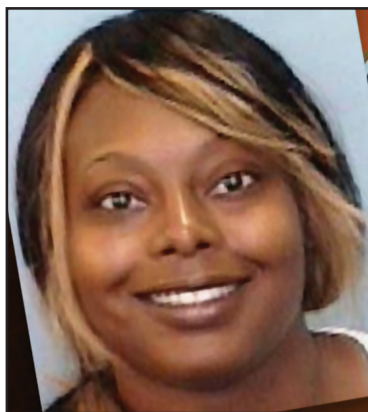


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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts.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

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BERNEST HEWETT

SPEAK UP! WE MUST BE HEARD!

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What is the minority agenda for this election? I find that both parties have put out an agenda for this year's election, but it appears that Blacks, Hispanics, the poor, and the elderly have little, or no, place in the election process. There is much talk about, but little action toward, progress in this area. There must be a plan to bring the people back to a feeling of being somebody. There must

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Protestors decry shooting Police gundown another Black man

FROM STAFF REPORTS

[BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA]--Protestors took to the streets 200 strong Wednesday in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in the wake of the local police officers shooting and killing Alton Sterling, 37, during an alterca-

tion. The incident between the two officers and Sterling broke out around 12:20 CDT on Tuesday, according to police reports.

Protestors that assembled at the site a few hours after the shooting chanting "hands up, don't shoot" and "black lives matter" during the

demonstration. They later moved the protest to City Hall by the urging of the police. Community leaders and elected officials said there

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ALTON STERLING



MARGARET FAISON (CENTER FRONT) WITH FORMER STUDENTS

Retired educator reunites 38 year-old poetry

BY ERNIE FAISON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On May 23, 2016, retired educator, Margaret Faison, was cleaning out one of her closets and found some vintage poetry written by her former Lake Forest students from 38 years ago. The poetry was done in the original handwriting of the students at that time. Some of the poetry was stapled together in homemade construction paper binders and some poetry was written on old classic beige-like paper, which had now turned a nice vintage yellow-brown. Mrs. Faison was very reluctant to throwing the sheets of poetry away, but she didn't know what to do with them.

Her son, Ernie Faison, who was visiting her at the time, was a member of the Lake Forest Jr. High School group on the social media site, Facebook.

"She asked me what I thought she should do with the poetry. I told her not to discard them and I would contact members of the Lake Forest group because I thought there might be some of her former students who'd like to have their original poetry. She loved the idea," Ernie

Faison said.

So, Ernie posted the details of Mrs. Faison's discovery on Facebook, along with the names of 71 students who had original poetry. Many of her former students began responding immediately. They were so excited by the news and wanted to get their original poetry.

"Initially, I was going to set up a simple meeting where I could return the poetry to those students, who wanted them. But the responses I was getting were overwhelming. My mom's former students began posting outpouring sentiments of appreciation, respect and love for my mother, citing their fond memories. These sentiments came from her former students, who had poetry and those who didn't. There were so many responses (well over a hundred), that I thought the story was newsworthy. So, I and contacted several media outlets," Ernie said.

With the supportive encouragement of Mrs. Faison's former students, Ernie Faison was inspired to facilitate a "poetry reunion," for his mother and the stu-

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NEWS ANALYSIS

New York Times failed to capture problems facing Black Press

BY GEORGE E. CURRY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF EMERGENEWSONLINE.COM

[WASHINGTON]--Sunday's front-page story on the Black Press failed to accurately portray the accomplishments of and the depth of the problems facing Black-owned media, according to scholars, Black media owners and editors.

The Times story was published under the headline, "Pillars of Black Media, Once Vibrant, Now Fighting for Survival."

Linn Washington, Jr., a professor of journalism at Temple University, said one of the most glaring shortcomings of the article was that of approximately 200 Black-owned newspapers in the United States, no Black editor or publisher was quoted. Nor were any of the leaders of their trade organization, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

"The failure to note legacies of the historic Black Press in an article purportedly about pillars of Black Media is yet another omission by commission cited as a major failing of mainstream media as far back as the 1968 Kerner Report on race relations in America," Washington said. "Such omissions perpetuate the misunderstandings underlying the persistence of the 'race problem' in America."

President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed an 11-member National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, chaired by former Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner, Jr., in July 1967 to examine the racial rebellions that erupted in major cities for sev-

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Democratic platform committee calls for end to mass incarceration

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE OF NORTHSTARNEWS.TODAY.COM

The Democratic Platform Drafting Committee has approved a plank, calling for the end of mass incarceration, which occurred under President Bill Clinton and then First Lady Hillary Clinton, who is expected to become the party's nominee for President when Democrats convene July 25th to July 28th in Philadelphia.

Prison bars Prison bars "The current draft calls for ending the era

of mass incarceration, shutting down private prisons, ending racial profiling, reforming the grand jury process, investing in the re-entry programs, banning the box to help give people a second chance and prioritizing treatment over incarceration for individuals suffering with addiction," the Drafting Committee announced on June 25.

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be a plan that includes us and works for us, as well as others. We must be shown that we are somebody and can have a sense of pride that keeps us going and helps us support our families.

I hear the hateful talk. I see the refusal to look at the gun control laws, the unemployment lines that have been cut off and more tax breaks for the rich. Where do we stand? Brunswick County, we need to be heard. Don't be fooled by our elected officials and their "election talk." Make contact with them and make your voices be heard!!

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

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eral years and to make recommendations for improvement.

The commission's report found, "The journalistic profession has been shockingly backward in seeking out, hiring, training, and promoting Negroes. Fewer than 5 percent of the people employed by the news business in editorial jobs in the United States today are Negroes. Less than 1 percent of editors and supervisors are Negroes, and most of them work for Negro-owned organizations. The lines of various news organizations to the militant blacks are, by admission of the newsmen themselves, almost nonexistent."

The Black Media, on the other hand, is more trusted by African Americans.

"Black newspapers service large numbers of the Black community each week with viable and late breaking news," said John "Jake" Oliver, publisher of the Baltimore-based Afro Newspapers and a former president of NNPA. "Such service is provided across this country in the latest mediums (electronic etc.) our rapidly changing community can absorb."

According to *Jet* magazine [Nov. 2, 1998], a study conducted by Ketchum Public Relations' African-American Markets Group (AAMG) and Florida A&M University's School of Business and Industry found that 87 percent of Blacks place their highest trust in Black magazines, closely followed by Black television news and Black newspapers at 80 percent; Black radio news was trusted by 70 percent of African Americans.

By contrast, Consumer Reports was the only non-Black media resource with a trust level of 81 percent.

A 2012 study by Nielsen found, "The average income for African-American households nationwide is \$47,290 with 35% earning \$50,000 or more." Ten percent of Black households earn \$100,000 or more each year. The study noted, "The Black population and its aggregate buying power is overall more geographically widespread and more diverse than other ethnic and racial segments."

The study observed, "Since 2000, the total U.S. population only increased by 11.3%, while the Black population increased by 17.9%, a rate that is 1.6 times the greater overall growth." The report noted that the U.S. Black population is larger than 163 of the 195 countries in the world, including Argentina, Poland, Canada and Australia.

A 2013 Nielsen study ("Resilient, Receptive and Relevant: The African-American Consumer 2013 Report") found that although annual Black spending was projected to rise from \$1 trillion to \$1.3 trillion by 2017, advertisers allot only 3 percent of their \$2.2 billion yearly budget to media aimed at Black audiences.

Cloves C. Campbell, Jr., publisher of the Arizona Informant and immediate past chairman of the NNPA, said: "The interesting point to note is that Black media outlets are continuing to be bought up by White media conglomerates. Only then is there advertising support. The White agencies start to show up. When Blacks own the media outlets, as is the case with Black newspapers, White agencies try to dismiss and diminish our value."

Dorothy R. Leavell, publisher of the Crusader newspapers in Chicago and Gary, Ind., argues that Blacks are too accepting of insults from companies they support as consumers.

"As Blacks we have never capitalized on our buying power and the White media has now convinced advertisers they don't need to advertise in our media and many of our consumers think that there is some prestige in identifying with White," explained Leavell, a former president of NNPA. "More importantly as a race of people somewhere along the way we have lost the desire to value and strengthen our institutions."

Brian Townsend, publisher of the *Precinct Reporter* in San Bernadine, Calif. and former chairman of the NNPA Foundation, said, "The influence of Black media on Black consumers is diminishing solely because of reduced advertising resources, not because of reduced demand. Our readership is still vibrant and appreciative of our efforts."

Some of the problems facing Black Press, such as dwindling circulation, are industry-wide concerns.

According to the 2015 "State of the News Media" study conducted by the Pew Foundation, Black newspapers "are hard to measure as a group, though, because few have audited audience figures. Among the five larger African-American newspapers that do, four saw sizable declines in total paid circulation (which includes both print and digital) from 2013 to 2014 - ranging from 7% for the New York Amsterdam News to 19% for the Chicago Defender.

"Only one of the five papers examined, *The Philadelphia Tribune*, saw an overall increase in circulation in 2014. The total growth was 40% - though all but 2% of this is attributed to 5,200 copies of their digital replica edition distributed as a part of the Newspapers in Education Program."

Pluria Marshall, Jr. who owns newspapers and television stations, said Black media should become more adept at exploiting social media.

"Advertisers don't, in large part, respect the general market daily papers," said Marshall, publisher of the Los Angeles Wave Publications Group. "So we are at a disadvantage when we pitch business. We are no longer in the print business; we are media companies that happen to use print to deliver a message. We have to better embrace the web. Online is just one component that should be incorporated with print, across the board. Clients want it and we have to deliver it."

