but includes allies as well. Lewis, though, has been fighting the fight for justice in a way that only Black people have had to fight it, for decades. He knows about the resistance of the powers that be. He knows how the power

structure will not move unless forced to do so, and he knows the type of opposition the power structure throws out. He was not at all concerned that Speaker Paul Ryan called the sit-in a publicity stunt.

It was. But from years of fighting for justice, Lewis knows that often times it is the publicity stunts that force the powers that be to listen. Those who have fought an arrogant and resistant power structure know that they will not move unless provoked...and they know that the best provocation ever is to make them look bad. Republicans look like arrogant White men with nothing on their minds but their relationship with the National Rifle Association (NRA) and "radical Islamic terrorism." It is ridiculous that they insist that adopting common sense gun control measures is and would be an abrasion of anyone's Second Amendment Rights, but it is the platform from which they refuse to move.

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Supreme Court rejects challenge to affirmative action

(Via George Curry Media)

In many instances, the Supreme Court's recent affirmative action ruling upholding the University of Texas's affirmative action program was overshadowed by a same-day order overturning President Obama's executive order to ease illegal immigrants' path to U.S. citizenship. World News Tonight With David Muir, while leading its broadcast with the immigration decision, didn't even mention the affirmative action ruling in that day's national broadcast.

Even so, affirming the University of Texas admission plan was notable because it squelched an ongoing challenge to affirmative action by well-financed conservative groups. Even more remarkable, the conservative-leaning court rendered the decision shy of its full 9-member participation, with no successor confirmed following the death of conservative Antonin Scalia's and liberal Elena Kagan recusing herself from deliberation because of her previous involvement in the case as U.S. Solicitor General.

The biggest surprise was that Justice Anthony Kennedy, a Ronald Reagan appointee, joined the other liberals on the court - Stephen G. Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Sonia Sotomayor - to form the 4-3 majority that said race may be used as one factor among many in building a diverse student body. Dissenting were Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Samuel A. Alito, Jr., and Clarence Thomas.

"A university is in large part defined by those intangible 'qualities which are incapable of objective measurement but which make for greatness,'" Kennedy wrote, quoting from

Sweatt v. Painter, a landmark 1950 Supreme Court ruling outlawing the University of Texas' exclusion of African Americans from its law school. "Considerable deference is owed to a university in defining those intangible characteristics, like student body diversity, that are central to its identity and educational mission."

To conform to earlier Supreme Court rulings, the Texas legislature passed a new plan in 1997 for the University of Texas to admit all high school seniors who ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. But the plan failed to sufficiently diversify the main campus at Austin.

Texas is about 38 percent Latino and 12 percent African American. Under the 10 Percent Plan, 26 percent of the students admitted were Latino and 6 percent Black.

Under challenge was the part of the program that allowed race and ethnicity to be considered along with other factors to fill the slots not taken by the Top 10 Percent, which usually came to about 25 percent of each incoming class. No specific points were given for race.

Abigail Fisher, a White female from Sugar Land, Texas, applied for admission to UT in 2008. She did not rank in the top 10 percent of her class and university officials said even if no affirmative action program had been in place, she still would not have been accepted. Still, she sued saying that race should never be used under any circumstances.

A lower court ruled against her, a ruling that was affirmed upon reaching the appeals court. Her case was appealed to the Supreme Court, remanded to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and accepted a second time, with the court's recently ruling against her.

Conservatives were clearly disappointed in Kennedy. Elizabeth Slattery, a legal fellow at The Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, wrote, "Yesterday's ruling in *Fisher v. University of Texas* at Austin was disappointing, to say the least. Justice Anthony Kennedy's majority opinion, allowing UT to continue using a race-conscious admissions program without sufficiently articulating its 'diversity goal' or providing proof that it was meeting that goal, betrays his previous equal protection jurisprudence and the belief that we have a colorblind Constitution."

But the decision was cheered by University of Texas supporters.

"No decision since *Brown v. Board of Education* has been as important as *Fisher* will prove to be in the long history of racial inclusion and educational diversity," Laurence H. Tribe, a law professor at Harvard, told the *New York Times*.

Clarence Thomas, a staunch opponent of affirmative action, declared, "I write separately to reaffirm that a State's use of race in higher education admissions decisions is categorically prohibited by the Equal Protection Clause." The Constitution abhors classifications based on race because every time the government places citizens on racial registers and makes race relevant to the provision of burdens or benefits, it demeans us all."

He added, "That constitutional imperative does not change in the face of a 'faddish theor[y]' that racial discrimination may produce educational benefits."

This is not likely to be the final word on affirmative from the Supreme Court.

Lawsuits against Harvard University and the University of North Carolina, each prepared by Project on Fair Representation, the same conservative outfit that represented Abigail Fisher in her suit against the University of Texas, are making their way through lower courts and could end up before the Supreme Court.

If those cases reach the High Court, they could well be decided by the results of the November presidential election.

Writing on *Scotusblog.com*, Lyle Denniston observed: "Depending upon who wins the presidential election in November, a Scalia successor could hold the balance of power on affirmative action in the future, even if Kennedy were to return to his prior skepticism about such uses of race in public policy decisions. Justices Breyer, Ginsburg, and Sotomayor might well have Justice Kagan with them in the future and might form a definite majority when a ninth Justice is on board - depending on presidential politics."

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Lewis has seen that before, as White folks refused to move from their position that Black people had no rights as Americans. He and others fought, got knocked down, were ignored and were excoriated by the press, but they got up and kept on fighting.

It is a strength that can only be called spiritual. And it is a strength that perhaps the House Republicans will see, even as Lewis and other Democrats, Black and White,

continue to fight. At the end of the day, the "rules" put in place by the institutions of this nation have proven to be inept at being able to accommodate the voices, wills and rights of the masses.

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TO BE EQUAL

Class of 2016: Beating the odds

(Via George Curry Media)

"Education is a precondition to survival in America today. Investing in children is not a national luxury or a national choice. It's a national necessity."

-Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President, Children's Defense Fund

Congratulations, graduates. Whether you've walked across a stage to receive your high school diploma and begin your journey into a new world of independence, or you finally have your college diploma and are ready to step out into a world outside of lecture halls and dorms, you deserve much congratulations on your achievement.

Today, you are set to begin a new chapter in your life. Celebrate and bask in your well-deserved feeling of accomplishment now, because tomorrow is a new day and there is much work to be done.

Two years from now, it is projected that more than 60 percent of all jobs will require some college education. As

you prepare to become a part of the American workforce with your degree securely in hand, our nation faces a looming crisis because we are not producing enough men and women like you: graduates.

College enrollment and attainment rates have been steadily increasing in our country across racial and ethnic groups, but the problem is not that there are not enough people enrolling in college. The problem is that there are not enough people finishing college. And from among those who do attain that now vital postsecondary degree, large racial divides in degree attainment persist.

If we, as a nation, do not commit to figuring out what it takes to graduate from college, we risk diminishing the lives of our citizens, who are more likely to find better and better-paying work with a degree. We risk the loss of critical skills and training that will keep our national economy prosperous and thriving. And we risk our country's ability to remain competitive in the global, 21st century workforce.

At the National Higher Education Summit hosted by the National Urban League and USA Funds, a nonprofit corporation that enhances preparation for, access to and

success in postsecondary education, panelists addressed many of the obstacles that derail college completion for students of color. Many young men and women who dream and work hard to one day be in your shoes may see their dream deferred or discontinued because of financial need, academic unpreparedness and perhaps even coming from a non-college-going culture.

When you translate those barriers to obtaining a college degree into hard numbers, the statistics are sobering. Over the period from 1990 to 2014, the gap between Whites and Blacks attaining a bachelor's or higher degree widened from 13 to 18 percentage points, and the gap between Whites and Hispanics widened from 18 to 26 percentage points, according to a study by the National Center for Education Statistics.

As long as large numbers of students of color remain ill prepared to navigate and succeed in our postsecondary system of education, we will continue to have an urgent, national conversation about income inequality. The lack of financial aid that doesn't drown students in future debt, the lack of high-quality teachers in K-12 in communities of color and the lack of guidance

from professionals about the college experience is a recipe for disaster that will continue to trap our nation's future into poverty. You see, when a young man or woman is denied access to opportunity through education, we all lose.

The solutions to college attainment and completion will be both economic and social - from providing students with grants and low-interest loans, to providing better teachers in our grade schools and middle schools and providing academic remediation for students who need support with college courses. A college educated populace and workforce is a national imperative that requires the across-the-board support and collaboration of all stakeholders, from families to education professionals, employers and politicians.

Despite whatever obstacles you may have faced, you have earned a degree that is promised to reward you with a life you may not have had without that diploma. You have worked hard to be given access to jobs and opportunities that your degree merits. You have beat the odds. Now go out and change the world!

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

BLACKONOMICS

The growing Black trade deficit

(Via George Curry Media)

The more I see the statistics relating to the so-called Black Economy and Black Buying Power, the more desperate my message becomes and the more insulted I feel. How can we get so excited about having an annual aggregate income of more than \$1 trillion while we are at the bottom of every economic category in this country? We create vast wealth for others at the expense of creating and retaining wealth for ourselves? Black America is operating at a huge trade deficit. We must change that.

Just as the government is concerned about the national trade deficit, Black folks should feel the same about ours, and we should finally do something about it. Our trade deficit is horrendously out of kilter, and it's getting worse every day. Oh yes, I almost forgot; we are currently enthralled with who will be our next president, and it's difficult to draw our attention away from that circus, isn't it? But can't we walk and chew gum at the same time?

We cannot afford to neglect our trade deficit while we discuss politics as usual and pre-

pare to cast our votes for folks who either don't care about us or take us for granted. What a choice, huh?

Well, we have other choices. We can choose to redirect more of our \$1 trillion toward our own businesses; we can choose to start and grow more businesses; we can choose to create more jobs for our children; we can choose to teach our children how to be entrepreneurs; we can choose to pool our dollars and leverage them to our own benefit; we can choose to use our dollars to create more conscious Black millionaires; and we can choose economic freedom over economic enslavement and modern-day sharecropping.

Several years ago, I read an article by the so-called Black conservative, Larry Elder, in which he stated, "...despite slavery, Jim Crow and racism, the progress of American blacks is simply astounding. If black America were a country, it would be the 15th 'wealthiest' country in the world. He was using Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to prove his case.

A little Economics lesson is in order here. First of all, GDP and wealth are not the same as annual income. GDP is a collective measure of income produced per capita by a nation's citizens. "Black America would be ranked 34th in per capita GDP at 23,000 each. (The entire U.S. per capita amount is more than \$53,000.) Add to the equation the cost of living in this country, and Blacks

would rank 44th in the world." (Source: Pundit Fact, By Derek Tsang, September 2014)

The components of GDP are consumption, investment, net exports, government purchases, and inventories. Consumption is by far the largest component, totaling roughly two-thirds of GDP.

Blacks save and invest very little. Exports? Not much going on there either, although our brothers and sisters in Africa and the Caribbean eagerly await the day when get our act together and start taking care of business. Government purchases? Well, we have a lot of government jobs, if that counts. And finally, our inventories are not much to speak of either. Consumption? Black folks really make the grade in that category. Our consumption is as high as 95 percent, and most of what we buy is from businesses other than our own.

Using aggregate income to say we would be the 15th "wealthiest" nation in the world is absurd. Currently, Blacks hold about 2 percent of this nation's \$85 trillion wealth, which is mostly tied up in home ownership, much of which was lost during the housing crisis of 2008.

We must stop being mesmerized and lulled into complacency and false pride regarding our aggregate \$1.2 trillion income. We have a dangerously high trade deficit, and we should be working to reduce that deficit by producing and

selling more.

