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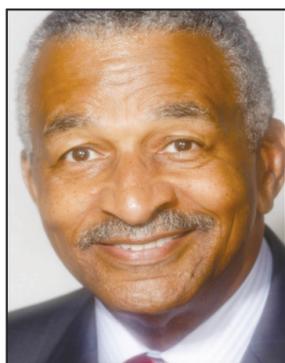


EBONEE SPEARS

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

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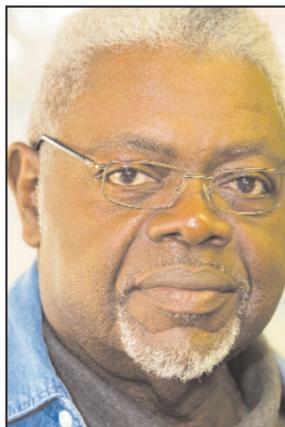
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BERNEST HEWETT

VOTER ID STRUCK DOWN

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, the high court just said the North Carolina Voter ID Law was based on discrimination and that it was decided by discriminatory intent. A federal judge concluded that the law was unjust to the citizens of North Carolina and that it would not be enforced during the next election. We see a change in decision making before the election gets here, but let's not fool ourselves. The fight is just starting. The battle has not been won. This could be a major deception for people who said that there is nothing wrong with our governmental system, which convinces citizens that the poor are a disgrace, the elderly are in the way, and our schools don't need financ-

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Michelle Obama electrifies at DNC

But will it be enough to inspire voters to the polls?

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (TriceEdneyWire.com) - First Lady Michelle Obama was once again the star of the Democratic National Convention this week with her delivery of an electrifying speech that wowed a convention audience - which was still divided between Hillary Clinton and independent Bernie Sanders on Monday. In a speech punctuated with repeated applause and cheers, the first lady sought to convince a hostile audience - in the arena - and the millions watching by television and Internet, to unite behind former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as the person that must lead America to its next level - instead of her opponent Republican Donald Trump. "I want a President who will teach our children that everyone in this country matters - a President who truly believes in the vision that our founders put forth all those years

ago: That we are all created equal, each a beloved part of the great American story," she said. She sought to describe the difference between Clinton and Trump, known for his name-calling and vitriolic expressions of prejudices. "And when crisis hits, we don't turn against each other - no, we listen to each other. We lean on each other. Because we are always stronger together."

She continued, "And I am here tonight because I know that that is the kind of president that Hillary Clinton will be. And that's why, in this election, I'm with her," she said to applause as she quoted the popular motto on the thousands of placards, t-shirts and political paraphernalia in the room.

She alluded to Clinton's well-known affinity for public policies that improve the lives of children;

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FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA SPEAKS AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

With voter ID reversed, questions remain

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Democrats and activists who supported efforts by the NC NAACP and others to legally overturn parts of North Carolina's "Monster Voting law," were certainly thrilled to hear last week that a three-judge federal appellate panel indeed struck down key elements of the 2013 measure, effective immediately.

"The US Fourth Circuit Court [of Appeals] ruling [Friday] is a people's victory and a victory that sends a message to the nation," said Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, president of the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP. "The court found - under the sensitive inquiry required by law - that how the law was enacted and its impact made crystal clear that discriminatory intent impermissibly motivated this General Assembly."

"Under our constitution, and under the core principles and dictates of the Voting Rights Act..." Rev. Barber continued, "... these provisions have no legitimacy under the law."

In its ruling, the federal appellate court stated that the Republican-led NC General Assembly was racially-motivated with "discriminatory intent" in passing the 2013 voting restrictions, saying, that African-Americans were targeted "...with almost surgical precision."

"The Court's decision reinforces that race-based decision-making in the electoral system will not stand," said Penda D. Hair, lead attorney for the NC NAACP. "We know that voters of color rely most heavily on these voting measures, and that, without this decision, they would have borne the brunt of the burden this November."

Unless a timely stay on the ruling is granted by the entire US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals before the November 8th general elections (something Gov. McCrory and Republican leaders have vowed to seek, but legal experts say isn't likely), then voters will have their early voting period restored to 17 days prior to Election Day instead of the current 10 days; maintain same-day registration and out-of-precinct provisional balloting; reinstate voting pre-registration for 16 and 17 year-olds; and most importantly, not have to show a government-issued photo ID in order to vote.

This means Democrats no longer have to educate voters at rallies or by phone banks about making sure they have some form of official government-issued ID, or legal excuse for not having one. They can continue their

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TYRAN BELL AT WORK!!

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Mowing lawns for school supplies

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

BY MARISSA HUNDLEY OF WECT

Editor's Note: The Wilmington Journal, located at 412 South 7th Street, will also be a drop-off site for those who wish to donate. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Fridays. For more information call Shaun Thatch at 910-762-5502.-- Support our children. "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

A 10-year-old Gregory Elementary student is working for his school supplies. Tyran Bell posted on Facebook, offering to mow lawns for donations.

Bell said his mother has missed work a lot recently to take care of his uncle, who is in the hospital.

"She won't have to buy me and my brother's school supplies and I will just buy that," Bell said. "She could just worry about paying the bills and helping my uncle out."

Bell logged onto his mother's Facebook account over the weekend and posted on the

Wilmington Yard Sales page. Since then, several people have taken notice, including Theresa Babb, who owns A1 Security Services LLC.

"Just an amazing kid," Babb said. "You know, who does that at ten years old? You're always hearing about kids are lazy, they don't have a work ethic, and you see something like this. Forget it. It's amazing."

Babb has started a donation drive for Bell. She's asking people to bring supplies to her office at 5101 Dunlea Court Suite 201, which is beside the Target shopping center in the center court office. You can drop them off anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday until school starts. All extra supplies will be donated to other children in need.

Babb said Bell is into anything "Panthers". She said his brother is starting 9th grade at Hoggard High School and wears a size 30,32 slim long in pants, and extra large shirt in children, small shirts in men, and 10 1/2 in shoe size in men.

Bell wears size 14 in pants, large in children shirts large and children underclothes and wears a size 8 in mens' shoes. Uniforms at Gregory Elementary require white, hunter green, or light

blue polo shirts and khaki or navy slacks.



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ing. We survive in a system which seeks to convince us that social programs, such as food stamps and energy assistance, are bad programs. Wake up, Brunswick County and North Carolina. We must take care of the poor, sick, widows, and their children. It is written in the Holy Word, and it should be in our hearts. If we are Christians, this election should be a wakeup call. Freedom has a cost!

We all must work together for freedom. We must remember that the oppression of anybody without cause is not called for. What little freedom we have must be used to help our brothers and sisters, not take away their voting rights nor down them because of color or race. God wants us to love one another just as he loved us. Vote! Ask a friend to vote! Call a brother or a sister, a nephew or a niece, a son or a daughter. Vote! Vote! *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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praised her choice of former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine as vice president; compared her to the people who lined up to give blood for the victims of the Orlando terrorist attack; and credited her as a woman presidential candidate for "putting those cracks in that highest and hardest glass ceiling until she finally breaks through, lifting all of us along with her."

Michelle Obama then dropped the portion of the speech that drew the most vigorous applause of the night:

"That is the story of this country, the story that has brought me to this stage tonight, the story of generations of people who felt the lash of bondage, the shame of servitude, the sting of segregation, but who kept on striving and hoping and doing what needed to be done so that today, I wake up every morning in a house that was built by slaves and I watch my daughters - two beautiful, intelligent, Black young women - playing with their dogs on the White House lawn. And because of Hillary Clinton, my daughters - and all our sons and daughters - now take for granted that a woman can be President of the United States."

Without using Trump's name in the entire speech, Obama successfully made the contrast - even with his campaign slogan "Make America Great Again."

She said, "Don't let anyone ever tell you that this country isn't great, that somehow we need to make it great again. Because this, right now, is the greatest country on earth."

The passion and authority of her voice - plus her widely respected reputation - silenced sporadic protesters and Sen. Bernie Sanders' delegates who had interrupted all other speakers Monday night at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia - including their favored candidate with chants of "Bernie! Bernie! Bernie!"

The faces of many Sanders delegates were streaked with tears as he also endorsed Clinton. He also insisted that they must not allow Donald Trump to be elected.