Like Marshall, Rev. R. B. Holmes owns a Black newspaper, the Capital Outlook in Tallahassee, Fla., and broadcast properties, including two radio stations.

"I think it is important that Black media must find a better and creative way to survive and thrive in these days," he stated. "When all Black institutions are struggling for relevance and revenue, including HBCUs, the Black church and our historic civil rights groups, this should be a clear call to find our collective voice. Blacks are great consumers but very few leaders have been able to rally us to overcome the Black economic drought in the Black Press."

Dorothy Leavell feels some African Americans may have grown too comfortable under a Black president for nearly eight years.

"More than anything many of the Black magazine owners forgot their mission and were too anxious to emulate the White magazines," she said. "They were and are pretty much like they thought that with the election of Barack Obama that we were living in a post-racial America. Many of the owners were and are too consumed in their personal wealth, so many sold their products and ran to enjoy the good life."

With dramatic changes in demographics, Black media outlets will be under increasing pressure to sell their businesses to White-owned companies, just as BET and *Essence* did.

In doing so, they may be giving up the thing that distinguished them from their White competitors - their unique perspectives.

Jake Oliver, publisher of the Afro, is convinced that the digital platform will allow the Black Press to remain vibrant.

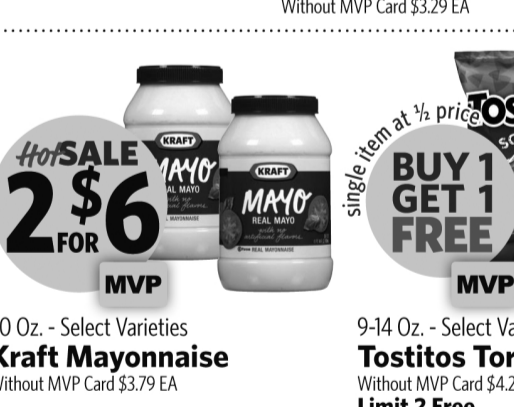
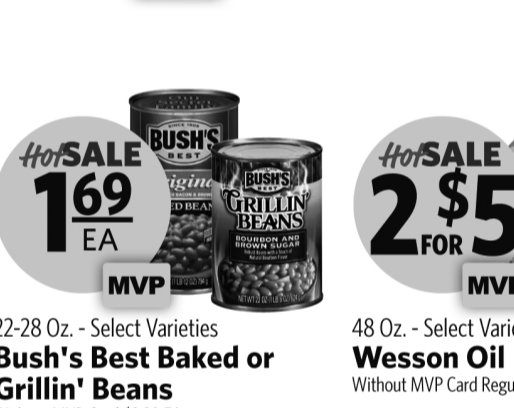
"Times are tough, but the changes occurring in the news environment will continue to level the competitive playing field in this industry like never before," he said. "I'm personally optimistic that, in time, such changes will once again produce positive results to those who have been historically serving our community and who have earned this community's trust."

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STATE BRIEFS

[RALEIGH] State lawmakers adjourned this year's short session last Friday night after both chambers passed a \$22 billion budget for the new fiscal year. Several bills were left to be

taken up during the next session in January, including a House bill requiring high schools to offer two different standards in math courses.

US JUSTICE DEPT. ASKS FEDERAL COURT TO STOP HB 2 LAW

[RALEIGH] Attorneys for the US Department of Justice were in federal court Tuesday asking a judge to stop implementation of North Carolina's controversial HB 2 law that requires LGBT citizens to only

use bathroom facilities that their gender at birth dictates. State lawmakers refuse to repeal the law during the recent legislative short session.

CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS LEERY OF GOP PROMISES ON GUN BILL

[WASHINGTON, DC] North Carolina's three Congressional Democrats rejoined their colleagues on Tuesday after the Fourth of July recess to resume their

protest of the House Republican majority's refusal to bring meaningful gun legislation up for a vote. GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan indicated that he would allow at least one anti-terrorism bill to be debated and voted on, but Democrats counter that measure would not reduce the number of guns available, or adequately keep guns from those who would misuse them. House Democrats staged a protest sit-in prior to the holiday break.

FEDERAL APPELLATE COURT RULES NEW WAKE SCHOOL BOARD, COMMISSION DISTRICTS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

[RALEIGH] The US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals is apparently no fan of the NC General Assembly's district map-making. Once again the federal appeals court, this time in the case of Wake County School Board and County Commission seats, has ruled that voting districts drawn by the Republican-led Legislature

for this November's elections are unconstitutional. The three-judge panel ruled that the new county lines, which observers claim were drawn to hurt the majority-Democrat boards, violate the Constitutional principle of one-person, one vote. The appellate court ordered the presiding federal judge to issue a permanent injunction preventing any of the scheduled elections this fall based on the new Wake maps.

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dents at the old Lake Forest Jr. High School building, which is now the New Hanover County Board of Education Center, where she could return their poetry to them, personally.

So, on June 24th, the poetry reunion happened between Mrs. Faison and her former students at the old Lake Forest Junior High School, where the poetry was originally created, some 38 years ago. There were over thirty-five students in attendance. Some of Mrs. Faison's former students came

from as far away as Monroe, NC. Others, who live out of state, asked local family members to attend the reunion so they could get their original poetry.

Due to scheduling, those who could not attend made arrangements to have their poetry mailed and picked up at a later time. There were even some of Mrs. Faison's former students who didn't do poetry who wanted to attend the event, just to see Mrs. Faison again. There were many great memories shared. Some students brought flowers, but all brought love. The reunion was unbelievable

and very successful.

Everyone was so helpful, especially the New Hanover County Board of Education Center, who were instrumental in helping us secure the old Lake Forest Junior High School site. It looked incredible!

Ernie Faison said, "My mother is a very private person and she did not want all of this attention. She would have been content just giving her former students their poetry without the story being made public. However, I, along with many of her students, thought she deserved to be recognized." Margaret Faison was New

Hanover County's High School Teacher of the Year (1993-1994) and was awarded the First Union Ben Craig Award for Outstanding Educators. She and her husband, Ernest Faison of almost fifty years, spend a lot of time together doing various enjoyable activities. She is a retired church pianist and a member of Hanks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Margaret Faison credits her parents, the late John and Mary Mitchell, for teaching her the importance of being a blessing to others and that is what she has tried to do.



ERNIE FAISON WITH MOTHER MARGARET FAISON

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are many questions about the shooting, which comes during a time of increased concern in the United States over the use of deadly force by police against African Americans.

Congressman Cedric Richmond, a Democrat representing Baton Rouge, has already called for the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate Sterling's death.

Mike McClanahan, president of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the NAACP said,

"We've seen a video that's disturbing and gruesome." McClanahan went on to say, "We know that justice must be served."

Rev. Shelton Charles Dixon, Senior Pastor of Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church has addressed a letter to Rev. Al Sharpton regarding the police shooting of Alton Sterling. Rev. Dixon states in his letter: "We are outraged by the video tape showing Alton Sterling being shot by Baton Rouge police officers while he was restrained and are calling for an immediate,

fair and impartial investigation and justice for his family."

Rev. Dixon went on to state: "In order to achieve justice we are seeking the presence of Rev. Sharpton and National Action Network (NAN) in "Baton Rouge to meet with the family of Mr. Sterling, because of NAN's long track record of assisting families who are victims of police misconduct."

Although both officer's body cameras reportedly fell off during the altercation with Sterling, a Baton Rouge,

Louisiana police spokesperson said that the cameras were "dangling" from the officers, but they managed to capture audio of the incident.

The two officers were reportedly responding to a disturbance call from someone who said a black man wearing a red shirt and selling CDs outside a convenience store had threatened him with a gun.

Cell phone video of the incident has revealed an officer using a stun gun on a black man in a red shirt in a store parking lot and order-

ing him to get on the ground. The two officers then tackled the man to the pavement, and one pulled a gun from his holster and pointed it at the man's chest. Then at least three gunshots were heard followed by a woman screaming and crying, and a man asking "they shot him?"

Sterling died at the scene, according to police reports. The two officers have been placed on administrative leave.

Reports say that the owner of the Triple S store, Mr. Abdullah Muflahi had given Sterling permission to sell

his CD's there in front of the store. According to The Advocate, Mr. Muflahi said the police "were really aggressive with him from the start."

The rally that started at Triple S Food Mart convenience store, the site of the shooting, on Tuesday afternoon swelled to around 200 people. Protesters chanted "no justice, no peace," and occasionally blocked traffic. A makeshift memorial at the scene included notes to "Big Alton", who residents said was a fixture in the neighborhood where he so

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significant increases in the imprisonment of black women. This a was a major issue at the sparsely attend-

ed National Black Political Convention last month in Gary, Ind. Attendees said they wanted to influence the Democratic Party's platform.

Most, if not all members of the Congressional Black

Caucus, voted for the legislation, but now some are saying they regretted their vote.

Drafting Committee members also voted to support states that choose to decriminalize marijuana because police are arresting

blacks who possess marijuana at much higher rates than they arrest Whites.

The committee also called for increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, expanding Social Security and launching an aggres-

sive jobs plan that would include historic investments in the nation's infrastructure, a commitment to small businesses and a robust technology agenda.

The platform draft covers a number of other issues,

including universal health care and the environment.

The draft will be put before the full 187-member Platform Committee for final approval during a meeting in Orlando, Fla., on July 8th and 9th.