Yes, that line about Blacks being the 15th richest "country" in the world sounds good. It's balm for our injuries, consolation for our wounded psyches, and ammunition for those who say, "We've come a long way, baby!" But what good is it doing us if we consume everything someone else makes, fail to save a minimum of 10 percent of what we earn, have no import/export relationships with Africa, the richest land in the world, and fail to control the distribution of our products? What good does it do us to have a \$1.2 trillion income if we are in a constant trade deficit with other groups in this country?

The Black trade deficit is way out of balance, and we had better get busy fixing it before we become totally dependent on "foreigners" to supply our sustenance. No one can take care of us better than we can take care of ourselves. We proved it once upon a time; we can do it once again.

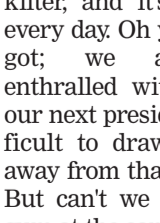
Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He can be reached through his website, blackonomics.com. He is the author of *Black Dollars Matter: Teach Your Dollars How to Make More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



Rev. Susan K. Smith



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New Hanover County

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

Community Briefs

The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

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

Brunswick County

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

Pender County

Pender County Training School-South Pender High Alumni Association, Inc., will hold their 2016 School Reunion Cookout on Friday, July 1st from 11:00 a.m.- until at PCTS/SPH Museum and Community Resource Center, 1814 Shaw Highway, Rocky Point, NC and Saturday, July 2nd the banquet will be held at Hampton Inn, 2320 S. 17th St., Wilmington, NC.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Wake up! It's early in the morning



Verniece Stanley

After a peaceful night of rest and dreams we cannot remember, it's time to get out of bed and think of many to happen. It's a day we have never seen before. Make it a good day of labor. Sitting on the side of our beds or in a comfortable chair, we must be thankful. We may involve ourselves with some custom handed down from one generation to another, We can go about our daily health routines, keeping many thoughts

in mind and making the necessary changes beneficial to us in many ways possible.

There may be times when we relive in our minds the old school days at Brunswick County Training School in Southport. Recently, many students gathered at the Alvin C. Caviness Park for celebration. They held a well organized parade and employed an outstanding speaker. There were some suitable play activities for the children. There still stands an old oak tree, which has been there for over 69 years.

We can never forget that we practiced early to bed and early to rise for hours of hard work daily. Many low income families walked to work on many

days. The hard work paid off and continues to pay off, especially when we can wake up very happy, knowing our bills are being paid. It's a good feeling to be successful a long time, and it's good to know that this day could be the beginning of a new life.

I often read about poor and hungry children and adults in North Carolina and elsewhere. I will help in making a donation to help feed hungry people. If many would wake up and give a little donation to help feed the hungry, the donations, however small, would add up to a large amount. There will always be hunger both near to us and far away, but our small donations would put food in a few stomachs and

smiles on a few faces.

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.

City of Wilmington-4th of July events

Monday, July 4, City offices closed

City offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Independence Day. Trash service will run on a regular schedule. City customers who normally have their trash and yard waste picked up on Monday are asked to have all items curbside by 7:30 a.m. City recycling customers who are on the BLUE schedule and normally have their recycling collected on Mondays should place their recycling containers curbside by 7:30 a.m. as well. The city's recycling pick-up schedule can be found here.

July 4 Celebration

The event area (music and food vendors) has moved to

the North Waterfront Park, located at the foot of Harnett Street. Fireworks will be launched from a barge in the Cape Fear River near the park with primary viewing of the fireworks from North Waterfront Park. Vendors and music by "Machine Gun" start at 6 p.m. on Water Street. Fireworks show begins at 9:05 p.m.

Coming downtown vehicles should park on the side of downtown (with Red Cross Street being the dividing line) that is closest to the direction they will travel after the fireworks have ended. See attached map, which is also posted on our website at wilmingtonnc.gov/july4th. Note that vehicles parking in the Cape Fear Community

College parking deck on the corner of Red Cross and Front Street will be forced to exit to the south. Those leaving immediately after the fireworks should expect a one to two hour delay when leaving the downtown area.

The best view of the fireworks will be from North Waterfront Park. There will be a boating safety zone for 30 minutes after the fireworks around the launch site. No thru boating traffic will be allowed.

Visit wilmingtonnc.gov/july4th for more detailed information, including a printable map with parking and street closure information.

*Reminder to residents and visitors that pets are not

allowed downtown during special events where large crowds are present and streets are closed.

Parking

Decks - Special event rates apply after 2 p.m. Friday

- CFCC parking decks: \$5
- Market Street deck: \$7
- 2nd Street deck: \$7
- NHC deck beside downtown library: \$7
- Convention Center parking deck: \$8
- Water Street deck: \$10

On street parking - free all day/evening on July 4

Street closures

•Streets west of 2nd Street toward the river will close as early as 6 p.m. (Once parking is no longer available, streets will close.)

Growing poverty, expanding wealth gaps hinder housing, says Harvard report

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
OF THE CENTER FOR
RESPONSIBLE LENDING

The State of the Nation's Housing, released annually by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS), is broadly recognized

throughout the housing industry as an authoritative source for researchers, industry analysts, policymakers and the business community.

For consumers, however, the annual report helps to explain the significant housing challenges confronted by renters and homeowners alike. As consumers either grow into wealth or fall into poverty, America's middle class, once the envy of the world, is steadily shrinking.

At the centerpiece of this disturbing trend is housing with costs that continue to rise faster than incomes. And with that trend, a more robust economy is further delayed and the so-called 'housing recovery' still leaves behind those who were most harmed by the foreclosure crisis.

"The question is not so much whether families will want to buy homes in the future, but whether they will be able to do so," says Chris Herbert, managing director of Harvard's JCHS. "Tight mortgage credit, the decade-long falloff in incomes that is only now ending, and a limited supply of homes for sale are all keeping households - especially first-time buyers on the sidelines."

"And even though a rebound in home prices has helped to reduce the number of underwater owners," continued Herbert, "the large backlog of foreclosures is still a serious drag on homeownership."

An examination of America's renters found that more than 21.3 million consumers are "cost-burdened", paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing. These are also families that delay medical care or cut back on grocery purchases in an effort to meet their housing costs, according to the report. Over the last 10 years, 9 million more people became renters, the largest share since the late 1960s.

