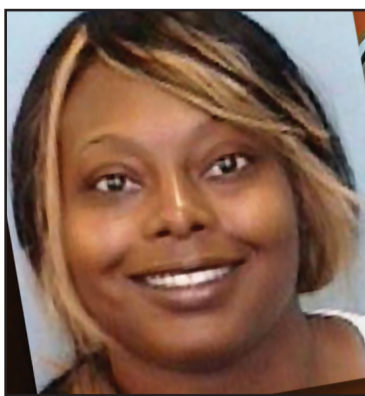


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EBONEE SPEARS

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
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Senator Dan Blue, Democratic Leader of the NC Senate, and Senator Mike Woodard, will be hosting a community town hall meeting in conjunction with the North Carolina Senate Democratic Caucus. Leader Blue, Senator Woodard, and other members of the Senate Democratic Caucus will be discussing issues related to the recently completed 2016 Legislative Session that directly impact this region, particularly education, tourism, and retention and sustainment of the film industry, as well as economic incentives that support job growth and development.

Other issues to be discussed include voter identification,

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BERNEST HEWETT

HOPING FOR THE BEST FOR MY PEOPLE

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Today, I hold the same hope my people held in 1966. I'm holding out hope that my children will get a better education, better jobs, equal pay, and the right and capability to live where they want to without harassment. I am holding out hope that they will have the freedom and means to own their own land without having to face and Jim Crow laws. I am holding out hope that they will live under an unfair legal system that the oppression and degradation of people for no reason other than skin color, economic status, or political affiliation, religious

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'A TRUSTED COMRADE,' BLACK PRESS LEGEND GEORGE CURRY DIES AT 69

BY **STACY M. BROWN**
NNPA NEWS WIRE
CONTRIBUTOR

The Black Press lost one of its most celebrated warriors when George Curry, veteran journalist and former Editor-In-Chief of the NNPA News Wire, died from an apparent heart attack on Saturday, August 20. Curry was 69.

"On behalf of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), we are all saddened and heartbroken by the sudden passing of one our most admired, respected, and gifted colleagues, George E. Curry," said NNPA President Dr. Benjamin Chavis. "Black America, and in fact millions of African people all over the world, had come to know George Curry as a fear-

less scholar and writer, who used his pen and wit to aggressively advance the cause of freedom, justice and equality for Black people and for the whole of humanity."

Chavis continued: "George was our trusted comrade on the frontlines of the Civil Rights Movement and on the front pages of the Black Press of America. We will miss him." Curry led the NNPA News Wire as Editor-In-Chief from 2003 to 2007 and then from 2012 to 2015.

Freddie Allen, the managing editor of the NNPA News Wire, called Curry an icon in the Black Press and said that his legacy of mentoring young journalists will bear fruit for many years to come. Recently, Allen and Curry were part of a Black media delegation that worked with the Black

AIDS Institute to cover the 2016 International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa.

"George taught me what it meant to be a professional journalist and also about the importance of working in the Black Press," Allen said. "His writing and insight on critical issues affecting the Black community will be sorely missed. I'm thankful for the time we spent together in Durban."

Phill Wilson, president and CEO of the Black AIDS Institute said that he was still coming to grips with the loss.

"It's been really difficult. George and Ann went with us to the 21st International AIDS Conference last month in Durban, South Africa," said



GEORGE CURRY

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WELL DESERVED



Tyran Bell beams with gratitude as he holds gift certificates for Footlocker sent by donors from Clearwater, Florida.

PHOTO BY JOHN DAVIS

Bell will give away school supplies this weekend

BY **STAFF**

Several weeks ago, we told you about 10-year-old Gregory Elementary Student, Tyran Bell who is working for his school supplies by offering to mow lawns for donations. Bell told WECT that 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."