"We need leadership in this country which will improve the lives of working families, the children, the elderly, the sick and the poor. We need leadership which brings our people together and makes us stronger - not leadership which insults Latinos, Muslims, women, African-Americans and veterans - and divides us up," Sanders said. "By these measures, any objective observer will conclude that - based on her ideas and her leadership - Hillary Clinton must become the next president of the United States. The choice is not even close."

The endorsements of Hillary Clinton that launched the weeklong convention on Monday came as Democratic activists struggled to keep the peace and convince delegates to unite behind her. Many were angered by news that broke only days before the convention, revealing that staffers at the DNC had engaged in email conversations that apparently undermined the Sanders campaign when the DNC was supposed to have been impartial. The revelation came from Wikileaks.

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Shultz was forced to resign behind the issue. And her voice was silenced during the convention. Ohio Rep. Marcia Fudge, a former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, is presiding as chair over the convention after it was called into order by DNC Secretary Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, mayor of Baltimore. Long-time Democratic Activist Donna Brazile will become interim chair of the Democratic National Committee, replacing Shultz.

At a meeting of the Democratic Black Caucus early in the day on Monday, Brazile profusely apologized to Sanders supporters for the emails; then issued a written apology the same day.

"On behalf of everyone at the DNC, we want to offer a

deep and sincere apology to Senator Sanders, his supporters, and the entire Democratic Party for the inexcusable remarks made over email. These comments do not reflect the values of the DNC or our steadfast commitment to neutrality during the nominating process. The DNC does not - and will not - tolerate disrespectful language exhibited toward our candidates. Individual staffers have also rightfully apologized for their comments, and the DNC is taking appropriate action to ensure it never happens again."

Whether the apologies will be enough remains to be seen. Many prospective voters are already disaffected. Some have vowed not to even vote in the Nov. 8 election charging unfairness in the system. Not only angry Bernie Sanders supporters, but some young people are disillusioned by politics after the continued unwarranted police shootings of Black people.

At a meeting of Unity 16, a coalition of Black-led organizations that met during the convention, dozens of leaders sought answers to the possible backlash of non-voters.

Daniel C. Bradley, Black Youth Vote national coordinator, says he is having to work hard to change minds as he organizes young people.

"There's a big disconnection with this generation between the understanding of the power of their vote because they are feeling like their vote doesn't matter and doesn't count. And so, why vote at all?" he said. "And so the work that we're doing now is to make sure they know that their vote not only matters and does count, but also making them understand they [they] are by not voting still voting. You're voting for another candidate."

He continued, saying the key is to explain the significance and strategy behind the act of voting. "And so we've been asking people what kind of American do you really want?"

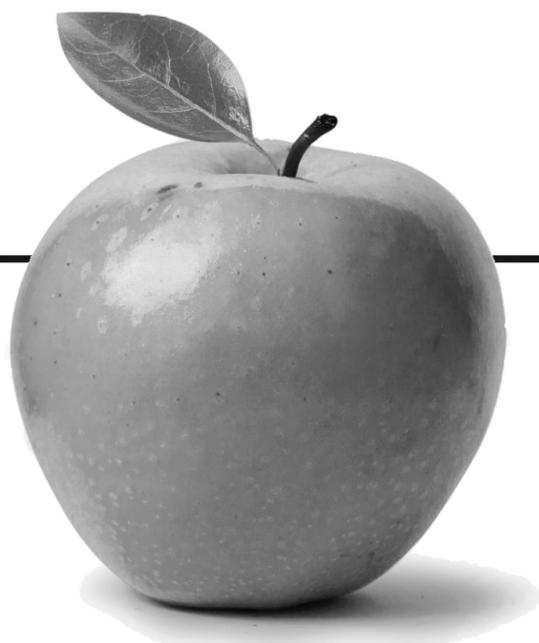
He said at Black Youth Vote, which is under the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, "we try to make them understand that all politics is local. That it's not only important to vote in their presidential election, but voting the whole ticket and being engaged in the whole ticket."

He said they explain to young people that they can make a difference in criminal justice for voting for their choice of a state's attorney and in the educational system by voting for a school board representative...If you want to see components of your life change, that's how you do it. You vote."

On a broader level, that is the very goal of the Democratic Convention, which comes on the heels of the Republican Convention, held last week in Cleveland, Ohio. Blockbuster speakers were lined up, including former President Bill Clinton on Tuesday, President Barack Obama and vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine on Wednesday and culminating with the acceptance speech by Hillary Clinton at the end of the convention on Thursday night.

With a regular election record of at least 90 percent Black support for the Democratic Party, the leaders are apparently taking nothing for granted. First Lady Michelle Obama, who also rendered a spellbinding speech in the 2012 convention for the re-election of her husband was clear this week on what the election of Hillary Clinton will take:

"In this election, we cannot sit back and hope that everything works out for the best. We cannot afford to be tired, or frustrated, or cynical," she said. "Hear me. Between now and November, we need to do what we did eight years ago and four years ago: We need to knock on every door. We need to get out every vote. We need to pour every last ounce of our passion and our strength and our love for this country into electing Hillary Clinton as President of the United States of America. Let's get to work."



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NC NAACP COMMEMORATES 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT SATURDAY

[RALEIGH] Saturday, August 6th, the NC NAACP invites all to come to Christian Faith Baptist Church, 509 Hilltop Dr. in Raleigh to both commemorate the 51st anniversary of the signing of the historic Voting Rights Act, and also to celebrate the recent US Fourth Circuit Court ruling overturning the state's voter ID law. At 10 a.m. there will be a unity press conference. At 10:30 am, a forum on the state of voting rights. At 1:30 p.m. a call to action, and at 3 p.m., the clos-



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ing. US Rep. G. K. Butterfield [D-NC-1] is an invited guest. This event is free and open to the public.

FEDERAL JUDGE TO STATE LAWMAKERS -- "SUBMIT NEW WAKE DISTRICT MAPS"

[RALEIGH] A federal judge this week has asked state lawmakers to submit new maps for his consideration on how the district lines for Wake County school board and county commission seats should be redrawn. Several weeks ago the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals determined that the original 2013 redistricting maps drawn for Wake by GOP lawmakers were unconstitutional. Elections for both the Wake school board and county commission are supposed to be this November.

FIRST CASE OF MEASLES REPORTED IN WAKE COUNTY

[CARY] A traveler who has just returned from several cities in Europe is said to be carrying Wake County's first case of measles, a highly contagious disease. Officials with the county health dept. are urging people who were at RDU International Airport on July 24th between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to check with their doctor for possible exposure. Measles is an airborne disease. It can bring about a fever, coughing and a rash. For more information call 919-728-5233.

THIRTY SWIMMERS STUNG BY JELLYFISH AT SUNSET BEACH

[SUNSET BEACH] Beachgoers seeking fun and sun with dip in the ocean at Sunset Beach last weekend came out of

the water with jellyfish stings. Fire officials report at least 30 people - most of them on Saturday. Because there are no lifeguards at Sunset Beach, the local fire department had to answer calls for jellyfish stings. Most of the attacks were near the pier. Fire officials say they scooped up as many of the critters as possible, while the rest left the area.

NC COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES FILL THE GAPS

[RALEIGH] - More than 133,000 lower-income North Carolinians are better off today, thanks to the help offered by one of the state's 35 community action agencies. According to the North Carolina Community Action Association, its agencies are serving 100 percent of the state as of 2016. In addition to benefits for individuals and families, said

Sharon Goodson, who heads the association, the agencies are an overall economic benefit to their communities. "They're helping families to become tax-paying citizens," she said. "When we help families move out of poverty, get a bigger paycheck, they have more disposable income. When they have those additional resources, they spend them in the local economy."

This month, the NCCAA released its 2015 report. The agencies - supported by federal, state and private funding - provide job training, financial planning, home-heating assistance and other services to people living in poverty. Community action agencies were created with federal legislation in 1964. Goodson said much of the programs offered by her agencies are meeting needs that otherwise would

cost the state and federal government more in the form of direct services. She said her organization always is looking for unconventional partnerships and sources of funding. "There is never enough funding to do all of the things that we do, but we work together in collaboration," she said. "We are always looking for new funding opportunities and collaboration to be able to improve the conditions in which low-income people live."

Last year, more than 32,000 children and 16,000 older North Carolinians benefited from the state's community action agency programs. Their energy assistance meant 409 homes received new heating and air conditioning units, valued at \$2.5 million. (SOURCE: NCNS)

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door-to-door canvassing of neighborhoods for candidates to GOTV. Now, not only should excessive long lines be eliminated during early voting and on Election Day, but voters can still have their ballots counted, even if they go to the wrong precinct.