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

New York Times story about Black Press is not fit to print

(Via George Curry Media)

Since 1897, the New York Times has boasted that it publishes "All the News That's Fit to Print." That slogan, created by Adolph S. Ochs, the original owner, still appears on the masthead of the Times each day.

On the front page of last Sunday's edition, the New York Times carried a story under the headline, "Pillars of Black Media, Once Vibrant, Now Fighting for Survival." It was a flawed, shallow critique of the Black Press and, to be blunt, was not fit to print.

My problem with the story was not so much what was written, but what was left out. Jesse Jackson has long declared that text without context is pretext. Now, I finally know what he means.

The premise of the story, as the headline suggests, is that the Black Press is fighting for its survival. News flash: That's been the case since the first Black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, was first edited in 1827 by John B. Russwurm and Samuel Cornish - 70 years before Adolph Ochs came up with his slogan for the New York Times.

The story correctly observes that many Black media outlets have been purchased by White-owned companies: Black Entertainment Television, created by Robert L. Johnson and his then-wife, Sheila, was sold to Viacom in 2001 for nearly \$3 billion. In 2005, Ed Lewis, Clarence O. Smith and their partners sold Essence, the premier Black women's magazine, to Time, Inc.

The story failed to mention that Black-oriented digital outlets also are now in non-Black hands. For example, The Root, created by Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Donald E. Graham, former publisher of the Washington Post, was sold last year to Univision Communications. The site went from being owned by Graham Holdings Company, a majority White company, to one that carries the tagline, the "Hispanic Heartbeat of America."

The larger failure was not addressing the importance of Black-owned and operated media.

It is no accident that when Freedom's Journal was launched, its editors declared: "We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us..."

As long as Black media outlets are owned by Blacks, it's likely that they will be speaking for Blacks. However, once they are owned by others, there is no guarantee that they will remain as vigilant or not have their voice diluted. It's one thing to be "Black-oriented." It's quite another to be "Black-owned." In my book, it's best to have both in order to effectively serve the best interests of African Americans.

If you doubt this, imagine the reaction if a Chinese-owned company purchases Univision with the pledge that it will continue to be the "Hispanic Heartbeat of America." There would be more than a handful of doubters.

The issue is not race or ethnicity per se - it's an issue of trust. African Americans trust the Black Press and distrust the White-owned corporate media.

A 2012 study by Nielsen found:

- Ninety-one percent of Blacks believe that Black media is more relevant to them;
- Eighty-one percent believe that the products advertised in Black media are more relevant to them;
- Seventy-seven percent of African Americans said Black media has a better understanding of the needs and issues that affect them and
- Seventy-three percent believe Black media keeps them in touch with their heritage.

Yet, many major advertisers shun the Black Press, mistakenly thinking they can obtain the same results through general market media.

In its 2013 report titled, "Resilient, Receptive and Relevant: The African-American Consumer 2013 Report," Nielsen projected that Black spending would rise from \$1 trillion to \$1.3 trillion by 2017.

"Companies mistakenly believe there are no language barriers, that a general market 'one-size-fits-all' strategy is an effective way to reach African-Americans," the Nielsen study said. "Just the opposite is true."

Nielsen said advertisers allot only 3 percent of their \$2.2 billion yearly budget to media aimed at Black audiences. Yet, they have the nerve to question the viability of the Black Press while ignoring their own culpability.

A Federal Communications Commission report, quoting one Congressperson, said:

"Ad agencies and their clients are refusing to advertise in media owned by blacks and other minorities. This means that in many cases Black media are being bypassed for advertising placement, even though they possess higher numbers in groups being targeted by the ad agency."

According to the 2013 Nielsen study, Fortune 100 companies not ranking in the top 20 advertisers with Black media included: General Electric, Citigroup, IBM, Philip Morris, AIG, Home Depot, Bank of America, Fannie Mae, J.P. Morgan Chase, Kroger, Merck, State Farm Insurance, Hewlett-Packard, Morgan Stanley, Sears Roebuck, Target, Merrill Lynch, Kmart, Freddie Mac, Costco, Safeway, Pfizer, J.C. Penney, MetLife, Dell Computer, Goldman Sachs, UPS, Prudential Financial, Wells Fargo, Sprint, New York Life, Microsoft, Walt Disney, Aetna, Walgreen, Bank One, BellSouth, Honeywell, UnitedHealth Group, Viacom, American Express, Wachovia Corp., CVS, Lowe's, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Coca-Cola.

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Visual Voice



Your Voice

One of my heroes growing up in Wilmington, N.C. was Joseph Harris, Jr.

Back then in Wilmington, N.C. also known as the "Port City" where ships would unload and go back to sea we had a few standouts at Williston Senior High School in sports. There was Althea Gibson who would later become an international tennis champion and Meadow "Lark" Lemon of the Harlem Globe Trotter fame as well as Sam "Punkum" Bownens who

played baseball in the majors. The epic center for sports back then was the Community Boys Club on Nixon Street in the "Brooklyn" section of Wilmington. You might consider calling the Club "Earl's Place," because the late and great Earl Jackson was one of the most influential Youth and sports advocates in Wilmington. His basketball team, "The Little Pros" was the team to be a member.

One of the stand out players for the "Little Pros" during that time in the 1950s was Joseph Harris, Jr., also called "Thusom" by his friends. He

was a natural sports person and went on to play on the Williston High School basketball team that would win a state championship. No question, Joseph Harris, Jr. with the quick release of his famous jump shot was seen as a model player by other young basketball players who came to the Boys Club to play for the Little Pros. He enjoyed the game and I and others enjoyed watching him play.

Then there was Joseph Harris, Jr. on the baseball field, hitting, running and catching. He excelled in both sports. Just seeing him play made a big dif-

ference in many lives of the youth because he was/is a winner. He is unpretentious and didn't brag, but just did it. He bought honor and class to our community. Seemed like folks respected us more. We were/are proud of the contributions that Joseph Harris, Jr. made and will always love and respect him. In a sense, he was our first "Michael Jordan" and he continues to inspire with his smile and sense of humor. Joseph Harris, Jr., my hero and a man ahead of his time.

Haywood Fennell
 Boston, MA

Matters of Opinion

Too late to ask?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The day after 52 percent of the people who voted that Britain should leave the European Union, Google was deluged with questions. The most common - what is the European Union? That suggests that the people who voted to leave the European Union didn't even know what it was. They



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

didn't know that financial institutions, headquartered in London, might shut down their offices because they would lose the advantage they had by considering London a European banking center. They didn't know that thousands of jobs now based in London might migrate to Paris or Brussels because international banks wanted European centers of commerce, not simply British centers. They didn't expect that the value of the pound would plummet. They didn't know.

Instead, they responded emotionally to those who encouraged them to vote to leave the EU. They responded

to the notion that immigration was their enemy, and that people were "taking their jobs". They responded to an ugly divisiveness, and they voted to protect themselves. They didn't know that their protectionism might leave them more vulnerable than ever. Now they know. The European Union has asked the UK to speed up the inevitable separation, even as more than 2 million Brits are, by petition, asking for a "do over", a second referendum. Few have patience for the remorseful second-guessing after the unnecessary Brexit vote. Prime Minister Cameron, after all, chose to sell a bunch of wolf tickets when he called for

the referendum. His egotism has had an ugly outcome, and an unnecessary one. The vote need not have taken place.

Brexit has implication in the United States. The callous exhortation of immigrants made it possible for too many Brits to vote against their own self-interest. Now, we see too many in the USA leaning toward Donald Trump because he says he will make America great again. Great for whom? Great how? In going back to the past is Mr. Trump harking to the Leave it to Beaver 1950s

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RAINBOW COALITION

What Clinton better learn from Brexit vote

(Via George Curry Media)

British vote to leave the European Union - is a clear and dramatic rebuke of the country's political and economic elites. A majority voted to leave even though the heads of the United Kingdom's two major parties, more than a thousand corporate and bank CEOs, legions of economists, the leaders of Europe and the United States, and the heads of the international financial organizations all warned of dire consequences if they did not vote to remain.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

For Americans, one question is whether this result has implications for the 2016 presidential campaign. Political sea changes tend to cross national boundaries. Ronald Reagan's election in 1980 tracked the rise of Margaret Thatcher to power in Great Britain. Bill Clinton's New Democrats were mirrored by Tony Blair's New Labour Party. So does Brexit presage the rise of Donald Trump in the United States?

The Leave campaign slogan - "Take back control" - is mirrored by Trump's "Make America great again." The

same economic insecurities, the sense of the system being rigged, the racial fears and the anger at immigrants that fueled the Leave campaign have elevated Trump's candidacy. Like Trump, the Leave campaign expressed its scorn for experts and politicians. Like Trump, the campaign told a clear story to voters about how they got in the fix they are in, and who is to blame.

In Britain, the vote divided along the lines of education, class and age. The better educated, more affluent and younger voted to stay. The less educated, less affluent and older voted to get out. Those campaigning to leave made appeals based on sovereignty, race and nativism. They campaigned against unaccountable bureaucrats and disdainful elites who rigged the system against working people. What surprised pollsters was the strong turnout by non-college educated, older working people, who lined up to register their discontent.

There is a clear warning here for Hillary Clinton. She is the quintessential establishment candidate, having been in Washington for the last 25 years. She has presented herself as a continuation of the Obama years. Her experience and expertise are universally acknowledged. But she is the candidate of the status quo at a time when people are looking

for change.