Newly-constructed multifamily rental housing built in 2015, came with a median cost of \$1,381 per month - more than the principal and interest payments for a median priced home in 2015 - only \$834. This median mortgage priced assumed a 10 percent down payment on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage. In 2015, the average interest rate on fixed-rate loans was less than 4 percent; by April of this year, the average rate fell to 3.6 percent.

"The record number of renters paying more than half their incomes for housing underscores the growing gap between market-rate costs and

the rents that millions of households can afford," states the report.

With more than 43 million households having less than \$25,000 in net wealth, their ability to save for a home down payment is more than challenging. If repaying student debt is a concern, many former students now opt to continue living with family rather than beginning their own households.

And therein lies the rub for so many consumers desiring to make the important switch from renters to homeowners. With escalating rental costs, modest income increases - if at all - how can consumers find a practical way to have their own American Dream?

For the third straight year, first-time buyers dropped again to 32 percent, its lowest level since 1987. At the same time, the median sales price of an existing home rose in 2015 to \$222,400, and that for a newly-constructed home was even higher at \$296,400. Overall, low inventories of homes for sale also contribute to rising sale prices.

Consider these additional JCHS data points:

§ Today only 63.7 percent of all consumers own their homes - the lowest level in nearly 50 years and an unprecedented decline;

§ Racial disparities in homeownership continue as Black homeownership rates dropped to 43 percent, compared to 71.9 percent for Whites and 45.6 percent for Latinos;

§ Skewed racial wealth levels show that while the median net worth of Whites stands at \$134,200, the comparable figures for Latinos is \$13,700 and even less for Blacks at \$11,000.

For housing and consumer advocates, low down payment mortgages can bridge the current homeownership gap.

"By 2025, nearly half of all future first-time homebuyers will be people of color," said Nikitra Bailey, executive vice president with the Center for Responsible Lending. "The current tide of mortgage lending excludes credit-worthy Americans who deserve access to mortgage loans. Ample evidence proves that a broad range of borrowers can become successful homeowners when their loans are free from risky features. Moreover, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act's regulations have made the financial system safer."

Other housing advocates offered concurring statements.

"Because minority homeownership rates have historically been lower than that of Whites doesn't mean that they have to continue along the same path," said Marietta Rodriguez, vice president of homeownership programs and lending at Neighborworks, a congressionally-chartered non-partisan nonprofit based in Washington, DC. "If we want the homeownership rate to increase, then credit requirements - especially around qualifying credit scores for the best mortgage rate available - have to make sense. Today they don't."

"To have a dependable, well-functioning housing market, you need a critical mass of capital and housing expertise to keep buyers buying, sellers selling, and local communities growing," said David Lipsetz, Associate Administrator for USDA Rural Housing Service. "If a place does not have enough capital, credit, or investment it will struggle to produce new houses and maintain home values. If a place does not have enough builders, skilled trades, realtors, appraisers, and title companies it will struggle to renovate and replace older housing, let alone build new homes."

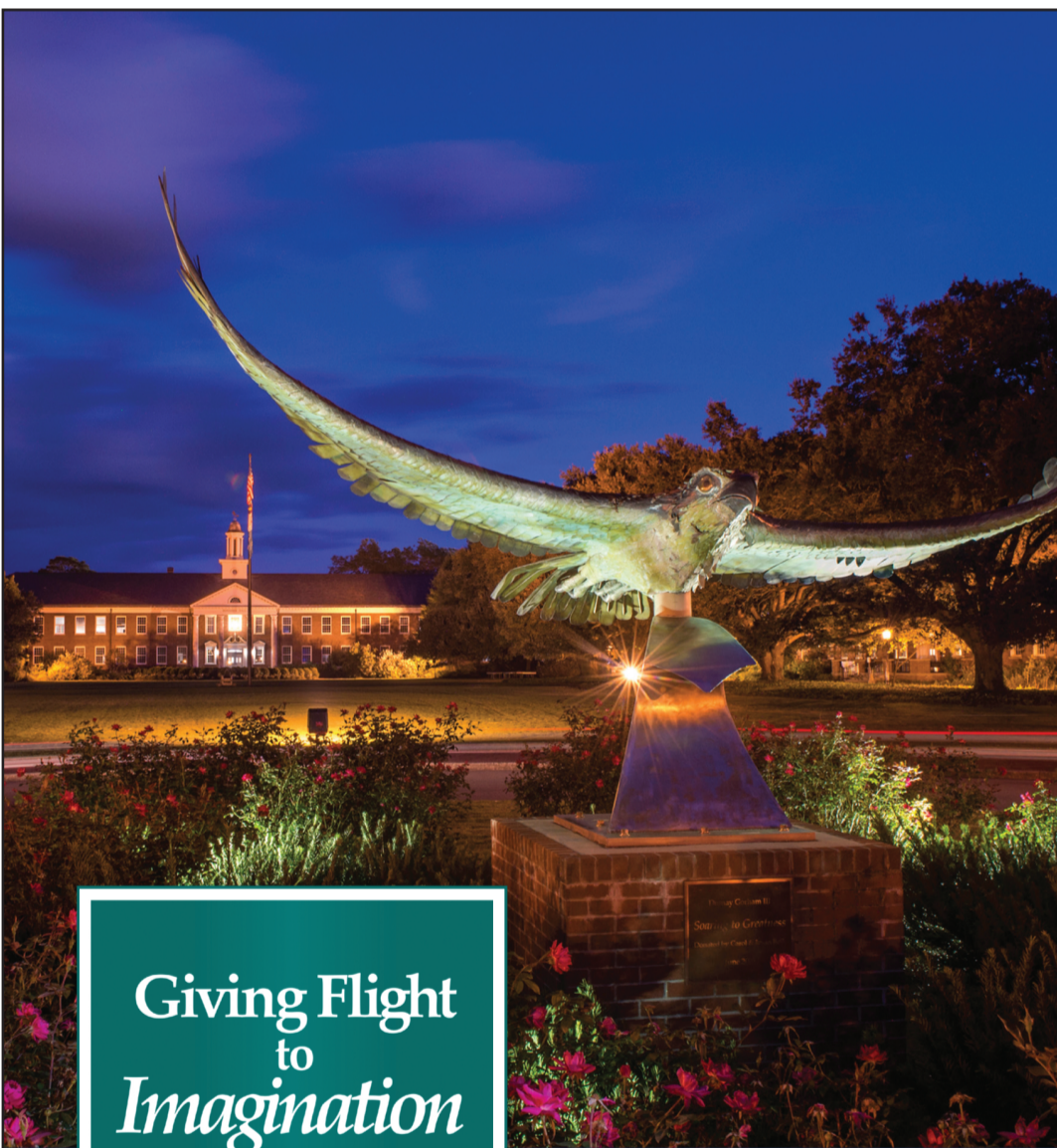
Government-backed mortgage loans from USDA, FHA and VA are often the ones that consumers of color access. While access to these loans is important, there is scant access for Blacks and Latinos to the lowest-cost mortgages available and known as conventional. Their fixed rates and 30 year terms are devoid of many fees that automatically come from government-backed loans, such as mortgage insurance premiums.