But there's a holdup as to how grassroots activists and others proceed in the aftermath of the momentous ruling. Local boards of elections have not met yet to determine how to carry out the appellate court's mandate.

"We need to, and are awaiting

direction from the NC Board of Elections and the executive director," confirmed Gary Sims, director of the Wake County Board of Elections, "because whatever action does or does not happen, needs to come from their guidance."

Ironically, all local BOEs were required to have their early voting sites locked in by July 29th, the same day the federal ruling came down.

Sims added that while the 17-day early voting period is reinstated, the longer hours of operation per early voting location currently in force could be relaxed since the period is being extended from 10 to 17 days. But exactly what to do with that seven-day extension

would be up to local county BOE boards.

One of the other challenges Wake and other local BOEs face is that they are already locked into budgets prior to the July 29th ruling. That reality will also constrain how quickly and adequately local BOEs will be able to comply. Having only one early voting site open, namely the local BOE office itself and no satellite sites for the seven-day extension, is a possibility.

Prior to the July 29th ruling, Ms. Sutton had been distributing materials educating voters about the photo ID requirement, which went into effect this year during the March and

June primaries.

Now the community must also be clear that not all of the voter ID law was knocked down. They will still be faced with no straight-ticket balloting, meaning that instead of voting for all candidates of a single party with just one mark, voters will have to individually mark, race by race, which candidates they choose.

Critics of the 2013 law have always said that voters may not be aware of all of the candidates, especially during a presidential election year; and thus, only vote for a few of the major offices, leaving judicial or local races blank.

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“At the bottom of politics... lies economics”

(Via George Curry Media)

Booker T. Washington spoke those words in his best effort to show us what is really happening in this country. He tried to convince us to stay focused on the money-side of things, and he admonished us not to immerse ourselves in the political whirlpool and abandon our economic resources. As I look at the upcoming election, and as I have written since the Florida election debacle in 2000, all I can sadly say is, "Sorry, Brother Booker; we did not listen to you."

Once again, this is the "most important election of our time" and we are gearing up for the fight. We must register to vote, once again, because our people "died for the right" to do so. We must come out as we have never come out before, you know, like we did in 2000, because 2016 is the "most critical election of our lifetime" - again. Black folks are so hyped about this election, irrespective of not hearing very much about how Black people, specifically, will be positively affected by the outcome.

Our leaders tell us - again - that Black folks have the "power" to sway the election in either direction. The question is: If we have that kind of power, why aren't we using it to get a few concessions for ourselves? Why aren't we forming an independent political party and leveraging our "power" for a quid pro quo? We may have the power to swing the vote, but it doesn't seem to matter: I suppose a better way to say it is that Democrats need the power of the Black vote to win, but Republicans only needed one Black vote in 2000 to win: Clarence Thomas' vote.

This political game, at least the way we are playing it, is one that keeps our attention on the symbolism rather than the substance beneath it all. We have had decades to get our act together. Didn't we see what happened in 2000? Why did our political leaders go back to sleep after they yelled, screamed, and ranted about the Presidential Selection? What were the brothers and sisters doing in Florida after their rights were destroyed by Hurricane Katherine (Harris)? Oh yeah, they sent her to Congress.

What have we been doing to avoid a repeat of what we so vehemently complained about? Most would say: "We have been registering new voters." Well, here is what the other folks have been doing. They have been making money. Private companies and lobbyists have used their time to figure out how to make more money from the political chicanery that takes place in this country. Private companies and lobbyists have been wooing our Secretaries of Defense, Commerce, and State, hawking their wares across this nation, and licking their chops at the thought of raking even more filthy lucre into their coffers.

Between the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections millions of dollars were made on computerized voting machines. Deals were made to open new offices in counties where their systems were purchased and backroom deals such as discounts on software upgrades were consummated.

What was the response from Black political leaders, other than hand wringing and catchy voting slogans, regarding the irregularities of that time period? It sure wasn't an endorsement of Black accountant and auditor, Athan Gibbs, and his TruVote System, which had real built-in protection against vote tampering, and provided a paper receipt for auditing purposes?

Before his very suspicious death in Nashville, Tenn., in March 2004, Athan traipsed across this country trying to get his system endorsed and ultimately utilized in the national election; his system was successfully tested by organizations and other verifiable sources, but other than Cynthia McKinney, Black political leaders by and large did not support a Black man's invention that would prevent what they constantly complained about: the disenfranchisement of Black voters. Registering and voting were not the biggest problems in 2000; it was votes not being counted, votes being thrown out, and eligible voters being denied the right to vote.

I had many conversations with Athan and worked to get Ohio to purchase his TruVote by introducing him to then Secretary of State Ken Blackwell but to no avail. Athan was killed; and one headline read, "Athan Gibbs dead, Diebold lives."

We failed to listen to Booker T., and we failed to listen to Athan Gibbs when he told us how to overcome the voting shenanigans of 2000. Moreover, had we supported TruVote, millions of dollars would have flowed into a Black-owned company.

Maybe this time we will learn once and for all that politics is all about money, power, and maintaining status quo. I sure hope so, because right now Black people are losing on all three fronts.

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

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Visual Voice



Your Voice

Degreed from Trump U

Do the The KKK and NRA make up the majority of state Republican elected officials in North Carolina? I often wonder.

Their leaders are Governor Pat McCrory and the equally incompetent U.S. Senator Richard Burr. The late Jesse Helms would be so proud of them; three federal judges agree they are incompetent and racist because they struck down their voter ID law on July 29, 2016.

Let us vote them out so they can work at "Fox News" or join Rush Limbaugh on "hate" radio. They all are well qualified because they have a master's degree in "international hate" from Trump University!!!

Dear Friends:
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James J. Hankins-
Wilmington, NC

Update on Wilmington 10 Marker

Dear Friends:

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This project will be done by The City of Wilmington. As we receive more information, we will keep you updated.

Thank you for your support, and effort in this very important matter. We must continue to record our history.

"Lest we forget",
Karen Clay Beatty
Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

TO BE EQUAL

A message to the next president: Invest in America

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"America can't compete if she continues to warehouse a significant proportion of her work force in poverty and ignorance. If America is going to be competitive, she can't do so without investing in human resources." -

John E. Jacob, National Urban League President and CEO, 1982-1994

As the major-party conventions conclude and the general election season begins in earnest, the National Urban League has a message for the

next President, whoever he or she might be: invest in America.

When Europe found itself in physical and economic ruin after World War II, the United States invested \$13 billion (\$130 billion in today's dollars) through the European Recovery Program, more commonly known as the Marshall Plan, after Secretary of State George Marshall. Since 2006, the United States has spent nearly \$50 billion rebuilding Afghanistan through the Afghanistan Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program. The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2008, infused the nation's faltering financial institutions with investments of more than \$400 billion. The United States' collections under TARP and affli-

ated relief efforts, actually have exceed total disbursements by more than \$12 billion.

Whether we call it "recovery" "rehabilitation" or "relief," it's time for America to demonstrate that our commitment to our own struggling urban families and communities is as powerful and compelling as it was for Europe, or for Afghanistan or for Wall Street.

National Urban League proposes a sweeping and decisive solution to the nation's persistent social and economic disparities: the Main Street Marshall Plan: From Poverty To Shared Prosperity.

In many ways, the country's recovery from the Great Recession is well underway. But the recovery essentially has bypassed struggling communities of color. Black Americans remain twice as

likely as whites to be unemployed. Since 1976, the black unemployment rate has consistently remained about twice the white rate across time and at every level of education. The household income gap remains at about 60 cents for every dollar. Black Americans are only slightly less likely today to live in poverty than they were 40 years ago.

The Main Street Marshall Plan is a bold and strategic investment of \$1 trillion over the next five years in America's urban communities is a commitment of \$1 trillion over the next five years, including:

•Universal early childhood education: Studies show people who were in preschool pro-

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CASH IN THE APPLE

Three more months

Just think, on November 8th, three months from now, all of this noise from the presidential election will be over. Mind you, there's no doubt we'll be hearing plenty of chatter from other candidates for public office, and that's understandable. But few of them will be as dirty and humiliating as the race for the highest office in the land.