Our political and economic elites tend to be in denial. They profit from globalization, take pride in the exercise of American power abroad, live in affluent communities, and often are closer to their international peers than to their poorer neighbors. They don't see the America that has been ravaged by our ruinous trade policies. They avoid the killing streets of our impoverished urban neighborhoods. They were shaken by the Great Recession but largely have recovered. They don't see that most Americans have lost ground over the course of this century. They simply don't understand the scope of their failure to make this system work for working people - for the majority of Americans.

The Brexit vote showed that it is not enough to scorn the lies, exaggerations and divisive racial appeals of a demagogue. The Remain vote in Britain was explicitly a status quo vote - the EU isn't great, it seemed to say, but it is what we've got and our elites and experts say change would be catastrophic. But when people feel that the elites have failed them, that the system has been rigged to favor the few, that things are getting worse, the invocation of authority in defense of the status quo loses force. People want to know what you will do to make things better. You've got

to be able to tell a more convincing story that explains how we got where we are, who is to blame and what can be done about it. This is a lesson that Clinton surely understands.

The Brexit vote also reveals the comparative strength of the Democratic coalition here in the United States. Young people in Britain voted overwhelmingly against leaving; young people here will not vote for Trump. Minorities and immigrants - a much smaller portion of the population in Britain - voted against leaving; minorities here will not vote for Trump's racist politics. The question is only whether the young and minorities will turn out in large numbers or whether, uninspired, they will stay home in large numbers. Turning them out also requires a campaign that gives them hope for a change, not simply a promise of more of the same.

Brexit is a warning. There will be a reckoning. A divisive demagogue like Trump can profit in such times, but the politics of inclusion can beat the politics of division - but only by offering people a new deal that gives them hope.

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Cheryl Pearson-McNeil, a Senior Vice President for Nielsen, said it best: "Until we

do a better job as consumers in the choices we make and invest in companies that invest in us, we are not going to have any changes."

Now, that's fit to print. George E. Curry is President and CEO of George Curry

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days when independent women were invisible, and people of color hardly showed up. I'd love someone to remind me of any episode where Leave it to Beaver had a black actor. Ha! When we go back to our nation's "old greatness", we go back times when women and people of color were, at best, invisible.

Thanks to Brexit, the world will experience more financial instability than it has experienced in the last decade or so. The stock market will fluctuate, and then settle, and some folks will find their 401k accounts dropping, and then recovering in a month or so.

Interest rates will fall, but that really only matters in the short run, and with those who are managing stock markets. While it is impossible to predict the outcomes of the Brexit vote, it is surely possible to speak to the financial instability that is a byproduct of the Brexit vote. The short-term implications don't specifically affect United States shareholders (although those invested in the UK will see more immediate losses). In the longer run, the fracturing of the EU collective has financial implications for all world stakeholders.

There is a parallel between that which has happened in the UK and that which has happened in the US. Voters in the UK were goaded into

voting "leave" even though too many knew that staying was the better choice. In the US, we have a demagogue who is exhorting people to "leave" our diversity reality by embracing his cause and conveying his vote. The media has been an unindicted co-conspirator on this Trump crusade, because he has garnered far more visibility than he deserves. But his message resonates, even as the "leave" message resonated in the UK.

People aren't asking the critical questions. Why has Trump refused to release his tax returns? Why does he promise charitable contributions that he does not honor? Why are the Trump products manufactured in China, even

as he decries outsourcing?

Will we, in these United States, start Googling Trump after he is nominated? Will we wait until it is too late to ask about the Trump peccadilloes? Will asking late provide us with the same buyer's remorse that those in the UK are now experiencing? Will our protest vote express our angst and also place an ill-equipped man into our nation's leadership? Will we ask the most important questions when it is way too late?

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WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

Independence Day for us; Progressives is November 8, 2016

PROBLEM: The extreme conservatives developed a master plan to water down the constitutional rights of blacks, poor whites, young people, women, LGBT and other minorities.

Their strategy was to throw three of the most devastating knock-out punches a heavy weight boxer had in his/ her repertoire.

PUNCH:

The first punch, a left hook to the rib cage was gentrification. Gentrification is a scholarly sounding word that means poor and lower middle class property owners move out while the upper middle class and rich people are welcomed to their renovated brick streets, concrete sidewalks well-lit new neighborhoods. The greedy investors, with the help from some of our equally greedy elected officers take the houses or land by any means necessary. They condemn or report your properties for condemnation, buy you out when you fall behind on your mortgage, over evaluate, raise your taxes, demand you do repairs that are not demanded in other areas, force you to hire an attorney to protect your rights and finally foreclose on your property. Gentrification has had many other names we Blacks remember over the years, including redlining, blockbusting and today it is called the "historic district or overlay". The new owners enjoy special tax breaks and around the clock police patrols.

The second punch, an overhand right to the eye, sliding down to the nose, lips chin and into the collarbone was gerrymandering. Gerrymandering is another big word that simply means dividing voters into strangely drawn districts. It is the same way the Board of Education draw school lines to create majority white schools they call "good" and majority Black schools they call "failing." The city or county school board call it re-districting students and the State legislators draw snake-like lines sometime reaching into three or more counties that put about 76% of Republican voters in districts to control the election.

The third punch, an uppercut was voter suppression. Voter Suppression means make it harder for non-Republicans to vote. Change the voting place, cut back on the number of voting places, cut back on early voting, make us show an ID card and use any other dirty trick to slow down or keep us 2nd class citizens from voting.

#NOTE: William Shakespeare said "a rose by any other name is still a rose". Gentrification, gerrymandering, re-districting and so-called voter protection was pure discrimination in 1953 and still is today under the "shameful leadership" of Governor Pat McCrory and our equally inept U. S. Senator Richard Burr.

COUNTERPUNCH: We took their punches then threw powerful counter punches.

We with legal help from the state NAACP, League of Women Voters, the U.S. Justice Department and other progressive organizations sued the state of North Carolina. Federal judges ruled that North Carolina violated the equal protection provision of the U.S. Constitution. They ordered the state to re-draw the district lines for districts 1 and 12. This counter punch knocked Governor Pat McCrory off his feet, he got back up, then the referee gave him the mandatory standing eight count.

The 56-page voter(ID) suppression law passed and signed by Governor Pat McCrory is now in the hands of a federal appeals court. Second (2nd) time in federal court Governor Pat McCrory.

The United States Justice Department said that House Bill 2 (better known as the bathroom bill) signed by Governor Pat McCrory violates the Civil Rights Act. Third 3rd) time in federal court.

To date the Governor has wasted over eight (8) million dollars of our tax money defending obviously discriminatory laws in state and federal court. In addition to the money our Governor is spending on out of state lawyers, it is estimated the law would cost us over eight (8) billion dollars each year and thousands of good paying jobs.

We all can and must throw, the final knock-out punch, an upper-cut, by registering, voting by absentee ballot or voting early. Our one vote is good, but encouraging or taking at least three others with us is like eating our favorite four course dinner at home or at a 5-star restaurant.

To keep up with the truth, as North Carolina turns, we need to support and read the Black press. The local daily papers put a truncated version of these stories on page A- 9. The Black press print these stories on the front page with full details

Galatians 5:1 (Paraphrased) "Christ has liberated us to be free. Stand firm then and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery".

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TO BE EQUAL

New momentum on common sense gun reform

(Via George Curry Media)

"The question before us is: What is this Congress waiting for? Over the last 12 years, gun-related crimes claimed more American lives than AIDS, war, and illegal drug overdoses combined. Since Newtown, tens of thousands of lives have been lost to this deadly crisis. The number of bills that have been debated and passed by this Congress to prevent such deaths is zero." -- House Democrats Letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan, June 2016



Marc Morial

area; the Tulsa Race Riot Commission placed the number of deaths close to 300).

Like many Americans, I am left to wonder: when will enough be enough? How much more innocent blood needs to be shed; how many more lives must be horrifically - and needlessly - wiped away; and just how many more justifications are left in this seemingly bottomless well of excuses to pardon federal inaction on common sense gun reform as the disease of mass gun violence continues to fester?

In the wake of the latest, deadliest mass shooting, Republicans in Congress called for a moment of silence, while Democrats clamored for long-overdue change. The momentum for change began with Senate Democrats, led by Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut and joined by two Senate Republicans, who launched a filibuster calling for congressional action on gun reform. Senate Democrats wanted votes on two resurrected proposals: an amendment to prevent people on the government's terrorism watch list from buying guns and another on expanding background checks. Senate Democrats were victorious in their fight. Votes will be allowed on the proposals, but these proposals have been debated and voted on before - and both failed. Days after a gunman opened fire in a crowded nightclub, House Speaker Paul Ryan called for a now all-too-familiar moment of silence.

While a handful of

Democrats walked out, boycotting the moment of silence, another group, led by Rep. John Lewis, a veteran of our country's Civil Rights Movement, walked onto the floor of the House and declared that, yes, enough is indeed enough.

"We were elected to lead, Mr. Speaker. We must be headlights, and not taillights. We cannot continue to stick our heads in the sand and ignore the reality of mass gun violence in our nation. Deadly mass shootings are becoming more and more frequent. Mr. Speaker, this is a fact. It is not an opinion. We must remove the blinders. The time for silence and patience is long gone," he said before he, and fellow Democrats, borrowed a 20th century tactic to address our 21st century dilemma of mass shootings and occupied and House floor with a sit-in, demanding that the House take a vote on gun violence prevention legislation.