According to the 2014 Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) report, the most recent one available, Out of 1,736,000 conventional mortgage loans for purchases, Black borrowers received only 45,544 - 2 percent; Latino borrowers fared slightly better, receiving 87,570 or 5 percent.

"While reducing the growing isolation of the poor is key," states the JCHS report, "addressing the self-segregation of the wealthy is also essential."

A sustained growth of America's middle class would likely accomplish both.

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James A. Bryant II

James Andrew Bryant II, 25, of Leland, passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Funeral services were held Monday, June 27, 2016 at Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

James A. Bryant II was born September 22, 1990 to the late Beverly Boney Bryant and James A. Bryant. He was peacefully called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. J. B. as he was affectionately called was raised up in the home of Reverend Acie and Barbara Robinson in March of 1991 until his demise.

Although born with cerebral palsy he was a blessing to anyone he came in contact with. J.B. attended schools in New Hanover and Brunswick County. He was also home schooled and graduated in 2008. He was a joy to be around and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: his father, James A. Bryant (fiancé Monique), parents, Rev. Acie and Barbara Robinson, brothers, Je'Juan Bryant, Brent Robinson (Chasity), and D'Ondre Graham, sister, La'Tisha Freeman, grandparents, Beulah Boney, Castella Bryant, Daisy Boney, Eliza Boney, and Fleta Brooks, God father, Hiliary Bryant, aunts, Tisha Lewis, April Brent (Richard), Celese Mack, Lisa Boney, Wanda McKoy, Sheila Randolph, Beverly Balloon, Julia Murphy, Pat Brooks, Sandra Brooks, Janice Montgomery, Queen Graham, Betty Washington, Georgia Bell George, Annie Brown (Bill), Marie Freeman, Susie James (Alton), Ruby Mae Hardison (Douglas), Cheryl Shepard (Leroy), Polly Smith, and Theadocia Shaw, uncles, Darryl Boney, Carlton Boney, Steve Boney, Richard Boney, John Brooks (Claudette), Larry Waddell (Edith), Sampson McKoy (Debra), Dewitt McKoy, Thurman Robinson (Vernita), Michael Robinson (Barbara), Roy Lee Hill, Willie Hill, and Lewis Nixon (Ruby), special cousins, Mariah Bell, Kayla Robinson, Ariana and Briana Lamb, Olivia Lamb, Isaiah Bell and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. The family wishes to thank the following for being a special part of J.B.'s life, Joyce Clark for providing the essentials J.B. needed for the past 23 years, Sylvia Green for being the perfect sitter, Mariah, Kayla, John Brooks, Jimmy and Ernestine Savage, Beulah Dixie, Minister Dennis and Geraldine Burton, Amanda Grady and Hermetta Judge. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Lilla Odell Hankins

July 13, 1934, God blessed Deacon Obie and Nettie Mitchell Hankins with their fifth child whom they named Lilla Odell Hankins being born and raised in Supply,

North Carolina.

June 21, 2016, Lilla transitioned at Grand Strand Regional Hospital, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to heaven, where she joined her parents, her brother Benjamin and sisters Viola, Juanita and Wilveria, along with two nephews, Kevin Watson and Benjamin Hankins, Jr.

Odell, as she was called, attended Royal Oak School, Supply, NC then later attended Brunswick Training School, Southport, NC and graduated on May 16, 1952.

Under the Pastoral leadership of the late Rev. Grant Graham, Odell was baptized and joined Little Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Supply, NC and was a faithful and dedicated member. She was very involved in various capacities: Usher Board, Senior Choir and Mass Choir member, Vacation Bible School Director, Program Committee, Church Clerk and Senior Missionary President for 25 plus years. Odell also held various positions within Ocean View Association: Secretary of Ocean View Burial for Little Macedonia, Ocean View Sunday School Field Worker, Ocean View Mass Choir and President of Ocean View Women's Mission Auxiliary where she was President at the time of the ground breaking for Ocean View Baptist Association Center.

Odell was an active member of May Queen #599 Order of Eastern Stars of Supply, North Carolina for 40 years plus.

Odell held employment at various jobs: housekeeper for Jimmy and Sylvia Kirby of Supply, NC then later Frances Neckwear, Wilmington, NC. After retiring from public employment, she became an in home daycare - Ms. Odell's Daycare, which was a joy and delight to her. Her babies were: Courtney Grant, DaQueice Sparrow, Reneissa Jenrette, Nan Bellamy, Melisha Moore, Davonte' Bryant, Shannon Mitchell and Derek Johnson. She later became a volunteer Transportation Driver for Social Services which she performed for 19 years at which she touched many lives.