Cash Michaels

Now usually it's kind of cliché to say, "This is the most important election of our time." We've heard that old saying before, and one can argue that, given the time and the election, the cliché was true. Imagine if Barack Obama had never been elected president, how would that great economic depression he faced when he came into office been solved? John F. Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis? Lyndon B. Johnson and the civil rights movement?

Clearly, and call it GOD's hand if you will, it almost seems like divine intervention that more times than not, the right person is elected to be president. But there are times, like in the case of Richard Nixon and George W. Bush, where someone is chosen no just seems to bring a lot of baggage with them.

That's why it can be honestly be said that given the stakes, and the personalities vying for office this time around, this upcoming presidential election really is the most important

election of time.

Now if you're expecting me to sing the praises of one candidate over the other, you're mistaken. That would be too easy, quite frankly.

But there is a more complex issue to be addressed, and you hear a lot about it when election analysts on television opine about who has most of the college-educated white vote versus who has most of the non-college educated white vote, or who has the majority of black/Hispanic voters.

Now voting has been carved up at every election - there's nothing new about that. Democrats pride themselves for going after people of color and working people, while Republicans specialize in advocating for businesses and the wealthy. But this election year, in particular, the lines seem to be even more sharply drawn, because there are groups o people who firmly believe that with the election of our nation's first black president, somehow America didn't move forward, and the white-dominated land they once grew up in has now become a wasteland vulnerable to terrorism, no jobs and higher taxes.

The particular groups who feel this way are so focused on "taking our country back," that they don't care whether their candidate insults people because of their religion or ethnic background, or disrespects military veterans who were once prisoners of war, or calls illegal immigrants "murderers and rapists."

As far as these particular groups are concerned, it's about time someone stood up

to the "politically-correct" crowd and told them off in the blunt manner and language that means business. They aren't thinking about the nation as a whole, only their part of it.

That's why the recent Republican and Democratic party national conventions were so interesting. Each gave us a separate view, not only of the nation now, but what the future will look like under their respective presidential nominees.

One convention seemed brimming with hope, the other filled with fear and despair. They made their cases. The question is, which one will we, the people, elect come November?

But more importantly, we will be deciding in November who do we really want to be? A nation always at war, and doing little to stop it? Or a country looking to build a better, more equitable future for all of its citizens?

That seems to be the choice in this November's election, and GOD help us if we choose wrong.

FOX NEWS - One of the things I try to pay attention to is how voracious news outlets are reporting the same story, or even if they are reporting the same story.

For instance, I noticed during the Democratic National Convention that Fox News would simply ignore certain important speakers that CNN and MSNBC were covering from the podium. Now, to be fair, everybody didn't cover everything during the conventions. But Fox News made it a point of having critics of

Hillary Clinton on as much as possible, and when the "Mothers of the Movement" - several black mothers who lost their children to police and gun violence - appeared onstage at the DNC to speak, Fox made it a point not to cover it.

As many know by now, Fox personalities Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity have been on a constant rant to destroy the Black Lives Matter movement, calling it "racist" and even going so far as saying that it is a terrorist group because O'Reilly and Hannity want so badly to link BLM to the many tragic police shootings.

In effect, Fox News - which just lost its leader, Roger Ailes because of several destructive allegations of sexual misconduct against him - has, and continues to give parts of America the skewed vision of this nation the "doom and gloom" crowd craves until they "get their country back."

Not sure when that will be, but one thing's for certain, Fox continue to go to the bank pushing this stuff. I'm pretty sure we're all not the better for it.

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

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

A commitment to democracy

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The North Carolina NAACP President, Rev. William Barber, tore it up and then threw down in a powerful speech at the Democratic National Convention on July 28th. He called on those assembled to be a "moral defibrillator of our time", to shock our nation with the power of love and morality. Rev. Barber did not use the word "endorse", but urged delegates to "embrace" Clinton, and his rousing rhetoric was challenging and inspirational.

Rev. Barber is a committed and tenacious activist. He founded the "Forward Together Moral Movement", and has organized "Moral Mondays" in North Carolina. For the past three years, Moral Monday activists have gathered in Raleigh, North Carolina, and used protest and civil disobedience to shine light on the many ways North Carolina has attempted to erode voting rights, and move the state backwards on economic justice issues.

"When I hear Hillary's voice

and positions," Barber said, "I hear and I know she is working to embrace our deepest moral values, and we should embrace her," he said. "She nor any person can do it alone. The watchword of this democracy is 'we.'"

What are we, the people going to do in the aftermath of the political conventions? Some have said they will stay home, but watching the difference between the gathering of Democrats and that of Republicans should remind us that staying home should not be an option. Stay home, and leave our choice of leadership to others? Stay home and co-sign the hateful comments Mr. Trump made during his convention? Rev. Barber has called the democratic watchword "we", and Hillary Clinton talked about Democratic inclusiveness, which contrasts with that we observed with Republicans. What are "we" going to do?

President Barack Obama set Secretary Clinton up nicely with his Wednesday evening speech, singing her praises and passing the baton. She caught the baton handily, offering a speech that exceeded my every expectation. The speech was full of grit and grace, humor and humility, respect and reaching out to the Bernie folks. Not only could I hear the glass ceiling shattering, but also I hoped that the

world could see this woman as Commander-in-Chief.

Rev. Barber reminds us, though, that we are all part of the "we the people". He reminds us that we are only committed to democracy when we are actively involved in it. It's not just about a convention, or a vote. It is about an imperative to transform a system that is flawed. Rev. Barber talked about the Fight for Fifteen, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the missing morality in our nation now. Even as he urged us to embrace Hillary, he also urged us to embrace justice.

President Obama reminds us that democracy can be frustrating and messy. Rev. Barber reminded us that it can also be moral and loving if we make the collective decision to rally around key principles, to engage in the process of compromise, and if we understand that democracy is practiced with more frequency than every four years.

Voting is not the most we can do; it is the least we can do. Real democracy exists when people like Rev. William Barber gather people weekly to fight for voting rights, when he speaks up with regularity on the need for political and economic transformation. We exhibit our commitment to democracy when we hold our leaders accountable, when we pressure them to do the right

thing, when we remind them of their campaign promises.

Those Bernie Sanders supporters who choose to remain engaged in the political process have the responsibility to continue to push their progressive agenda at the national, state, and local level. Indeed, they honor their movement and their struggle by continuing the feel a burning desire for social and economic justice. To take their marbles and go home because their candidate did not win suggests that they are committed to personalty, not democracy.

Our system is far from perfect, but it's the system we have. We can change it if we are committed to democracy. Or, we can accept imperfections if we eschew activism.

Thank you Hillary Clinton for reminding us of your service. Thank you, Rev. Barber for reminding us that Secretary Clinton won't be able to achieve much unless we work with her. If you can listen to William Barber and fail to get fired up, you have truly embraced apathy. Barber is a role model because of his fierce commitment to democracy.

Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.Amazon.com for more information visit www.julianmalveaux.com.

CURRY'S COMMENTS

After dueling conventions, knowledge trumps ignorance

(Via George Curry Media)

At the Democratic National Convention last week, Hillary Clinton and her supporters were too kind by simply saying: Love Trumps Hate. It's a matter that extends far beyond the concept of love. It would have been more accurate to have said: Knowledge Trumps Ignorance.

President Obama was correct to assert, "You know, nothing truly prepares you for the demands of the oval office. You can read about it, you can study it, but until you've sat at that desk, you don't know what it's like to manage a global crisis or send young people to war. But Hillary's been in the room.

She's been part of those decisions. She knows what's at stake in the decisions our government makes, what's at stake for the working family for the senior citizen or the small business owner, for the soldier, for the veteran. And even in the midst of crisis, she listens to people and she keeps her cool and she treats everybody with respect.

"And no matter how daunting the odds, no matter how much people try to knock her down, she never, ever quits. That is the Hillary I know. That's the Hillary I've come to admire, and that's why I can say with confidence there has never been a man or a woman, not me, not Bill Clinton, nobody, more qualified than Hillary Clinton to serve as president of the United States."

He could have added that, in contrast, there has never been any major-party candidate less qualified than Donald J. Trump to serve as president of the United States.

When it comes to domestic and international issues, Trump is an ignoramus.

The always boastful Trump claimed that Russia wouldn't invade Ukraine under his presidency. The only problem with that is Russia has already invaded Ukraine, a former Soviet peninsula. It did so in 2014, triggering economic sanctions from the U.S. and European countries that are still in place.