To be sure, for many of us, there is healing and national reflection to be found in vigils, memorials and moments of silence, but there are lives to be saved when we act. The families and friends of these innocent victims should be attending birthday parties, graduations and weddings - not unplanned funerals. Symbolism and sympathy can no longer be the extent of what our elected officials have to offer a nation gripped in needless gun violence.

This new momentum on safety has moved beyond the halls of Congress. The

Supreme Court recently upheld a federal law that keeps people convicted of domestic violence from owning guns. The families of the victims of the Sandy Hook gun massacre are suing Remington Arms and other gun manufacturers for selling the gun used by the killer to take the lives of their loved ones. Perhaps we, as a nation, have reached a critical tipping point? Perhaps the massacre in Orlando will push us to look at common sense ways to reduce gun violence? How can anyone argue that not putting guns in the hands of known abusers or people who are on terrorism watch lists puts the rights of legitimate gun owners at risk?

There is more we can and must do to reduce gun violence in our country, like banning AR-15-type weapons from civilian ownership or requiring all gun buyers to undergo a background check - no matter where or how they purchase a gun - and we can all join in that effort. One sit-in does not a victory make. The struggle for common sense gun reform is far from over. We can all do more than agree we need change - we can make it. Call your representatives, sign petitions, be impatient about sweeping laws that allow guns to get into the wrong hands into the legislative dustbin. Let's remember, respect and honor the victims of mass shootings by saving future lives.

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

BLACKONOMICS

One shining Jesse Williams' moment

(Via George Curry Media)

More than a couple of million folks have responded to the words spoken by Jesse Williams, which points out the fact that many Black people are mesmerized by words that excite us and stimulate our emotions. Rather than initiating practical and appropriate actions as a result of words that make us feel good, we usually end up celebrating, espousing, regurgitating, and discussing, ad nauseam, those words instead of implementing strategies that make us "do good."



James Clingman

The speech by Williams was important and relevant, especially to Black people. I appreciate his words and his willingness to make his statements on such a widely-viewed stage. He used his fame and the very popular BET Awards Show to put forth a message that has been spoken and written by others before him, but also one that we need to hear over and over. Seems to me that when someone famous says the same things other non-famous folks have said, it takes hold quicker and our light bulbs come on faster. Questions: "How long will the message last? Will we act upon it?"

Jesse Williams' background, political affiliations and motivations notwithstanding, his message was more important than the messenger. But since we are so attuned with what our celebrities say, he had instant credibility with many young and older folks alike. This is not to suggest that we discriminate against a message because of its messenger. A moron can bring a valid message. Suppose Clarence Thomas had said the same thing Williams said. Would we reject that message?

My point is that Black folks should be able to discern a positive message that comes from any messenger, so that we can know "why" the message is being promulgated and be able to respond appropriately to that message. Emotional catch-words and phrases are fleeting and seldom cause any improvement in our well-being. Remember: "I have a dream!" "Down with dope - Up with hope!" "No justice, no peace!" "Yes we can!" and all the other words we have heard and chanted millions of times?

I'd rather we follow words from Richard Allen: "To Seek for Ourselves," Marcus Garvey "One God, One Aim, One Destiny!" and Elijah Muhammad: "Do for Self." I chose to hear some of those words in Williams' speech, and I give him credit for speaking on the subject. It's on Williams now to show us what he meant by putting his words into action; and it's up to the rest of us to develop strategies and initiatives that will move our people for-

ward.

Jesse Williams spoke on issues that I have written articles on as far back as 1994, more specifically, one titled, "The Young and the Relentless," in which I described how many young Blacks were becoming entrepreneurs. Rather than falling for the okey-dokey of buying and wearing someone else's brand, they were developing, marketing, and selling their own brands. Unfortunately, as the article also cited, many of our young entertainers had succumbed to the lure of "OPS" (Other People's Stuff) e.g. Adidas, Nike, Hilfiger, etc. rather than "OPM" (Other People's Money).

It is ironic that in April 1997 Forbes magazine featured a front page article titled, "Badass Sells," by Joshua Levine, which aptly illustrated much of the tremendous economic potential within the younger segment of Black America. It also described how the hip-hop culture had been co-opted by designers such as Hilfiger and manufacturing giants like Nike. Now in 2016, Alicia Keys is featured in a commercial for Levis jeans, in which she says, all women are "Badass," so I guess it still sells.

But I digress. Will Jesse Williams' comments simply become last month's shining moment for Black folks, or will his message finally be transformed into real economic progress for our people? Will his two minutes of enlightenment and in-your-face rejoinder to our plight

make their way into the pantheon of speeches by our learned elders, or will they drift off into oblivion never having gained traction or made a significant difference in our lives?

Will Jesse Williams' one shining moment become activated within us to the degree that we begin to coalesce and collaborate to build an economic foundation from which we can truly have an impact on public policy? Fiery rhetoric, overwhelming applause, and 2 million "hits" and "tweets" are not enough to get the job done. We must have action; we must have a critical mass of Black people who are willing and able to work to make our economic and political empowerment a reality.

Yes, we had yet another shining moment when Williams took the stage to accept his award. Will its sheen fade to Black, or will that moment turn into momentum for Black progress? Remember: A moment is not a movement, but a moment can start a movement.

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

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB

New Hanover County

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.



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.

Community Briefs

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

Current events and changing times

There are many different kinds of meetings. Meetings are held for various reasons. Sometimes, meetings are held in order to keep the community abreast of the current events and changing times. There are many current events and changes in our times that claim our attention.



Verniece Stanley

We have a growing number of immigrants from all over the world living in Brunswick County and elsewhere in this state and nation. Immigrants are people who

leave one country to settle in another. Many immigrants have moved here to America from many other lands, some legally and some illegally. Either way, they are here.

The times are changing around us every day. Our foreparents taught us to take one day at a time so that we would be more prepared for each day. Their wisdom was gained through life experiences. They especially had an impressive way of saving money and using it wisely. We all must be wise in spending money. They certainly did not support gambling and casinos in those days.

This is the season for storms. Some families will travel to Brunswick Beaches for enjoyment, but we all must be very

alert to violent storms of every kind. One such violent storm is the hurricane. Hurricanes are severe tropical cyclones, and each storm is given a name. Generally, hurricanes are accompanied by winds exceeding 75 miles per hour. There is always the possibility of its gaining or losing strength. One such hurricane was "Irene," which occurred in August 2011. This hurricane affected the Caribbean and much of the East Coast of the United States, including the North Carolina coastline. It is a time when many people shop for additional necessities to carry them through the storm and one time when we all need to pray together. It could be one of those things for which we wait

to bring us together.

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.

YWCA Lower Cape Fear announces new board members

Wilmington, NC (June, 2016)— YWCA Lower Cape Fear announces the appointment of six new members of its Board of Directors, as well as the full slate of officers and board members for 2016.

Joining the YWCA Board of Directors are Eva Battle, Acquinetta Beatty, Suprena Hickman, Joan McKillop, Linda Reece and Kelly Sanderson. "All six of our newest Board members embody the spirit of community and bring talent, expertise and energy to the table. We are very fortunate to have them by our side as we continue to strengthen our community in the Lower Cape Fear region.", Jenni Harris, YWCA Board President-Elect.

Eva Battle is a retired educator, who currently works as a GED Instructor at Cape Fear Community College. Battle is very active in her church and

recently rolled off of the State Employee's Credit Union Board of Directors. Acquinetta Beatty is a Project Manager and Industrial/Nuclear Engineer at GEH, Inc. Beatty is the President of the Piney Grove Improvement Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Suprena Hickman is a registered nurse, entrepreneur and certified coach. Hickman created a women's wellness organization called Escape 2 Sisterhood, LLC and a teen empowerment program, Girls Rocking in the South (G.R.I.T.S.). Hickman also sits on the Board of Directors for Hope Abounds. Joan McKillop is an active member of the YWCA pool and is passionate about promoting healthy lifestyles. McKillop is retired and recently received her Masters in Liberal

Studies from University of North Carolina Wilmington. Linda Reece is the Enrollment Research Analyst at UNCW. Reece holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy and recently rolled off the Board of Directors for the Wilmington Jewish Film Festival. Kelly Sanderson is the Office Manager at A&N Roofing, Inc. Sanderson has been a member of St. Mary Basilica Shrine for 10 years and is passionate about the mission of the YWCA.

The slate of board members for 2016 is listed below.

•Kelly Hanley, President
•Jenni Harris, President-Elect
•Wendy McElhinney, First Vice President
•Abby Adams, Second Vice President
•Danielle Clark, Treasurer
•Evelyn Bryant, Secretary
•Eva Battle
•Acquinetta Beatty

•Elizabeth Dodson
•Suprena Hickman
•Lisa Hill
•Joan McKillop
•Linda Reece
•Kelly Sanderson
•Nancy Wilcox
•Susan Fennell, Executive Director

The YWCA Lower Cape Fear is a nonprofit membership organization founded in 1914 as a member of the national YWCA, an autonomous women's movement. We are committed to self-determined social change for women of all racial, ethnic and economic groups. The YWCA provides leadership in our community, nation and world in the struggle for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. For more information please visit ywca-lowercapefear.org or [facebook.com/ywcalowercapefear](https://www.facebook.com/ywcalowercapefear).