Theresa Babb, who owns A1 Security Services LLC, started the campaign to help Tyran and his family. Contributions have been pouring in and Babb has been able to share with other families

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North Carolina remembers George Curry

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The untimely death of veteran black journalist George E. Curry has saddened not only many in the civil rights, media and political communities who knew Curry and his work across the nation, but also across North Carolina.

Curry, 69, reportedly died of heart failure Saturday, was the former editor-in-chief for the National Newspaper Publishers' Association, the nonprofit association of over 200-member African-American newspapers.

The publisher of the *Wilmington Journal*, a NNPA member paper, remembers Curry fondly.

"George Curry was a part of NNPA's effort to gain pardons for the Wilmington Ten," recalled publisher Mary Alice Jervay Thatch, who is also president of the NC Black Publishers Association. "On the day NNPA announced at the National Press Club our intent to secure those pardons, George interviewed Wilmington Ten leader Dr. Ben Chavis onstage. It brought tears to our eyes, including Ben's. Later Ben had to admit that this was the most emotional interview he had experienced and the first time he had cried in public!"

"Once we placed the request for pardons on [then] Governor Perdue's desk a year later," Mrs. Thatch continued, "George was there to ensure that our story was being told through NNPA's newswire service."

Ernie Pitt, publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle, was among the many North Carolina black publishers who mourned the loss of this legendary colleague.

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Low-wage workers take fight for \$15 to Virginia

BY **LEAH HOBBS**

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Laura Clark is a home care worker, yet she has no income. The 53-year-old Caroline County resident cares for her 83-year-old mother, who suffers from dementia and COPD, but doesn't qualify to receive pay as a family caregiver because her mother has life insurance.

She said her daily struggle to keep things going in her own household makes her understand the plight of others working for minimum wage - \$7.25 an hour. That's why she joined several thousand people two Saturdays ago to march and rally in Richmond in the "Fight for \$15," a national movement to raise the minimum wage to \$15. Like Clark, millions of workers in Virginia and across the United States don't earn enough to afford basic neces-

sities. The minimum wage, Clark said, "is barely enough for a teenager to support themselves, let alone a family. The minimum wage should be a living wage."

Fight for \$15 organizers strategically chose Richmond, the former capital of the Confederacy, for its two-day national convention to show the correlation between systemic racism and low-wage jobs.

With streets closed to traffic, thousands of supporters from Detroit and Chicago to New York and Florida marched from Monroe Park to the statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee on Monument Avenue, where Dr. William Barber II, president of the NC NAACP, addressed the crowd, many of them low-wage workers in fast food, home care and child care.

"Labor without living wages is not-

ing but a pseudo form of slavery," Dr. Barber said to applause. "You are right to raise up and declare we can't wait any longer. Hard-working people can't wait. Mothers trying to raise their children can't wait."

"It took 400 years to go from zero wages to \$7.25. We can't wait another 400 years," he said. Earlier Saturday morning, hundreds of protesters joined with local McDonald's restaurant workers who walked out on strike in Richmond's North Side. Workers said they want to send a clear message to fast food giants that they won't be ignored, but will fight for \$15 an hour.

Mrs. Clark said she gets her mother up every morning, helps her use the bathroom, administers her medications, feeds her and keeps the house clean. During some of the hottest days of the summer, her air conditioner

barely cools the house lower than 85, but she doesn't have the money to buy a new one.

"These are basic needs everybody deserves," she said.

Clark said she's living off of the proceeds of her husband's life insurance. Working two jobs to support his family, he was killed in a car accident when he fell asleep at the wheel after working too many hours over the course of three days, she said.

She said she's uncertain what will happen once the money runs out, but she wants a better situation for her 26-year-old daughter and grandchildren.

"My parents marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the same reasons we are marching," she said. "This fight shouldn't have lasted this long. I don't want my grandchildren to fight the fight my grandparents fought."