His comment followed another display of ignorance when he said Russian President Vladimir Putin and Russia are "not going into Ukraine, okay, just so you understand." Clearly, Trump does not understand.

Responding to Trump's bizarre claim that Russia would never invade Ukraine under his leadership, Senior Clinton Policy Adviser Jake Sullivan said, "What is he talking about? Russia is already in Ukraine. Does he not know that? What else doesn't he know?"

Plenty. He also doesn't know that you don't invite the Russian intelligence services or any other foreign power to hack into the emails of your presidential opponent. Trump said at a news conference, "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing. I think you will probably be rewarded mightily by our press."

At his July 27 news conference, Trump said, "Putin has said things over the last year that are really bad things. OK? He mentioned the N-word one time. I was shocked to hear him mention the N-word. You know what the 'N' word is, right? He mentioned it. I was shocked. He has a total lack of respect for President Obama..."

However, FactCheck.org stated, "We scoured the internet and published reports archived by Lexis-Nexis and could not find where Putin ever used that racial epithet. Neither could the Washington Post or CNN, which wrote, 'There are no published reports to back up Trump's allegation about Putin's use of the racially derogatory term, however.'"

"Two experts on Russia told us via email that they had never heard of Putin using that term.

"In Russian, the N-word does not begin with 'N' - and Putin's English is pretty rudimentary," said Stephen Sestanovich, an expert on Russia and the former Soviet Union at the Council on Foreign Relations.

"I have no idea what [Trump] is talking about," added Fiona Hill, an expert on Russian affairs and director of the Center on the United States and Europe and a senior fellow in the foreign policy program at the Brookings Institution..."

As we have seen in case after case, Trump doesn't know what he's talking about, either.

Beyond his being a blank sheet of paper on issues, the notorious liar is a mean-spirited, insensitive bully.

That was on display in his attack on two Muslim American parents whose son, Army Capt. Humayun Khan, was killed in Iraq in 2004. With his wife at his side, Khizr Khan, a Pakistani immigrant, spoke at the Democratic National Convention last week in Philadelphia.

"If it was up to Donald Trump, [our son] never would have been in America," he said. "Go look at the graves of the brave patriots who died defending America - you will see all faiths, genders and ethnicities. You have sacrificed nothing and no one."

Firing back, Trump ticked off a list of business success, none of which remotely qualifies as a personal sacrifice. To add salt to the wound, he told ABC News: "If you look at his wife, she was standing there. She had nothing to say. Maybe she wasn't allowed to have anything to say. You tell me."

The mother, Ghazala Khan, revealed that she was in too much pain over her son's loss to speak.

A new Washington Post/ABC News poll found that two-thirds of American voters believe Trump is unfit to be president. Knowledge Trumps Ignorance every time.

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It would be a powerful moment if the disenfranchised White people could and would connect with the disenfranchised and unemployed and underemployed Black, Brown and ethnic population in general. The only thing that beats organized money is organized people. The Trump campaign is working to keep the disenfranchised separate and afraid of each other; clawing for pieces of hope in an environment that White supremacy has all but corrupted.

It is the tragedy that nobody wants to talk about, but it is a tragedy that is only going to cause more and more pain for everyone, but especially those who thought they would never have to live the life of a "n-----."

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The tragedy of White supremacy

(Via George Curry Media)

One of the saddest realities about White supremacy is that it pulls people into working against their own interests.

White supremacy is not a lover of White people. White supremacy is a lover of White power, the power that must attend bigotry if it is to be called racism. White supremacy is at the core, is perhaps the core of this nation, entangled, as it were, and controlled by, capitalism. The White supremacist needs money in order to maintain his or her power, and will denigrate, demoralize and use anybody it can in keeping things "in order."

White supremacy is at the core of the police problem in

this nation. One can almost feel sorry for White police officers who are being manipulated by a system that has a vested interest in keeping things just as they are. White supremacists created a chasm between working White and enslaved Black people decades ago. They created the divide because together, Blacks and Whites realized that the White supremacists were keeping all of them oppressed.

In order to maintain a system where they, the White supremacists, could continue to amass as much money as possible while paying laborers as little as possible, they created a system where White people were elevated to a place of superiority over Blacks, and the White people, now elevated, were authorized to "keep the Blacks in line."

Poor Whites were the ones deputized to catch run-away slaves, and they were authorized to shoot first and ask

questions later. Segregation laws made it legal for Black people to be hunted down by law enforcement officers and these wanna-be officers as well. They could and did shoot and kill Black people at will, never fearing consequences.

They were doing it, however, while not having a life that was much better than that of the Black people they hunted and killed. James Baldwin said that White Americans deceived themselves into believing they were better than Black people; he said there was a "peculiar self-deception of the American poor white," a blindness, that Whites applied to their own poverty. Baldwin said, "his poverty afflicts him with an eerie and paralyzing self-contempt, but he denies it; poverty is meant for niggers." ("To Crush a Serpent")

The followers of Donald Trump are largely, if the pundits are to be believed, "White, male, blue collar

workers." That means they are White people with no more money than Blacks. They have no jobs, or jobs where they cannot make enough money to support themselves and their families. They are living the lives that Black people in this country have lived for a long time and that Black people know well. White supremacy, fed by capitalism, greed, and corruption has caused the decimation of the middle class, something White blue collar workers could always depend on, even when the jobs they held were made inaccessible for Black people. Globalization has caused the world to open and good jobs of the United States have been outsourced. White supremacy did not care and does not care about poor, working White people any more than it cares about Black people.

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grams are more likely to graduate from high school, to own homes, and have longer marriages. They are less likely to repeat grades, need special education, or get into future trouble with the law. Furthermore, financially, the return on investment in early childhood education is estimated at 12 percent, after inflation.

•A federal living wage indexed to inflation: Not only would an increase in the minimum wage lift hundreds of thousands of Americans out of poverty and shrink the nation's dangerously wide income gap, it would inject billions into the economy; according to a Chicago Federal Reserve Bank study, every dollar increase for a minimum wage worker results in \$2,800 in new consumer spending by his or her household over the following year.

•An urban infrastructure fund to fund schools, community centers, libraries, water systems and urban transportation: Every dollar spent on infrastructure increases in economic growth between \$1.50 and \$2. An analysis by the Economic Policy Institute estimated that a \$250 billion annual investment boosts GDP by \$400 billion and overall employment by 3 million net new jobs by the end of the first year.

•A new Main Street small- and micro-business financing plan with emphasis on businesses owned by women and people of color: Small businesses accounted for 60% of net new jobs since the end of the Great Recession and lead large

firms in new technology and patent creation. According to an SBA report, small businesses produced 16 times more patents per employee than large firms.

•Expansion of summer youth employment programs, housing vouchers and workforce tax credits: Youth who participate in summer jobs programs do better academically and are far less likely to get in trouble with the law. Housing vouchers lift millions out of poverty, reduce health care costs and stimulate the economy. Tax credits invested in low-income communities result in new jobs, and greater access to public facilities, goods, and services such as manufacturing, food, retail, housing, health, technology, energy, education, and child-care.

•A new homeownership tax credit for middle and low-income homebuyers: Higher rates of homeownership, particularly in low-income communities, are linked to improved children's educational achievement, greater financial stability, improved civic participation, better health outcomes and reduced neighborhood crime rates.

•Expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit: The EITC lifted 6.2 million people - including 3.2 million children - out of poverty overall in 2013. When the income gains from the increase in employment the EITC generates are taken into account, the EITC's impact in reducing poverty is even more significant.

•Workforce training programs administered thru community-based organizations and targeted to areas of high

unemployment: According to the Brookings Institute, employment focused training programs, often developed in cooperation and collaboration with employer or industry partners, have been tremendously successful, producing returns for workers that far exceed the social cost of the programs.

•A doubling of the Pell Grant program to make college more affordable, increasing the maximum grant from \$5,775 to \$11,550: As Sen. Claiborne Pell, the chief sponsor of the program, said, "Any student with the talent, desire, and drive, should be able to pursue higher education." More than 60 million students from poor and working class backgrounds have received the economic lifeline they need to earn a college degree.

•Expansion of financial literacy and homebuyer education and counseling: According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, nearly 70 percent of homeowners who participated in foreclosure prevention counseling obtained a mortgage remedy to retain their home, and 56 percent cured their defaults and became current on their mortgages. Of those who participated in prepurchase counseling, 35 percent of became homeowners within 18 months.