NAVASSA'S 35TH ANNUAL HOMEcoming PARADE AND FESTIVITIES

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THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

CHILDREN'S NIGHT OUT

BLOCK PARTY

7PM-11PM

NAVASSA BALL PARK

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER WILL BE AT THE NAVASSA COMMUNITY CENTER

3 on 3 BASKETBALL GAMES



FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016

OLDIE BUT GOODIE

TIME: 8:00PM-12:00 AM

PLACE: NAVASSA'S COMMUNITY CENTER

PRICE: \$10.00

MUSIC BY DJ SHYHEIM

LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES



SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016

35TH ANNUAL HOMEcoming PARADE

STARTS @ 10:00 AM

FESTIVITIES @ NAVASSA BALL PARK AFTER PARADE

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4-H Youth volunteers teach Enviro-Tour at the NC Cooperative Extension - Brunswick County

Wearing bright green shirts, 19 Communities in Schools summer day campers, from Southport and Belville, arrived with their instructors and Parks

and Recreation, Field Trip Coordinator, Shannon Bates, at the beautiful Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Botanical Garden's in Bolivia. Youth were greeted and welcomed by 4-H Teens in Leadership Training (TiLT) youth volunteers and Angie Lawrence, 4-H TiLT coordinator. Campers brought their lunch and ate in the colorful Botanical Gardens, which is maintained by the Brunswick County Extension Master Gardeners, and staff as a study garden for native plants and edible landscaping. After lunch, youth were ready for the Enviro-Tour field trip!

Youth were split into two groups and visited various stations to learn how each of us impacts our coastal environment, and how we can help protect our coast, estuaries, and water-shed. Stations were taught by TiLT youth volunteers, who studied and prepared hands-on lessons that were fun yet educational.

The first hour, half of the youth were taught by Lena Devlin and Mackenzie Snyder, who read an interactive book about wetlands. Then Lena and Mackenzie taught the hands-on Enviro-scape model, which helps youth, through the use of all of their senses, to visualize non-point and point source pollution and learn how they can help protect wetlands, and estuaries. After learning about wetlands, pollution, and estuaries youth were treated to a LIVE! Blue Crab presentation by Jillian Bowling, an award winning 4-H presenter who also happens to have been raised fishing for Blue Crabs, and is very passionate about teaching youth to protect the environment they live in. Youth were able to make the connections between what they learned with the Enviro-scape, to a native species to Eastern NC estuaries.

While the first hour youth were learning about Wetlands, and Estuaries, the other half of the group visited three stations outside. The first station was taught by Alexis and Autumn Apple. Youth learned about native and invasive species and then made native seed-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Students making native seed-bombs to plant native species in their own back-yards.

bombs to use, to plant native species in their own back-yards. Youth also learned that there are several native grasses and plants that help prevent erosion, and went to the next station to learn about soils and participate in a hands on science experiment on beach erosion, taught by TiLT youth volunteer, Zoe Rowland. Once the group learned about native plants, and soils, they were led through the Botanical Gardens by TiLT youth volunteers Amelia Apple and Bobbi Jane Lawrence, while they enjoyed a scavenger hunt, hunting for all things found in a habitat. All lessons were inter-connected and the campers had smiles on their faces as they enjoyed all of the activities, one young camper in kindergarten exclaimed, "I can't wait to go home and tell my grandma about crab's and sand, and flowers and pollution!"

The Enviro-Tour is a series of three field trips created for CIS Parks and Recreation Summer Campers as a continued partnership with CIS for 4-H TiLT youth volunteers to provide fun, hands-on learning experiences for the summer and after-school programs. We hope to be able to offer these 2 hour workshops to other Brunswick County Camps, so other campers can experience hands-on learning, planned and taught, by bright Brunswick County 4-H Teens. Brunswick County 4-H TiLT Coordinator was excited to receive additional

pictures and an encouraging email from Shannon Bates the week following the visit! She wrote "The youth did an exceptional job facilitating the activities. We are soooooo looking forward to next time."

Brunswick County 4-H TiLT youth volunteers are equally excited about the next visit from the CIS summer campers, where they will be teaching hands-on lessons in Healthy Living, showing campers how to recognize stress, and how to take care of their brains and bodies to avoid stress by exercising and eating healthy.

For more information on how to have these programs taught at your program, camp, library, or other youth community out-reach, OR to schedule a field trip to the Extension office where we can teach a 2 hour workshop, contact Angie Lawrence, 4-H TiLT Coordinator; Email: angie_lawrence@ncsu.edu. You may also visit Brunswick County 4-H's website <http://brunswick-co4h.shutterfly.com/>, like us Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/brunswickcounty4h> or visit our Instagram page <http://instagram.com/brunswickco4h>, for more information on other 4-H opportunities. For information about other Brunswick County Cooperative Extension services call 910-253-2610 or visit <http://brunswick.ces.ncsu.edu/>, and like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BCCooperativeExtension>.

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Christine Williams

Christine Williams died July 3, 2016 at LCFH. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Shoulders Branch MB Church. Burial will follow in the Shoulders Branch Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Helen P. McRae

Helen P. McRae died July 4, 2016 at home. Funeral services will be 12:00 noon Friday, July 8, 2016 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Roland Dixon, Sr.

Roland Dixon, Sr., died Thursday, June 30, 2016 at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 3, 2016 at Christian Chapel MB Church #2, Hampstead, NC.

Roland Dixon, Sr. was born on October 15, 1942, in Wilmington, North Carolina, to the late Pauline and Joe E. Dixon, Sr. He attended Williston Senior High School, graduating in the Class of 1961. From high school, he joined the US Army, where he completed Airborne School and became a paratrooper. He proudly served his country until he was honorably discharged. Roland was a successful brick mason by trade and went on to teach the trade several years at Pender High School. At Pender, he acquired the nickname "The Hawk" from the students because he could see everything. He retired from Pender High School in 2007, after 22 years of service. After his retirement, he had a passion to continue in the wood business like his dad; which he did until his illness. Roland married the former Earnestine Brown, from the Browntown Community in 1965, where they made their home. They raised three children: one daughter, Stephanie, who preceded him in death and two sons, Stevie and Roland Jr. He was passionate about helping others and was a member of Eastgate Lodge #143 F&AM PHA of Hampstead, North Carolina. At Eastgate, he was a Past Master and Secretary. Roland was a devoted Christian and an active member of Christian Chapel Missionary Baptist Church No. 2. He loved his church family and served as Chairman of the Trustee Board and was also a member of the Men's Choir. Roland was one of the kindest and most dependable people you could ever meet, and he touched the lives of many. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and a host of others.

He is survived by his wife, Earnestine Dixon; sons, Stevie and Roland Jr. (LaToya); grandchildren, Chanel (Marcus), Ambreyne, Jamar, Chelsea, Hope, Brianna, Raelyn, Te'Reyna, Roland III and Shakeem; sisters, Jeanette, Eleanor (Claudius) and Dorothy (Tony); brothers, James (Beverly) and Joe Dixon, Jr (Barbara); a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. A

Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Bartow Vaughn

Bartow Vaughn died Tuesday at LCFH. Memorial services were held Saturday, July 2nd at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Norman Gattison

Norman Gattison died Sunday at LCFH. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 2nd at Union MB Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Edward Bragg, Jr.

Edward Bragg, Jr., died Wednesday at NHRMC. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 2nd at Shiloh MB Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Eddie "Buddy" Bragg, Jr., was born in Jacksonville, North Carolina on April 23, 1943 to Rena and Edward Bragg Sr. He departed this life on Wednesday, June 29, 2016. Though his birth name was Edward, everyone knew him by his nickname "Buddy" or "Bragg". His kids and grandchildren would call him "Pop". Eddie retired from the New Hanover County Board of Education. He had a multifaceted personality with skills that ranged from a longshoreman, working for the county school system and an individual business owner. In each career, Eddie brought a zest for the role he had and passion for life.

Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Bragg Sr. and Rena Ann Gibbs Bragg; son, Edward Bragg III and siblings, Charles Bragg, Zena Bragg and Dora Bragg. He leaves to cherish his memories:

His wife, Sarah H. Bragg; children: Leon Hester, Sara H. Wilson, Obediah Hester III, Anita Nesbitt, Sheila Nixon, Charlotte Robinson, Patrick Bragg and Brandon Bragg; siblings: Dolores Bragg Graves, Mattie Bragg, Marilyn Wallace, Lathan Bragg (Sandra), Cynthia Watson, Clevelvet Bragg, Carl Bragg, Rev. Troy Bragg (Joyce) and the McLaurin Family; special friends, Lemuel Sloan, Betty Robinson and Irving Greene; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Bobbie Armstrong

Bobbie Armstrong died Saturday at NHRMC. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Bobbie Armstrong, son of the late Thomas J. Armstrong and Ella Wade Williams Armstrong, was born September 22, 1946, in the Long Creek Community, Rocky Point, North Carolina. He entered into eternal rest on June 23, 2016, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, with his loving wife, Marjorie and his family at his side. Bobbie was educated in the Pender County School System, graduating from Pender High School

in the Class of 1966. He completed barber school and retired from Fox Holsum Bakery, after 28 years of dedicated service. Bobbie married the former Marjorie Dickey on June 29, 1968. To this union seven children were born: Robert, Glenn, Barbara, Anita, Elaine, Isaac and Travis Armstrong; and eight grandchildren: Joshua, Jacob, Jordon, Cameron, Aaron, Bobbie, Skylar and Randy Lewis. Bobbie loved fishing, gardening, planting vegetables, auctions and flea markets. He was very compassionate, and a great husband, father, brother and friend. Bobbie was a faithful member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church for over 30 years.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Marjorie; sons, Robert (Polly), Glenn (Sheryl), Travis, and Isaac (Brittney); daughters, Barbara, Anita Legail (Randy), and Elaine; eight grandchildren; sisters, Aline, Doretha, Gertrude and Ruth Ann; brother, Thomas (Anita); sisters-in-law, Rosalia and Lucille; brothers-in-law, Lucious (Adelaida) and Glenn (Delia); aunts, Coline and Pearl; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary L. Malloy

Mary L. Malloy, 75, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, June 30, 2016. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 6 at Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church.