Odell was a praying determined strong will lady during the good and bad times. A lady who would express herself whether you liked it or not with her keen voice and that chuckle in her voice. Truly she waited patiently on the Lord and could often be found talking to the Lord. If you talked to her and was having a problem her response was "You got to PRAY" and wait on the Lord and she definitely did that.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her son, Knovell Hankins; daughter, Della Hankins Brown (Carnell); granddaughter, Canitra Hankins; grandsons, Keonte' Gause and Kordell Brown; sisters, Ethel Hankins, Tressie Gore, Blanche Whited (Joseph); sister in law, Gladys Hankins and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901*

S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Christopher W. George

Christopher W. George, 37, of Leland, passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at his home.

A memorial service will be conducted at twelve noon on Saturday, the 2nd of June at Town Creek Baptist Church, 832 Green Hill Rd, Leland, NC. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Supreme J. Shabazz-Allah

Supreme J. Shabazz-Allah, 55, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, June 26, 2016. Services will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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Rosa L. Johnson
4/8/1926-1/20/2003

No words can say how we miss you every day We think of you in silence and often speak your names We have never stopped loving you and we know we never will Beautiful memories keep you with us still. All of our hearts ache as we thin. "We need you and miss you so." Yet, the things we feel so deeply are often the hardest to say. There is a place in our hearts that no one else can ever fill. We love you so much, Daddy and Mother, and we always will.

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One in 500 African-Americans still living with Sickle Cell Disease



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One in 500 African-Americans still living with Sickle Cell Disease

BY FLORENCE NEAL COOPER-SMITH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders. The disease causes red blood cells to function abnormally. The cells become rigid and curve into sickle shapes. The red blood cells become hard and sticky and they die early, which causes a constant shortage of red blood cells.

The sickle shape makes it difficult for the cells to flow through tiny blood vessels and blocks the flow of blood and oxygen to vital organs of the body. These blockages can cause repeated episodes of severe pain, organ damage, strokes, serious infections and other medical complications.

A person with SCD is born with the disorder. It is not contagious. People cannot catch the disorder by being around a person who has it. Healthy parents, each having

inherited a sickle cell gene from their parent, has the probability of passing the gene to their offspring.

It is estimated that SCD affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the United States, mainly African-Americans. One in 500 African-Americans is living with the disease and one in 36,000 Hispanic-Americans is born with the disease.

Since Virginia added hemoglobinopathy screening to its newborn testing in 1989, on average 75 newborns have been identified yearly with SCD in the state. Many parents do not know that they have the sickle cell trait. Testing people of child-bearing age is very important, as well as prenatal women.

Nationally, the sickle cell trait occurs in approximately one in 12 African-Americans. Approximately 3 million people living in the United States have the trait and many are unaware of their status. Medical treatment, management and care have made great strides since Congress

passed the 1972 Sickle Cell Anemia Control Act, but we have not found the cure.

Research continues at many universities throughout the world as we try to "Break the Sickle Cycle." Virginia Commonwealth University's medical campus has many research projects that receive some grant funding. Family, friends, organizations, churches and corporations are needed to help spread awareness about SCD. Blood, bone marrow and financial donations will help Break the Sickle Cycle.

Sunday, June 19, was World Sickle Cell Day 2016. Let us offer a prayer that soon and very soon we will break the sickle cell cycle. Florence Neal Cooper-Smith is retired director of the Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Program at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. The Florence Neal Cooper Smith Sickle Cell \$1 Million Research Project is supported by the MCV Foundation.

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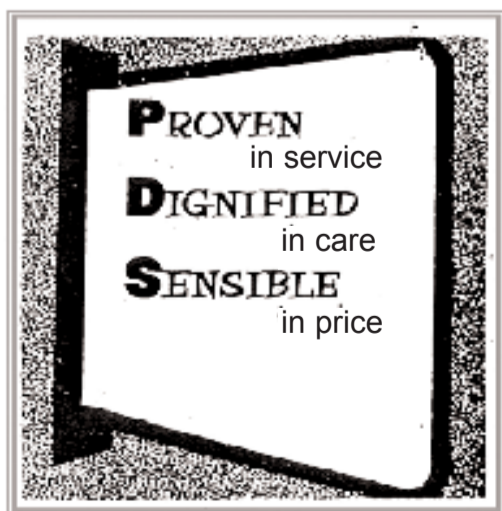
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New Hanover County

St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community will hold their Dedication Service of The Better St. Phillip A.M.E.Z. Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 9th at 1:00 p.m. A luncheon will be served following the dedication service. The Right Rev. Louis Hunter, Sr., Presiding Prelate of Mid Atlantic I and Cape Fear Conference will deliver the message. The Rev. Alexander L. Jones, Sr., Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District will be present. For additional information, you may contact Sis. Ashley Hall at 910-540-4250, Sis. Aimee Brown at 910-368-3605, Sis. Dentrail N. Boykin @ 910-200-4953, Sis. Catherine J. Cooper at 910-540-4477 or Sis. Linda F. Kelly at 718-483-3272.



Religious Briefs

Wilmington College of Theology, a fully accredited Christian Bible College is now accepting applications for the 2016 Fall Semester. For more information call Dr. Lorraine King Cooper at 910-431-7714.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Rd., Leland, NC, will hold their Annual Revival from Wednesday, June 29th - Friday, July 1st. Devotion starts at 7:00 p.m. The minister will be Rev. Richard Joyner pastor of Hooper's MB Church, Leland, NC. Also on Sunday, July 10th the church will hold Youth Day. Minister Charity Williams will be the guest speaker.

Brunswick County

Mount Pleasant A. M. E. Zion Church of Riegelwood will hold their Annual Family and Friends' Day service on Sunday, July 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. The special guest speaker will be former member, the Reverend Kittie Jacobs, pastor of the Greater Chrysolite A. M. E. Zion Church of Lumberton, North Carolina. Following the morning worship service, a fellowship dinner will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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SENIOR MOMENTS

Educators and church leaders need to come together

My Fellow Seniors:

We have often said that some of our small churches should combine and lease one building for a community center to be managed by the combined churches. Maybe this is too much to ask for at this time. However, I just read an article suggesting that Wilmington educators and church leaders come together for the improvement of our schools. To that I say, "Hallelujah!"