•Increased access to affordable broadband and mobile technology for working and low-income Americans: Access to technology is associated with higher unemployment rates, greater economic growth, better healthcare and education, and greater civic participation.

The original Marshall Plan

New Hanover County

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



Community Briefs

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

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

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Happiness Is a Part of Life

Happiness is defined as being characterized by good fortune; prosperity, contentment, or joy. Happiness is indicated by demonstrating pleasure, satisfaction, or gratification. It is good for happiness to be a part of our daily lives. We might experience happiness on our way to work or while at work with co-workers. Happiness may also come to us on our way home from work. We find happiness in knowing our families are waiting for us to come home.

My thoughts of happiness may come slowly, but my

thoughts are always for my family's wellbeing, especially the safety of the senior citizens and the help available for seniors. We are living in modern times, and, in these times, the elderly receive abuse in many forms. There's always someone standing on every corner, trying to get their hands on the assets of senior citizens. The elderly have worked hard for years, sometimes on two jobs, and saved in order to enjoy a comfortable retirement, but there are many scams that are successful in taking advantage of senior citizens and acquiring their assets.

The Brightmore University series offers an opportunity to learn how to protect oneself and loved ones from becoming victimized. There is much information available now

about the latest frauds and scams and what's being done to investigate such scams and fraudulent behavior and prosecute those who perpetrate. Learning about these will help protect us.

There are various items of literature, such as Nest Egg vs. College, to help parents re-evaluate plans for retirement and savings. Some hard advice is given to parents and difficult questions are raised. For example, is it more important to save for retirement than to pay for a college education. This is truly difficult for people who have put off saving and think they can start in their 50's. Why? Quite simply: No one can get a loan to fund retirement. The reality is that most people don't do a good job saving for retirement and need

to focus responsibility on their own lives, once their children reach adulthood

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.

Communities In Schools aims to help kids succeed:

August Back to School Supply Drive



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BACKPACKS THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTED

SOUTHPORT, N.C. - Communities In Schools of Brunswick County and CIS Thrift Shops are hosting a "Back to School Supply Drive" during August. Supplies will be collected at all CIS thrift shop locations in Brunswick County and the CIS main office in Southport beginning August 1.

There are four CIS Thrift Shops located in Boiling Spring Lakes, Leland, Southport, and Sunset Beach.

The thrift shops sell new and used donated items to raise money for CIS programs and help students succeed in school and life. The CIS mission of surrounding students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life, ties in perfectly with our school supply drive for students. A 1-800-Packrat trailer will be located at the CIS Southport Thrift Shop to collect and store donated items

throughout the collection in August.

The "Back to School Supply Drive" is a joint effort between Communities In Schools and Brunswick County Schools including partner organizations Duke Energy, 1-800-Packrat, and the St. James Service Club. The goal is a comprehensive approach to collecting and donating school supplies serving Brunswick County communities, giving local businesses, churches, and community members a chance to participate and give back.

How to donate

The supply list items that are needed include: backpacks, spiral notebooks (college ruled), loose leaf paper (college ruled), #2 pencils and erasers, dry erase markers, blue or black ink pens, colored pencils, two 3 inch - 3 ring binders, dividers for 3 inch binders, headphones or earbuds, and pencil pouches for binders.

Any item from the supply list can be donated. Businesses and individuals can also donate money that will be used specifically to purchase needed school supplies. "Back to School Supply Drive" donations can be dropped off at any CIS Thrift Shop location or the CIS main office located at the Duke Media Center on River Road in Southport.

CIS will have school supply donation boxes located at collection points and a 1-800-Packrat storage trailer located at the Southport thrift shop to bring your items. We want to get supplies to students as quickly as possible after school starts, so donations are needed as soon as possible.

Financial gifts may also be made during the drive, mailed to CIS of Brunswick County, P.O. Box 10087, Southport, NC 28461, or dropped off at the CIS main office in Southport.

We will deliver the donated supplies to schools in early September to help students start the school year off right. CIS of Brunswick County is helping local students stay in school and succeed!

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About Communities In Schools of Brunswick County:

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"A history of the Negro Leagues Baseball Era and Players"

COMPILED ARTICLE

Derrick C. Jones will present The Derrick C. Jones Residency on the Negro Leagues Baseball Era on Friday, August 5, 2016 at Wilmington Family YMCA, 3925 Market Street. The session is from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for 1st through 3rd grade and the second session is from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for 4th through 6th grade. He will be doing a presentation, showing articles and memorabilia from the old Negro Baseball League.

Jones, semi-retired after 33 years as a public educator, has always been interested in the Negro Leagues. He has conducted extensive research about that era of American history (1920-1960) for the last 20 years, though he is quick to say his passion is "just a hobby."

Jones attended high school in Wilmington, North Carolina, before enrolling at Appalachian in 1975. During his growing up years, he had the opportunity to provide special assistance to a cousin, Terry Washington, who was born with cerebral palsy. Jones acknowledges that his desire to work with



DERRICK C. JONES

challenging children and adults came from this formative experience with Washington.

Over time, Jones also developed an interactive program titled "A History of the Negro Leagues Baseball Era and Players," which he has shared with schools and communities across North Carolina and Virginia. Children are invited to participate in the presentation by wearing reproductions of size-appropriate jerseys of famous players and reading short biographies of stars like Jackie Robinson, "Cool Papa" Bell, John-Henry "Pop" Lloyd and Josh Gibson.

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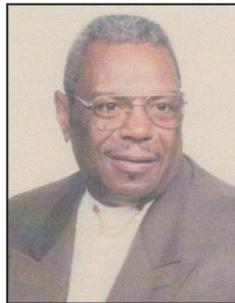
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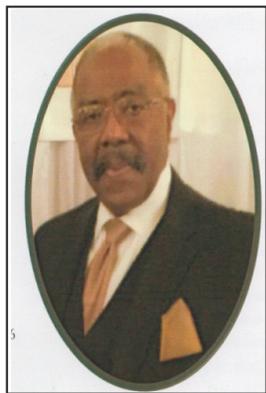
You did not go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories,

Your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you,

You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

We miss you dearly, Wife, Mrs. Gerlene Brown; children, Cheryl Smith (Dennis), Marilyn Troy (Carnell), James Brown, Jr. (Denise), Michael Brown (Peggy), Carl Beatty (Sheila). God sent daughter Latisha "Precious" Martin (Kenny)

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Mr. Alfonso Williams

Mr. Alfonso Williams departed this life on July 5, 2016 at UNC Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, NC. He was born in Lamar, SC to the late Marion and Elizabeth Williams on December 20, 1946. He was the third oldest of five children. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Helen Fields and brother Cornelius Wright.

He leaves to cherish his memory by his wife Rita; four sons, Fredrick (Deborah) of Knightdale, NC; Gregory (Kimberly) of Waldorf, MD; Adrian of San Antonio, TX and Alfonso II of Cary, NC; two sisters, Bernice James (Robert Lee) and Norma Jean Stewart; seven grandchildren, Frederick, Cedric, Chloe, Sundai, Cameron, Colin and Maya; fifteen nieces and nephews and a host of grand/great grand nieces and nephews, other relatives, friends and two life-long friends, Stephen and Dollie Pollock.

The funeral was held Friday, July 15, 2016 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Please share condolences at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

In Loving Memory Of



**Our Mother
Ms. Jacqueline Jamie Mae Mack Robinson
Sunrise: February 3, 1939
Sunset: August 1, 2015**

Although God called you home to be with Him on this day we shall never forget when you left but knowing God wanted you for a flower for His garden we still we still have you in our hearts with many fine and wonderful memories. Our hearts and homes are void we wish for you to be her but it was not our will but the Lord's. We miss your presence a blessing when you were here but we smile at the difference you made for having been in our lives. We smile because we know that you would want us to rejoice, sing and feel good. You remind us that we had to know this first anniversary was coming and to appreciate that you are resting in peace because while you were here you did a god job as any mother could. Eventually we will reach that comfort level when we can remember you without feeling sorrow, if not today then maybe tomorrow. Our lives together was bitter-sweet but perhaps you and your children can make it all sweet. When next we meet. We Salute You.