On June 30, 2016, Mary Lena Malloy, after 75 years, departed her life on this earth and is now in the presence of The Lord. She was born on February 6, 1941 to John Mayes and Doretha Armstrong of Wilmington N.C.

Mary was wedded in Holy Matrimony to the late Benny Gene Malloy Sr. Through that union they were blessed with six children. And so, there remains a large family who truly loves and honors her life.

Mary is predeceased by seven siblings: sisters, Vernel Lucas, Christine McCrimmon, Earnestine Miles; brothers, John Henry, Eddie Laverne, George Abbot and Burnis Armstrong.

She leaves to cherish her memory: six loving and devoted children, Venessa Barney (Al), Benny Malloy Jr. (Phyllis), Timothy Malloy, Deadra Malloy, Curtis Malloy, and Andre Malloy (Katrina); grandchildren, Tamika Malloy, LaToya Malloy, Darius Malloy, Adrian M. McLaurin, Jamil M. Barney, Chandler Mangum, Daniel Davis, K'Nisha Malloy, Andre Malloy Jr., and Kameron Malloy; great grandchildren, Darrius Malloy, Jaurean Pearson Jr., Darius Malloy Jr.; brother, Oscar Earl Armstrong; sister-in-law, Geraldine Armstrong; half sisters, Kathy, Doris and Margaret King; half brother Andrew Jr.; aunt, Juanita Murray and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, two of which are very special through many years of her life, Hazel Hankins and Bernice Brown. 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

Michael D. Lucas

Michael D. Lucas, 62, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, July 6, 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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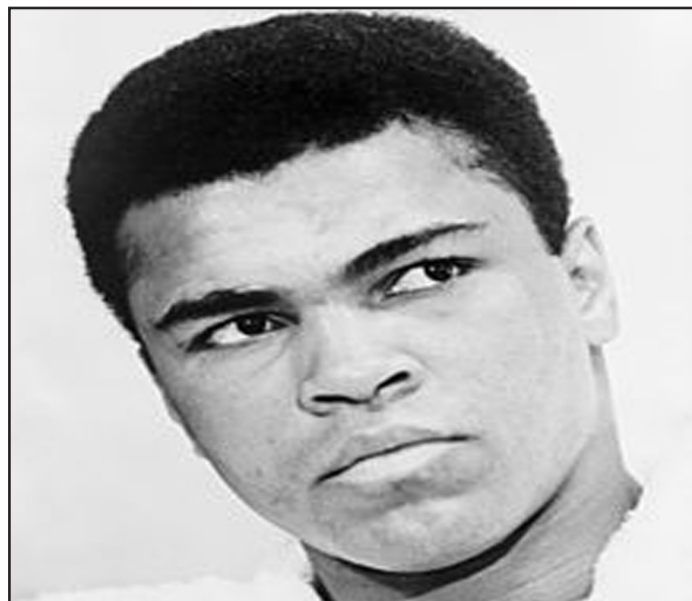


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Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside us every day.
 Unseen, unheard, but always near;
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Dorothy Franks King

Muhammad Ali's death raises more awareness about Parkinson's disease



MUHAMMAD ALI

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Muhammad Ali, the late great world heavyweight boxing champion, who suffered from Parkinson's disease, is being praised by some in the medical community for raising public awareness about the debilitating disorder.

But there are still unanswered questions about how prevalent disease is in the black community because a complete study that meets scientific research standards has yet to be done, according to an article published by National Medical Association.

Ali, 74, who died from septic shock, suffered from Parkinson's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative disorder, for 32 years. Physicians diagnosed the three-time champion with Parkinson's disease in 1984, three years after he retired.

"We are saddened by the loss of Muhammad Ali, who faced Parkinson's disease with great

courage and tenacity. In making his diagnosis public, he provided hope for millions of others and helped the cause immeasurably. We celebrate his extraordinary life and contributions to the cause and send our deepest condolences to his wife Lonnie and his family. In all areas of life, he truly was 'the Champ' and 'the greatest,'" said Robin Elliott, president of the Parkinson Disease Foundation, which is based in New York.

In 1997, Ali and his wife cofounded the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center in Phoenix, Ariz., to provide comprehensive care for those living with disease.

Officials said, "The Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center at Barrow Neurological Institute mourns the loss of Muhammad Ali, whose generosity, courage, fighting spirit and dedication to helping others are the pillars of the Center."

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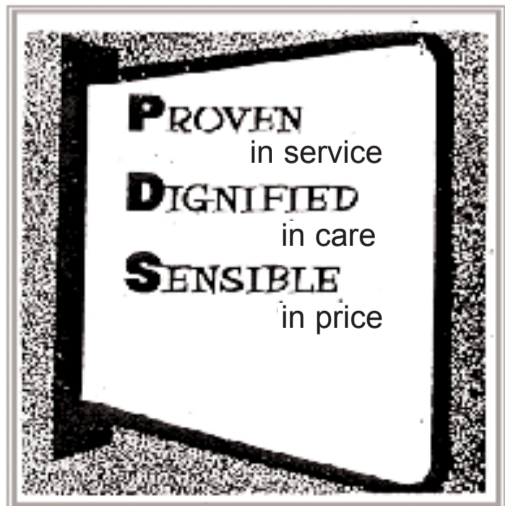


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New Hanover County

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr., will hold Vacation Bible School 2016, "We have Gifts Sharing Them For God" Sunday, July 10th at 9:30 a.m. with the kickoff and Monday, July 11th- Thursday, July 14th from 6:30 p.m.- from 8:00 p.m. at Rachel Freeman School, 2601 Princess Place Dr. Also the church will hold their Revival Kickoff on Sunday, July 17th at 4:00 p.m. Revival will be held Monday, July 18th - Wednesday, July 20th. Praise and worship service will be held 7:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. each night, with various choirs throughout the region. The revival program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest revivalist will be Rev. Debra L. Haggins of Hampton, VA.

Religious Briefs

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.

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.

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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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Tips to protect health in extreme heat

Following the heat advisory for eastern North Carolina issued by the National Weather Service, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reminds local residents about steps they should take to protect their health from the extreme heat.

"People may not often think about it but extreme heat can have devastating effects on health," said Dr. Nicole Lurie, HHS assistant secretary for preparedness and response (ASPR). "Young children, older adults, and people on certain medications can be particularly vulnerable to heat. Recognizing the signs of heat stress and knowing what to do can save a life."

People suffering from heat stress may experience heavy sweating; weakness; cold, pale, and clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; and nausea or vomiting. Early signs include muscle cramps, heat rash, fainting or near-fainting spells, and a pulse or heart rate greater than 100.

People suffering from heat stress should be moved to a cooler location to lie down. Apply cool, wet cloths to the body especially to head, neck, arm pits and upper legs near the groin area where combined 70 percent of body heat can be lost; and have the person sip water. They should remain in the cool location until recovered with a pulse heart rate is well under 100 beats per minute.

Signs of the most severe heat-related illness, heat stroke, include a body temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit; hot, red, dry or moist skin; rapid and strong pulse; and altered mental status which can range from confusion and agitation to unconsciousness. Call 911 immediately and take steps to cool the person.

While children are especially vulnerable to heat illnesses, they may be unable to explain what is wrong but may act differently than usual. In extreme heat, consider changes in a child's behavior to be heat stress.

Similarly, people with communication-related disabilities may have difficulty expressing a heat-related problem. In extreme heat, look for a change in behavior as a sign of heat stress.

Older adults face additional risk of heat stress and heat stroke, for a variety of rea-

sons. The National Institute on Aging's fact sheet explains more about how extreme heat can affect seniors.

To help prevent heat-related illness:

- Spend time in locations with air-conditioning when possible.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Good choices are water and diluted sport electrolyte drinks (1 part sport drink to 2 parts water) unless told otherwise by a doctor.
- Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing
- Limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours

As air conditioning use increases, electrical grids can become overwhelmed causing power outages. In power outages, people who rely on electricity-dependent medical devices, like oxygen concentrators, may need assistance so check on family members, friends and neighbors who use this type of equipment.

Community organizations and businesses can help local emergency managers and health departments plan for the community's health needs amid the summer heat - and other emergency situations that cause power outages - using the HHS emPOWER Map. The HHS emPOWER Map provides the monthly total number of Medicare beneficiaries' claims for electricity-dependent equipment at the national, state, territory, county, and zip code levels.

For more information about how to prevent heat-related illnesses visit the HHS public health emergency preparedness website at <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/>. For information about how to better prepare for disasters and other emergencies, visit www.ready.gov.

HHS' mission is to enhance and protect the health and well-being of all Americans and fulfills its mission by providing for effective health and human services and fostering advances in medicine, public health, and social services.

ASPR leads HHS in preparing the nation to respond to and recover from adverse health effects of emergencies, supporting communities' ability to withstand adversity, strengthening health and response systems, and enhancing national health security.