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beliefs. All the gains toward
equality made during the
Civil Rights Movement are
under attack from certain of
our elected officials today.
When an official does stand
up for right, he or she is
placed under attack for doing
so. Yet, I hear these people
talking about their belief in
God and their desire to do the
right thing. There must be a
difference in their Bible and
the one I read. My Bible tells
us to do unto others as we
would have them to do unto

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Wilson. "It's hard to believe he's
gone."

Wilson continued: "I will
always remember George for
his integrity. He and I met
around 13 years ago over a con-
versation around gay mar-
riage. I remember how willing
he was to listen and then to act
on the things he heard. He
understood that multiple
things can happen in the same
space in the Black community,
and that we can work together
without needing to agree on
the same thing. He demon-
strated to me the importance of
being committed to progress
and to moving forward and
bringing all of our communi-
ties with us and not leaving
anybody behind."

Wilson said the next issue of
the Black AIDS Institute
newsletter will be dedicated to
George and four of the last
articles he wrote will be repub-
lished. Also, the entire
BlackAIDS.org website will be
converted as a tribute to
George Curry.

Curry was a consummate
journalist with integrity as his
mantra, said Dorothy R.
Leavell, publisher of the

Crusader newspapers in
Chicago, Ill., and Gary, Ind.

"We shall miss this voice of
reason and thought-provok-
ing columns full of
researched facts. It was just
the week of August 13th that
George wrote a column titled
'Even Funerals Are Not
Family Reunions Anymore.'
He used his family as an
example of the loss of close-
ness that he had enjoyed dur-
ing his childhood and early
adult life and bemoaned the
fact that at his cousin
Charlene's funeral, the week
before, that closeness was no
longer there," Leavell said.

"What was ironic is that he
pledged that he would try to get
his family back together by
saying, 'Neither Big Mama nor
Aunt Julia Mae would be
pleased that our once close-
knit family is in shambles, but
as long as I have breath in me, I
am going to try to get my fami-
ly back together. I know it's a
very long shot, but I owe that to
Big Mama and Aunt Julia Mae
to keep trying.'"

Leavell said that she's sure
that George meant to keep that
pledge and now maybe that
closeness of his family will
become a reality, but at a large
cost, adding that she hoped his
family would reunite at his
funeral.

"We miss you already,
George," said Leavell.

Cloves Campbell, the pub-
lisher of the Arizona
Informant, said that Curry was
the epitome of a real journal-
ist.

"He always told me that the
real story wasn't what every-
one was talking about, but real-
ly what everyone wasn't say-
ing. He knew that there was
always more to the story," said
Campbell. "George was always
encouraging young people to
get involved in the Black Press,
understanding the need to cul-
tivate the future."

Curry left the NNPA News
Wire in 2007 and when
Campbell served as Chairman
of the NNPA, he picked up the
phone and called George and
asked him to come back to run
the news wire in 2012.

"I told him that Danny
Bakewell resuscitated NNPA
and now it was his turn to
revive the wire service and he
did it without hesitation," said
Campbell. "I will always
remember how willing he was
to help me and the NNPA. He
was a friend and a brother to
me."

The news of Curry's death
not only reverberated through-
out Black media, the loss was
also felt in the halls of govern-
ment.

"The Congressional Black
Caucus joins with members of
the press from around the
country to mourn the loss of
George E. Curry, a pioneer in
Civil Rights and journalism,"
CBC Chairman G.K.
Butterfield (D-N.C.), said in a
statement. "Curry was a giant
in journalism and he stood on
the frontlines of the Civil
Rights era and used his voice to
tell our stories when others
would not. The CBC offers our
sympathies and condolences to
his friends and family, his read-
ers from around the country,
and to the countless number of
individuals he mentored in the
art of reporting and journalis-
tic writing until his untimely
death."

Democratic Presidential
nominee Hillary Rodham
Clinton even took a moment
from her busy campaign to
express her thoughts about
Curry, whom she called a
friend.