The law concerning separation of church and state has always been a stumbling

block. It has caused more confusion than all other laws combined. When I entered high school sixty-five years ago, the first lesson on the first day was about the origin of man. It was not supposed to be that way. We were having devotionals when we suddenly found ourselves in the middle of a discussion a something called "evolution," a theory which the whole



Ruth Johnson

class rejected. We had always been taught the Biblical story of Adam and Eve, but this very sophisticated teacher said our parents had been giving us "lessons in stupidity." She said "no snake had ever walked and had certainly never talked." This was supposed to be a class in U.S. history, but she was determined to rip the Bible out of us as a prerequisite. In the end, she gave up, but she was bitter and sarcastic. She thought we were incapable of learning. However, ten years later, when we were well into the

sixties, many colleges and universities started referring to the Bible as literature, while our church leaders insisted that "all of it is God's word."

One New Testament writer, Paul, writing to Timothy, in II Timothy 3:16, did say, "All Scriptures is inspired by God," but He didn't write them. No one person was in a position to make such a sweeping statement about a book that took several thousand years to complete.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Freedom From Fear !"

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Fear: A feeling of alarm or disquiet caused by an awareness of or expectation of danger. A state of dread or concern

Since God has not given us the spirit of fear, we don't have to receive it. Through Christ that strengthens us, we have the ability to overcome fear, and not be overcome by fear. Our minds should not be filled with all kinds of fears and phobias, because it is not the will of God that his children live in fear. He often tells us in his word, "Fear Not". Yes, we are living in perilous times, but as an act of our will and faith in God, we can decree, "I will not live in fear!"

There are all kinds of fear. Some fears are natural and logical. When your life or general well being is threatened, or the life and safety of family

or loved ones is concerned, fear is a natural instinct. We should be careful as well as prayerful, yet not allow fear to grip our hearts and minds to the point we become prisoners of fear. We should use wisdom, caution, and common sense in carrying out our daily affairs, but still not be subject (and overcome) by the



Sylvia Hooper

spirit of fear.

Psalms 11:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We are not to fear man, though he may be able to kill the body, because he cannot touch the soul. Matthew 10:28 says, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Luke 1:50, "His mercy is

on them that fear him from generation to generation." We should teach our children the fear of the Lord as well. They are going to need his mercy to be upon them, and they should know to ask for it when they need it. Psalm 56:9-11 says, "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." When we walk by faith and not by sight, we trust God to do what he has promised, therefore, we are not afraid of what man can do. Psalm 118:6 Says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

Deuteronomy 10:12 says, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." If you fear the Lord, why not accept his personal invitation

he is extending to you in John 3:16?

Prayer: father, deliver your people from the spirit of fear, that we may serve you freely. In Jesus' Name. Amen. Tell Somebody...Fear Not!!!

"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!"

CHILDWATCH

A 'Loving' history for the ages

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you concerning a problem we have.

5 yrs. ago my husband and I were married here in the District. We then returned to Va. to live. My husband is White, I am part negro, and part indian.

At the time we did not know there was a law in Va. against mixed marriages.

Therefore we were jailed and tried in a little town of Bowling Green.

We were to leave the state to make our home.

The problem is we are not allowed to visit our families. The judge said that if we enter the state in the next [25] yrs., that we will have to spend 1 yr. in jail.

We know we can't live there, but we would like to go back once and awhile to visit our families and friends.

We have 3 children and cannot afford an attorney.

We wrote to the Attorney General, he suggested that we get in touch with you for advice.

Please help us if you can. Hope to hear from you real soon.

Yours truly,
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Loving
-Letter by Mrs. Mildred Loving, June 1963

In 1963, young wife and mother Mrs. Mildred Loving decided to write a letter to U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy about a "problem" her family was facing. Four years later, Mrs. Loving and her husband Richard made history when their struggle to have their marriage recognized in their native Virginia led to the landmark 1967 Supreme Court ruling in

Loving v. Virginia overturning the remaining laws in Virginia and other states that banned interracial marriage.

They first met in the early 1950s when she was 11 and he was 17 in Central Point, Va., the small community where they both grew up. They became young sweethearts, and in 1958, when Mildred became pregnant, they decided to get married. They drove to Washington, D.C., for their marriage license, and Mrs. Loving later said she initially thought they were doing that because less paperwork was required there. But Richard already understood something she didn't: Getting a marriage license as a mixed-race couple would have been illegal and impossible in Virginia.



Marian W. Edelman

Mr. Loving may not have known how the state would treat legal interracial marriages that had been performed elsewhere, but five weeks after their wedding the newlyweds received a very literal rude awakening: Acting on a "tip," sheriff's deputies surrounded their bed with flashlights at 2 in the morning demanding to know why they were there together. Their reply that they were husband and wife made no difference. The Lovings were arrested, and Mr. Loving was held in jail overnight while the pregnant Mrs. Loving was forced to stay for several days. Both

were charged with cohabitation and violating Virginia's Racial Integrity Act. Under a plea bargain, in order to avoid a year-long jail sentence, they were forced to leave the state and were prohibited from returning together for 25 years.

The Lovings settled in Washington, D.C., and began raising a family there but quickly missed the small town where they had spent their entire lives. Five years later, inspired by the March on Washington and the wave of new civil rights laws, Mrs. Loving decided to write to U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy to ask if any of the new legislation would allow them to return to Virginia, even just to visit. He responded and suggested the Lovings contact the ACLU, where over the next few years dedicated lawyers helped take it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. On June 12, 1967, the Supreme Court justices ruled 9-0 that Virginia's law and all others like it were unconstitutional, and that the freedom to marry was "a basic civil right."

Mr. and Mrs. Loving soon returned to their hometown with their three children. Sadly, their own happiness ended in tragedy in 1975 when Mr. Loving was killed and Mrs. Loving lost the sight in one eye in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. But the Lovings had paved the way for thousands of other couples like them who were marrying the people they loved. Thanks to God's work and the Lovings' love, my husband, Peter, and I were the very first interracial couple to be married in Virginia after the U.S.

Supreme Court decision.