Cotten to speak at Mt. Olive AME Church

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Rev. Dr. John Cotten, Jr., Senior pastor at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, in New Haven, Ct will be the guest speaker at Mount Olive AME Church on Sunday, July 17, 2016, at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Rev. Cotten is the son of Wilmington native Sandra Bruton Cotten and John Cotten, Sr. of New Haven, Ct. He is the grandson of the late

Mary and Arthur Bruton. Rev. Cotten is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Southern Connecticut State University, and Christian Leadership Bible College. Presently he serves as the Executive Dean of Christian Leadership Bible College and Dean of students at Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School in New Haven, Ct. In 2003 Rev. Cotten served as Pastor of Gospel Mission Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Ct.

and in 2011 he became the Pastor of New Hope Baptist in New Haven, Ct. With the help of Almighty God, he successfully merged the two Churches and they continue to fulfill the mission of saving the lost, empowering the saved, and ushering the empowered to excellence!

Rev. Dr. John Cotten, Jr. is married to the former Danielle Tilley and they are blessed with four children and three grand children.



REV. DR. JOHN COTTEN, JR.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Fear Not!"

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

Fear: Unpleasant, often strong emotion caused by expectation or awareness of danger; Anxious concern

Christian Believers live victorious lives when walking by faith.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the proving of things not seen. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But

Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Because we want to please God, we are willing to walk by faith and to live by faith, as he asks us to do in His word. Faith allows us to lay hold to the promises of God and to receive many blessings from above. This is why we should, Fear

Not!

Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear cancels faith and causes one to make many mistakes in judgement. Fear promotes anxiety, which leads to a rush to judgement and rash decisions. I John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." Fear breeds anger, hatred, paranoia, and suspicion. Fear will not allow you to walk in love towards your brother or sister. Fear magnifies differences and minimizes commonalities. Fear separates and divides families, and communities racially, socially, and economically. On the other hand, Faith brings us together for the common good and with a common goal and purpose. This is why we should, Fear Not! God has not given us a spirit of fear for that very reason. God wants his children to get along and to live in peace and harmony. Fear will not allow people to dwell together in unity because fear is not of God. As a church, we cannot be fear based and faith based at the same time. We are either walking by faith or living in fear.

Fear based politics is very prevalent today. When candidates contend for office, by seeking to frighten people of their opponent, that campaign is fear based! The campaign run by fear seeks to separate and isolate voters with biased logic, that hurts more than it helps. Instead of focusing on the candidate's actual ability, experience, conduct, character or potential... They use dirt as a distraction to cloud the real issues, muddy the waters, and to confuse the voters as to who is the better candidate. Fear based voting can cause people to lose sight of God, and see the need to do God's will without waiting on the Lord. Fear based politics use extreme negativity to gain votes. Fear based politics is bad for the community, nation and the world. When people use fear to get in office, they will use fear to stay in office. Christian voters should vote their faith according to the facts and not their fears. This is why we should Fear Not!

Faith based politics, based on the fear of the Lord, can be used in a positive way to impact our communities. Faith in God and his word shows, a level of humility affecting con-

duct and character, that is needed for those who hold office in our local, state and federal government. Fact and faith can work together, and produce great results for the common good and to the glory of God. That is, if we, "Fear Not!

Prayer: Father, teach us to walk in faith, and not give way to the spirit of fear. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

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

The high cost of being poor and female

(Via George Curry Media)

One of the most profound statements I ever heard from one of my church members years ago was, "Rev, there's a lot of money in poor people."

What he was referring to low-income people bearing, disproportionately, a lion's share of money collected from different sources, which ultimately helps keep govern-

ment and corporate operations humming. The poor pay higher interest rates for everything from car loans, to home loans; low-income people usually pay more for groceries and gas tends to be higher in low-income neighborhoods. Everyone knows that it is low-income people who are keeping payday lenders in business, an operation that feels no compunction at all at charging poor people more than 300 percent interest on loans, keeping them in poverty.

And the poor traditionally pay more for "justice." As NPR noted, "...the costs of the criminal justice system in the United States are paid increasingly by the defendants and offenders. It's a practice that causes the poor to face harsher treatment than others who commit identical crimes and can afford to pay. Some judges and politicians fear the trend has gone too far."

When Marissa Alexander, a young, single Black woman fired a shot into the air to ward off her boyfriend who had beaten her repeatedly over time and who was threatening to kill her; she was arrested, charged, convicted and jailed. She was originally sentenced to 20 years in prison; she was released earlier this year after serving three, and will be on house arrest for two more years. This, in spite of George Zimmerman, who shot and killed Trayvon Martin, was acquitted and served no time for his offense.

If Black people in general get the brunt of a justice system that is not and which has never been "just" for them, Black females have it worse, and single, low-income Black women may have the sorriest situation of all. Another story on NPR explained how low-

income women who are suffering from domestic abuse, are being targeted by laws that say if she complains too often, if the police are called to her residence too often because she is being beaten by a spouse or partner, she can be evicted.

The fact that state and local lawmakers are passing such laws is infuriating in and of itself, but the fact that, once again, "the least of these" are the people being targeted, is immoral. The disregard for the lives of Black women seems to be even more blatant in this political season, where raw and rabid racism is rearing its ugly head with abandon; clearly, these draconian laws that would put an abused woman out on the street - just because she's been abused - seems to add to the reasons the chant "Black Lives Matter" is so loud today.

The net effect of these laws, according to the story on NPR, is that women who are being abused are reluctant to call police when they are being beaten. Landlords who do not evict these women or these couples are subject to fines of up to \$1,000 a day, and so it would seem that their hands are tied as they try to hold onto their

livelihoods in these situations. But the women being beaten feel the heat of racism and sexism breathing down their backs even as they are abused, and because of these laws, they feel helpless to do anything about it, either in saving and preserving their own lives or in protecting their children.

There are a lot of issues floating about that should raise the ire of good, church-going, Jesus-believing people. Pastors, it seems, need to be lifting up this travesty of justice and letting people know what's going on. Silence should not be an option. The thought that a woman, any woman, is "out there" because she has been evicted for being beaten is mind-blowing. The faith community ought not sit on its hands and allow this to be.

Rev. Susan K Smith is an ordained minister who lives in Columbus, Ohio. She is the author of several books, including "Crazy Faith: Ordinary People; Extraordinary Lives" and "The Book of Jeremiah: The Life and Ministry of Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. She is available to preach or do keynote addresses. Reach her by emailing revsuekim@sbcglobal.net.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Kimberly Bullard Benson**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of September, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of June, 2016

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

June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Wade R. Shanklin**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of October 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 7th day of July, 2016

Phyllis C. Shanklin, Executrix of the Estate of Wade R. Shanklin
924 Arboretum Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Harold Tyne Johanson**, 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 **7th day of October, 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 7th day of July, 2016

Laura Johnson, Administrator
402 Mochian Trail
Wilmington, NC 28409

July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

A special meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 13th at 2:00 PM in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting is to continue working to develop a Strategic Plan Business Plan for the Wilmington Urban Area MPO.

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

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

July 7, 2016

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Jeanette McIntyre**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of September, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of June, 2016

Jacqueline N. Sweat, Executor
1423 Creekwatch Lane
Cary, NC 27513

June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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
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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
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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. Tylor
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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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
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June 23, 30, July 7, 2016

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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
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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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contracts DA00303 in Chowan & Martin Co.'s and DA00304 in Hyde, Tyrell & Washington Co.'s bidding on 7/20/16. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 7/11/16 at the of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/Letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?lettype+1>. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

July 7, 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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My messy co-worker has no home training

Dear Alma,

I work in a small accounting office of 16 people. We sit in cubicles very close to one another and we have more men than women. This is important to share as I explain my situation. I have a problem with one of my co-workers. She's a very young woman who insists on sitting with her legs wide open. She will turn away from her desk and what seems to be purposefully, prop up one leg so you can see under her dress. I know this sounds crazy, but she does. And every time she does it I think, WTH! When we have meetings in the conference room, she puts her feet in her chair and sits so you can look all the way up her dress. I am sick of it! Some of the other employees talk about her behind her back. They even make jokes about it. I know that it's immature. She's a mess, what she's doing is a mess, the stupid jokes are a mess and I've had enough. What should I do?

**Signed,
Tired of the mess**

Dear Tired of the Mess,

Help me to clarify, are you mad because she's trying to show her cookies in the office or are you mad that you don't have enough nerve to do the same? LOL. Nah, I'm just kidding. I can see the steam coming outta your ears. Truthfully I'm clarifying because, sometimes I get mad about an act someone else is doing that irritates me, but when my nitty checks my gritty, I'm really irritated, because I don't have enough nerve to do the same. With that being said, in your case I'm sticking to door number one, and be grateful along with your mother, that you aren't looking to "show all you know" in the next staff meeting.

Trust me when I say that you're not alone in your exasperation of experiencing an unnecessary glance of ones undies. I've seen short dresses giving off a light show that would rival a neighborhood 4th of July fireworks display. And I know there's gotta be a breeze. You're right. This form of a sometimes dainty display can make for a very uncomfortable situation in the workplace. Here's my take, you can choose to do one of two things. Either send an anonymous note to Human Resources or grab your big girl glove and pitch it to her straight. The next time she's spread eagle at her desk, hand her a note (no, not an e-mail) a note that says, "Girl, adjust yourself. I really don't feel like looking up your dress right now," LOL. I think a note is appropriate, because you're one of many in a small office setting. Follow up with a whisper of "Thanks, I hope we're cool, no worries." Allow yourself to be super, super casual and not come across demanding. Kind of like you would in the community room of your dorm. With that acknowledgement, you have laid all her cards on the table, now it's up to her to win, lose or cover up her drawzz. That's what my mama use to call 'em.

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @alma_askalma.

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