"I am saddened by the loss of
an outstanding journalist and
supportive friend. George E.
Curry was a pioneering jour-
nalist, a tireless crusader for
justice, and a true agent of
change," Clinton said in a state-
ment. "With quality reporting,
creativity, and skillful persua-
sion he influenced countless
people, including me, to think

beyond their narrow experi-
ence and expand their under-
standing. George may be gone,
but he will not be forgotten."

The Rev. Al Sharpton called
Curry a "trailblazer" and said
he was "saddened beyond
words" at news of Curry's
death.

In 2003, Curry was named
"Journalist of the Year" by the
National Association of Black
Journalists and he's also on
NABJ's list of the Most
Influential Black Journalists of
the 20th Century.

"We pledge to keep the
journalistic genius and spirit
of George Curry alive in all
that we will do in the future
to sustain the liberating and
empowering voice of Black-
owned newspapers and
media companies," Chavis
said. "George and I were life-
long friends and co-workers
at the NNPA, NAACP, SCLC,
ANC and just about every
other national and interna-
tional organization that is
serious about demanding jus-
tice and equality."

Chavis continued: "The
legacy of freedom fighter
journalists like George
Curry will never pass away,
but will always be kept dear
and present in our continued
struggles to liberate all from
injustice."

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Congressional and Legislative
Redistricting efforts, and
anticipated issues for the 2017
Legislative Session.

Area constituents' thoughts,
concerns, and suggestions will
also be solicited and, where
appropriate, will be incorporat-
ed into the Senate Democratic
Caucus' plan of action for 2017.
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wants to hear directly from New
Hanover County residents and
how we can better represent you
in Raleigh.

Please join us on Thursday,
September 8, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
for this important community
town hall meeting.

Contact:

Leslie Rudd, 919.733.6854
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us!

We have allowed this sys-
tem to move forward without
being responsible to the peo-
ple it serves as a whole. It has
not cared about the whole but
the few. This must end! We
cannot stand with the unjust
and unrighteous ways that
have taken place in
Brunswick County
Government and North
Carolina politics. Oppression
has increased, and unjust,
underhanded practices are
still on the rise here in this
County. It is time for an elec-
tion! Wake up, Brunswick
County! We are gradually
going down the wrong road,
one to which there can only
be a bad ending, but if we can
face the past with acceptance
of all our troubles, the pres-
ent with confidence, and the
future with expectancy, we
can have the faith to go and
vote, believing that life's jour-
ney ahead will be better for
us! We must get organized
and go vote!!

Bernest L. Hewett is
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STATE SUPREME COURT DISMISSES APPEAL IN KALVIN SMITH CASE

[WINSTON-SALEM] The NC Supreme Court has dismissed an appeal of a black man many believe was wrongly convicted for a crime he didn't commit. The state's High Court dismissed the appeal of Calvin Michael Smith, 45, who has been imprisoned for the 1998 brutal beating of a pregnant store clerk, even



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though evidence showed he was nowhere near the crime scene at the time, and reviews of the police investigation revealed very sloppy work. Supporters have asked state Attorney Gen. Roy Cooper to join the defense in asking for a new trial, but he has refused. It is not clear what Smith's attorneys can do now to prove his innocence.

UNARMED DEAF MAN FATALLY SHOT BY NC STATE TROOPER

[CHARLOTTE] Authorities are still investigating the fatal shooting of a deaf

motorist by a state trooper August 18th after the trooper reportedly tried to pull the man over for speeding. Authorities say Trooper Jermaine Saunders tried to pull over motorist Daniel Kevin Harris, but Harris wouldn't stop. The chase ended in Harris driveway where neighbors heard one shot, and saw Harris lying just a few feet from his doorway. Authorities say both Harris and the trooper got into an "encounter" before the shot. Harris family says he was deaf and unarmed, may have been trying to communicate with the trooper

through sign language before he was killed.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY LOTTERY WINNER ON OWN NETWORK IN SEPT.