Mrs. Loving never remarried and lived quietly at her home in rural Caroline County until she passed away in 2008. But a year before her death, the widow, grandmother, and great-grandmother sent another groundbreaking letter. This time, it was a public statement submitted just before the Massachusetts Legislature's historic vote reaffirming marriage equality, and read aloud at a 40th anniversary celebration of the Loving v. Virginia decision:

"When my late husband, Richard, and I got married in Washington, DC in 1958, it wasn't to make a political statement or start a fight. We were in love, and we wanted to be married. . . My generation was bitterly divided over something that should have been so clear and right. The majority believed that what the judge said, that it was God's plan to keep people apart, and that government should discriminate against people in love. But I have lived long enough now to see big changes. The older generation's fears and prejudices have given way, and today's young people realize that if someone loves someone they have a right to marry."

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.

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

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

This the 9th day of June, 2010.

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

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Ashby C. Lewis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **9th day of September, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of June, 2016

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

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **John Wesley Chauncey**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **9th day of September, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of June, 2016

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

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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

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

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

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 Rothy Elizabeth Rountree Davis
924 Arboretum Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2016

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

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, Executrix
1423 Creekwatch Lane
Cary, NC 27513

June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Ruthy Elizabeth Rountree 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 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

Sheryl Vanessa Davis Funderburk, Executrix of the Estate of Ruthy Elizabeth Rountree Davis
P.O. Box 394
Winston-Salem, NC 27102
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2016

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

The undersigned, Preston A. McClendon, III, having qualified on the 16th day of May, 2016, as Administrator of the Estate **Debra M. McLendon**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **26th day of September, 2016**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 16th of June, 2016.

Preston A. McLendon, III, Administrator
ESTATE OF DEBRA M. MCLENDON
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James A. Tylor**, 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 **30th 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 30th day of June, 2016

Jeffrey Brian Taylor, Executor of the Estate of James A. Taylor
P.O. Box 182
282 Hidden Pond Lane
Roseboro, NC 28382
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **John E. Cuttino**, 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 **30th 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 30th day of June, 2016

LaTonya Cuttino, Administrator
604 Forest Rd.
West Haven, CT 06516

June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 14 JT 194, 195**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
J.A.K. (DOB: 4/28/2014)
A.J.M (DOB: 3/17/2011)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS:
JESSICA KIGER, BIOLOGICAL
MOTHER OF J.A.K. AND
A.J.M., MALE CHILDREN
BORN IN NEW HANOVER
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
AND MARIO LOPEZ MARTINEZ,
BIOLOGICAL
FATHER OF A.J.M., THE
ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE
CHILD.**

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 forty (40) days following June 23, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Lyana Hunter, has been appointed to represent Jessica Kiger, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 (910) 343-5423, lyana.g.hunter@nccourts.org; Attorney LeeAnne Quattrucci, has been appointed to represent Mario Lopez Martinez, 401 Chestnut Street, Ste. J, Wilmington, NC 28401 (910) 795-0230, laqlaw@yahoo.com;

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 29, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 23th day of June, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.
of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

June 23, 30, July 7, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **Ruby Enlora 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-Executrix
101 Lucille's Place
Burgaw, NC 28425
Jeanne S. Rieman, Co- Executrix
1167 Kings Landing Rd.
Hampstead, NC 28443

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016

**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)
1205 Belmont Stakes Avenue
Indian Trail, NC 28079
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Miriam A. Proctor**, 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 **30th 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 30th day of June, 2016

Deborah P. III, Executrix of the Estate of Miriam A. Proctor
1533 S. Moorings Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator C.T.A. of the estate of **Taylor Ray Holcomb**, 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 **30th 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 30th day of June, 2016

Jason Ray Holcomb, Administrator
C.T.A.
238 Northern Blvd.
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

**NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
REMOVAL AND
RELOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY 31 GRAVES FROM THE MT. ARARAT A.M.E. CHURCH CEMETERY (PARCEL 202) AND FROM THE BELLA HIGHSMITH CEMETERY (PARCEL 204) IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, STATE PROJECT/WBS NO. 40191.2.1, I.D. NO. U-4751.**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the known and unknown relatives of those persons buried in approximately 31 graves in the Mt. Ararat A.M.E. Church Cemetery and in the Bella Highsmith Cemetery located in New Hanover County, North Carolina, found within the right of way of State Project/WBS No. 40191.2.1, Parcel Nos. 202 and 204, I.D. No. U-4751; that said cemeteries are located approximately at or near left of the centerline of Survey Station 62+00 to approximately 69+75, Survey Line Y1- on Market Street in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina; that the name of the known deceased person to be moved from the Mt. Ararat A.M.E. Church Cemetery is Henrietta Green; that the names of the known deceased persons to be moved from the Bella Highsmith Cemetery are Priscilla Jane Williams, William H. Newkirk, James Williams, Louisa F. Foy Moore, Rosa Lee Moore, and Carrie Moore Vann; that the unknown deceased persons to be moved are in unmarked graves found within both named cemeteries; that the Department of Transportation has been able to ascertain the closest next of kin or the only known relative for the said deceased persons is Carrie L. Nixon; that the subject graves to be moved will be relocated and re-interred to the remaining available area within the Bella Highsmith Cemetery, in Wilmington, North Carolina; that a complete record of where the approximately 31 subject graves of the known and unknown deceased persons will be re-interred will be on file with the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina.

You are further notified that there are a total of approximately 31 graves found within the Mt. Ararat A.M.E. Church Cemetery and the Bella Highsmith Cemetery which are being moved and the Department of Transportation will be responsible for all reasonable expenses pertaining under the provisions of North Carolina General Statute § 65-106 and that the removal will begin after this notice has been published once a week for four consecutive weeks over a period of thirty (30) days in the Wilmington Journal newspaper, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

This the 27th day of June, 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
By: Tom Childrey
Manager of Right of Way

Lisa B. Finkelstein
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Marie Belle Gentry**, 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 **30th 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 30th day of June, 2016

Wendell Levern Hansley, Executor
717 Nixon St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2016

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