Your children,
Mr. William Robinson, Mrs. Francine Pierce, Ms. Jacqueline Johnson, Miss Elizabeth W. Robinson and a loving sister, Arlene McNeil

Acclaimed author James Alan McPherson remembered

**BY HERB BOYD
NEW YORK
CORRESPONDENT**

NEW YORK - During my brief stay in Iowa City and teaching at the university there, I had several opportunities to spend time with the author James Alan McPherson. Once, when I happened to bump into him at a local bar, I felt this was an occasion when maybe I could a few more words from him than the usual hellos and goodbyes. No such luck. He was just as reticent in the bar, perhaps preferring to save his words for his essays and short stories. And what a treasury of literature flowed from him. McPherson, 72, died July 17, in Iowa City.

According to the Writers' Workshop at the university, where I first met him, his death at a hospice resulted from complications of pneumonia.

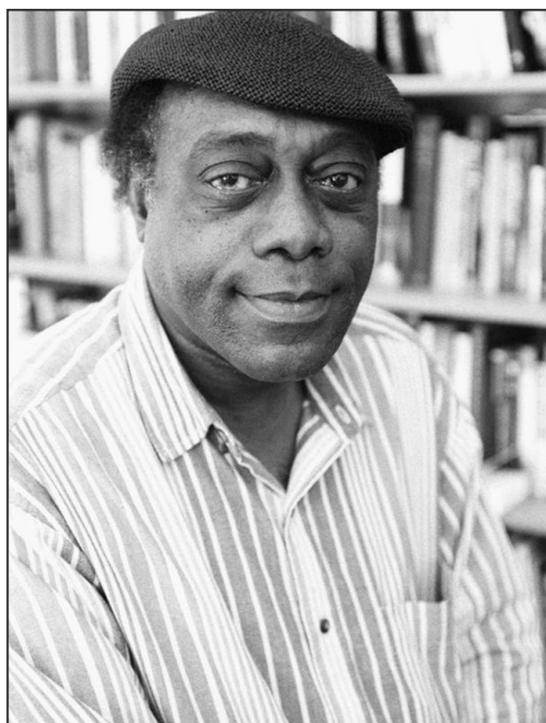
Watching him cross campus, McPherson always seemed absorbed in deep thought, oblivious to the clamor around him, plotting the next short story. Some of those short stories were collected in Elbow Room, which earned him a Pulitzer Prize in fiction in 1978.

In Brotherman - The Odyssey of Black Men in America, which I edited with Robert Allen, we included portions of one McPherson's short stories, "Why I Like Country Music" from the award-winning collection. The narrator relates to his wife a memory of a girl he

knew in the fourth grade. "Now I must tell you this much more, dear Gloria: whenever I smell fresh lemons, whether in the market or at home, I look around me - not for Gweneth Lawson, but for some quiet corner where I can revive in private certain memories of her. And in pursuing these memories across such lemony bridges, I rediscover that I loved her."

McPherson, like the character, revived in private a trove of memories that were so well crafted as to leave an imperceptible line between fact and fiction. Those lines that seemed to blend may have been the result of a cold reality he pursued all the way to a law degree at Harvard and the surrender to an inner muse who commanded he be literary and not lawyerly.

Born Sept. 16, 1943 in Savannah, Ga., McPherson was the son of an esteemed electrician and a maid. From his short stories it is possible to gather fragments of his early days as viewed through an array of characters. But we know in fact that he attended Morris Brown College and Morgan State University, graduating from the former. While earning his bachelor's degree, he worked as a janitor and as a dining car waiter on the Great Northern Railroad. That experience was to some extent reworked in his short story "On Trains," that appears in his first collection, Hue and Cry, published in 1968. Another story from this collection, "God Coast,"



JAMES ALAN MCPHERSON

was selected by John Updike for his Best American Short Stories of Century, published in 1999.

With an Updike inclusion and praise from a variety of noted authors, including Ralph Ellison, McPherson's remarkable literary journey was signed and sealed.

It was further secured with the accumulation of awards - later he would add the Guggenheim and the Macarthur genius fellowship. Meanwhile, he settled in a

professorial role, having earned an MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop. He was also the inaugural recipient of the Paul Engle Prize, named in honor of the workshop's founder.

In 1995, McPherson, having taught widely before his long tenure at the University of Iowa, was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, thereby placing him alongside his mentor, Ralph Ellison.

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(T-B) Sadie Davis Graham, Robert "Butch" Brunson, Karen Davis Brunson and Javoke S. Terrell

First Baptist Scott's Hill will celebrate their Annual Men's Day on Sunday, August 7th at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The 11:00 a.m. speaker will be Rev. Robert Purvis of First Baptist and the 3:00 p.m. speaker will be Elder Cedric Tindal of Union Missionary Baptist Church along with Barry Smith and Company. For more information please call 910-470-4194.



Religious Briefs

Greater Love Chapel Church of God In Christ, 1105 N. 8th St., will hold their 48th pastoral anniversary services and banquet honoring Superintendent A.E. Peterson from Monday, August 1st - Sunday, August 7th. Services begin 7:30 p.m. Monday- Friday. Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. the banquet will be held at Hilton Wilmington Riverside. The guest speaker will be Pastor Kenneth Pugh of Morrisville, NC. For more information on how you participate and purchase a ticket contact Mrs. Gwendolyn Peterson at 910-515-3590. On Sunday service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

St. Stephen AME Church, men's choir, The Kingsmen will celebrate their anniversary with songs of old and new. Featuring visiting choirs in and around the Wilmington area. The program will be held on Sunday, August 21st at 4:00 p.m.

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 Loop Rd., Leland, NC, will hold their Annual Youth Revival will be Wednesday, August 3rd- Friday, August 5th. Devotion starts at 7:00 p.m. Prophet John Langley will be the evangelist. Wednesday night Music Ministry will be furnished by New Hope FWB Church Youth Choir; Thursday night Hooper's Chapel MB Church Youth Choir and Friday night Salvation & Deliverance FWC Youth Choir.

Graham Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church in the East Arcadia community is sponsoring its Annual Public Education Sunday service on Sunday, August 14th. Services will begin at 11:00 in the morning with the children and youth in charge. The very special guest speaker for this program is Dr. Jason Wray, principal at the East Bladen High School, Elizabethtown. At the close of the worship services, all children present from Pre-school through college-age will be given school supplies. A reception will follow. On the day before, Saturday, August 13th, there will be a Fun Day program of activities open to all school children in the community. The program will run from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and will feature plenty of food and fun for all.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Attend the religious institution of your choice, this week!

SENIOR MOMENTS

"When It Rains, It Pours"

My fellow seniors,

They say that when it rains it pours, but this is on a level that no one has seen before. Don't take my word. Check with the fire department, Duke Energy, and two well qualified electricians. It all started when I lost my husband, the love of my life for sixty-one years. Then the



Ruth Johnson

house started falling apart. The lights started flickering on and off, and there was a strange odor in the air.

So we called 911. The firemen came out in droves. They walked around for a while, and then they turned off the power. They told us not to turn anything on until the house was thoroughly checked, repaired, and inspected. We had to find a place to spend the night.

The electricians came out and changed some wires that were obviously burned out, and then the inspectors came

and gave us the okay. When we turned the power on, the TV started smoking, and the stove shut down, along with the refrigerator, the water heater, and everything else.

More inspectors came out. Some of them were from Duke Energy. The volts of electricity coming into the house were double the normal rate. More work was done. My son and I stayed away for a few more days, and then we returned. The overhead lights are working, but all of the major appliances are burned out.

We are hoping Duke

Energy will replace them, since it was their man who told us we could turn the power on. After just losing my husband, our finances are lower. We cannot afford to replace all of those major appliances. We hope and pray that Duke Energy will come through for us. No one lives here but a very old lady and her handicapped son.

So keep us in your prayers and we will keep you informed.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Let the Words of My Mouth"

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight. O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Once a word is spoken, it can never be retrieved, therefore, we should be ever so careful to watch the words that come from our mouths!

David, the great Psalmist, prayed for grace (unmerited favor) as he sought to live a life that was pleasing in the sight of the Lord. He prayed for God to give



Sylvia Hooper

him an understanding of his errors, for he genuinely wanted to know what it was that he was doing wrong. David was referred to as, "A man after God's own heart", because after he would sin, he would humble himself and repent (be Godly sorry) for his sins, and sincerely seek to be restored in the sight of the Lord. (Psalm 51)

David even asked to be cleansed from secret faults. He admitted that there were things in his heart, that only God could see. His earnest

and honest attitude toward God was often met with mercy, because he truly meant what he said. He truly wanted to be saved, and he truly wanted to be delivered from himself.

"Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:12-14

The words of our mouths as Christian Believers, should be filled with wisdom. This wisdom of words works harmoniously with wisdom of thought and mind. "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." Psalm 119:59

Ecclesiastes 5:2 says, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty (in a hurry) to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy word

be few." If we were to limit ourselves to saying only the things that we know to be fact, and not what we hear from second hand smoke, our words indeed would be few!

Proverbs 18:21a says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." The words of our mouths should be carefully spoken and righteously weighed, for our speech reveals our true character. Jesus said that we will be accountable for the words we speak!

Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Through the wisdom of the Word of God, we are told repeatedly to put restraint on our tongue. "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile." Psalm 34:13 "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." Proverbs 21:33 "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth."

Proverbs 6:2

Prayer: Heavenly Father, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

Psalm 19:14 In Jesus' Name, Amen. Tell Somebody!

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

CHILDWATCH

How much do Black children's lives matter?

(Via George Curry Media)

Four little girls were changing into choir robes and chatting in a church restroom preparing for the Youth Sunday services at 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. on September 15, 1963. At 10:22 a.m., a bomb previously hidden under the church steps with its timer deliberately set to go off during Sunday morning



Marian W. Edelman

services exploded. Three 14-year-olds - Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley - and 11-year-old Denise McNair were killed on that morning.

Addie loved softball and drawing. Carole was a straight-A student, a member of the Science Club and the Girl Scouts, and played clarinet in the school band. Cynthia played clarinet too, along with piano, and dreamed of being a teacher. Denise, the youngest, was excited about singing in the youth chorus. Addie's younger sister Sarah, also in the restroom, lost an eye in the bombing. She remembered Denise had just asked Addie to help her tie the sash on the back of her dress when the bomb went off.

Fifty years later, a reporter found many of the surviving children in church that morning had never gotten over the trauma. Addie's older sister Junie Collins Williams said the two of them had gotten into an argument that day because she'd lost one of Addie's rings. The next time she saw Addie was when she was asked to identify her sister in the morgue. Her body was so unrecognizable Junie only knew her by her shoes. Barbara Cross, whose father was the church's pastor, was hit in the head with a light fixture and suffered tremors and fear

of loud noises for years afterwards. She said, "I still cry sometimes . . . We didn't know we were victims of terrorism back then. For years, we tucked it away, and tried to be strong."

For 14 long years, there was absolutely no justice. A 1965 FBI investigation confirmed White supremacists and Ku Klux Klan members Robert Chambliss, Bobby Frank Cherry, Herman Frank Cash and Thomas E. Blanton, Jr. as the suspects, but it was not until 1977 that Chambliss was tried and convicted of the first-degree murder of Denise McNair. The girls' families suffered still another quarter century of injustice. Herman Cash was never tried for the murders, and died in 1994. Finally, the families' agonizing wait was over when Thomas Blanton in 2001 and Bobby Cherry in 2002 were finally convicted of four counts of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Blanton and Cherry had walked free for 39 and 40 years respectively before being brought to justice.

Chambliss and Cherry died in jail. This August 3, Thomas Blanton will be eligible for his first parole hearing after serving just 15 years of his four life sentences. He bragged about the murders for decades before his conviction and never expressed remorse for his actions. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. described his despair saying that if men could be that bestial, maybe there really was no hope. A loud chorus of voices are joining together to say any parole and release would not be sufficient justice for the murder of four little girls. Justice requires Thomas Blanton serve the rest of his life in prison. An early release would signal how little the lives of four precious little Black girls mattered to their killers in 1963 and in 2016 America.

Carole Robertson was deeply involved in Jack and Jill of America, a family organization founded by Black mothers to instill values and leadership

skills in their children. Jack and Jill chapters honor Carole every September with educational and social programs about civil rights, human rights, and racial harmony. This year, Jack and Jill mothers across the country are joining surviving family members and others in the #Justice4Carole campaign, writing and calling Alabama's Board of Pardons and Paroles demanding minimal justice for these child lives snuffed out so maliciously, and that parole for this "unrepentant racist" and "vicious mass murderer" be denied.

I stand with them and hope you will too so that on August 3 justice will prevail! Rev. Carolyn McKinstry, who was another child survivor of the bombing, says today: "This season of justice in America is becoming frighteningly reminiscent of the season in which Addie, Carol, Cynthia, and Denise were murdered. Our country is in a war for its soul. America still has an opportunity to get it right and save itself. We need that arc not just to bend towards justice, but complete the evolution."

I strongly oppose capital punishment that Blanton and his evil co-conspirators so viciously inflicted on Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley because they were Black. But I do support punishment that at least tries to approximate his heinous crime. This unremorseful prisoner snuffed out four sacred child lives and escaped punishment for decades. He should die in prison for his inhumane atrocious crime.

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

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This the 30th day of June, 2016

Wendell Levern Hansley, Executor
717 Nixon St.
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June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2016

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This the 21st day of July, 2016

Mary Jowanna Huggins, Administrator
906 E. 7th Street
Lumberton, NC 28358

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

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This the 21st day of July, 2016

David Forrest Weaver, Executor
4929 Pine Street
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July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

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In Re The Estate of ODILE MARIE LANE, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ODILE MARIE LANE**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **11/07/2016** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, August 4, 2016.

Mark Robin Lane and Cindy Jo Lane Watts,
Co-Personal Representatives
c/o The Law Office of Jason Vaughn, PLLC
by Jason Vaughn,
Attorney for the Personal Representative
4932 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2016

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **John A. Evans**, 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 **14th 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.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Mary Kathryn Best Evans**, 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 **14th 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 14th day of July, 2016

Frank Lee Evans, Administrator
1929 Dobbin Holmes Rd.
Eastover, NC 28312

July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mary Cecilia Keenan** (16-E-932), late of 4708 Long Leaf Hills Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 19, 2016** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of July, 2016

Michael J. Keenan, Executor of the Estate of Mary Cecilia Keenan
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Ida Mae Harris Doughty**, 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 **21st 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 21st day of July, 2016

Yvonne Doughty James, Executor
205 North 31st Street
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Leona Bethune Bellamy**, 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 **14th 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 14th day of July, 2016

Joann Bellamy, Executor
811 3 French Lane
Fayetteville NC, 28314

July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **James Chris Cammack, III**, 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 **21st 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 21st day of July, 2016

Katherine Taylor Cammack, Executrix of the Estate of James Chris Cammack, III
115 Old Camp Road
Wilmington, NC 28409
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of Jean Frances Taylor, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jean Frances Taylor**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said ancillary estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **October 24, 2016**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of July, 2016.

Sharon Carraway Clapp
Executor of the Estate of Jean Frances Taylor
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 21, 28, August 4, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alice Grace Rouse Carroll**, 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 **28th 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 28th day of July, 2016

Derrick Carroll, Executor
4509 Kings Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Margaret Foy Lewis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **21st 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 4th day of August, 2016

Calvin Everette Lewis, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Margaret Foy Lewis
1121 Essex Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
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August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Andrea McCray**, 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 **4th day of November, 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 4th day of August, 2016

Nakeia Anderson, Administratrix
1209 North 26th Street
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the **Estate of Elizabeth Rouse (16-E-871)**, late of 1617 Princess Street, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **November 6, 2016** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of July, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Elizabeth Rouse
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August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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Dear Alma,
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Signed
Keepin It Real with My Niece

Oh my, my, girl, I hereby nominate you as runner up for the worst aunt in the world! Why would you speak such negative comments about your niece? What you think and what you feel are just your opinion and your feelings are note facts. Speaking again of your comments, I just gotta say, they sure do look ugly on you.

Your niece has the right, in this country at least, to pursue her dreams without your permission. Passions are personal and grow inside the hearts of each of us, individually. You don't get to pick which dreams work best for someone else. When a child shows interest, your role is to lead the way. When a young person becomes absorbed in a particular sport, artistic endeavor or reading activity, it's your responsibility as the adult, to assist them in said particular pursuit – positively!

Lookahear Auntie Unlucky, find your path to patience and take a long, long walk. Clear your mind and ponder, not everything that pops in your brain needs to trickle down and spill out of your mouth. Move out of your nieces' way, and stop trying to block her blessings. If you can't control your negativity and shush your mouth, just write a check and keep your distance. She doesn't need your wrong wind beneath her wings to fly to success. Change your attitude or get out of her way.

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 @almaskalma.

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