[BOLIVIA] Marie Holmes, the woman who won \$188 million in the North Carolina lottery two years ago, is scheduled to appear with self-help expert Iyanla Vansant on the OWN Network series, "Iyanla: Fix My Life" starting September 10th for four-part series. Holmes will be one of eight women who will move into a "House of Healing" to dispel

the stereotype of the "angry black woman." Holmes has had ups and downs since winning the lottery. She has given \$680,000 to her church in Shallotte, and her foundation has donated school supplies to 300 children in Whiteville. Holmes has also been caught up in headlines involving her boyfriend, who has been sentenced to ten years in prison on drug charges.

STUDENTS ROBBED IN NCCU DORMITORY

[DURHAM] NCCU police are investigating a reported armed robbery at the dormi-

tory on the campus of North Carolina Central University. Two students reported the robbery at the residence hall in the northeast section of the campus shortly after midnight Wednesday morning. Police say to men wearing black and wearing black scarves to cover their mouths had at least one gun and had restrained two victims. No injuries were reported. Anyone with further information should call NCCU police at 919-530-6106.

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"I have had the pleasure of working with George for more than two decades," Mr. Pitt said. "He was a classic, dedicated and committed journalist. Working with George was so gratifying because he took writing articles and news stories seriously."

"He was a stickler for getting the story right," Mr. Pitt continued. "Working with NNPA interns was one of his pleasures. He wanted our young people to develop a zeal for getting the facts right and putting the story together with depth and clear understanding. Our profession will forever miss George Curry."

North Carolina Congress-

man G. K. Butterfield [D-NC-1], chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, was one of those elected black leaders who appreciated Curry's devotion to the truth, and commitment to shining a light on important issues.

"The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) joins with members of the press from around the country to mourn the loss of George E. Curry, a pioneer in civil rights and journalism," Rep. Butterfield wrote.

"George E. Curry was a giant in journalism and he stood on the front lines of the Civil Rights era and used his voice to tell our stories when others would not. The CBC offers our sympathies and condolences to his friends and family, his readers from around the country, and to the countless number of individuals he mentored in the

art of reporting and journalistic writing until his untimely death."

Irving Joyner, law professor at North Carolina Central University's School of Law in Durham, and chairman of the NCNAACP's Legal Redress Committee, expressed his respect for a civil rights veteran who built bridges by chronicling history.

"I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the transitioning of this GIANT in our journalistic world," Prof. Joyner said. "As a committed African American journalist, George presented the truth and nothing but the truth in the many articles and news analysis which he authored. He was very committed to his craft and possessed a keen knowledge of the African American community and never ducked an

opportunity to better explain our position and view of things which impacted us and our community."

For many, the work of journalist George Curry will never be forgotten.

That is a great loss for the Black Press, "wrote reader William Hart. "It is assumed that his staff will continue to provide access to other columnists that appear on a regular basis..."

Even former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took time from her run for president to pay tribute to the veteran black journalist.

"I am saddened by the loss of an outstanding journalist and supportive friend, Mrs. Clinton said. "George E. Curry was a pioneering journalist, a tireless crusader for justice, and a true agent of change. With quality

reporting, creativity, and skillful persuasion he influenced countless people, including me, to think beyond their narrow experience and expand their understanding. George may be gone, but he will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones."

George Edward Curry, a media pioneer and longtime advocate for the black press and civil rights, will be laid to rest Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, in his hometown, with the Rev. Al Sharpton, founder and president of the National Action Network, delivering the eulogy at Weeping Mary Baptist Church, 2701-20th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401.

Dr. Charles Steele, president and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and lifelong friend of

Mr. Curry, announced the arrangements today. The two leaders grew up in the segregated South at a time when Jim Crow laws were the order of the day. They made a pact early in life to never forget their upbringing and to work to help lift others, Dr. Steele said.

"We wanted to tell our stories, because we knew it could inspire and impact others," Dr. Steele said. "We were two fellas from impoverished backgrounds, where African-Americans endured second-class citizenship. We were able to overcome and find success. We will celebrate that success in remembering the life of George Curry this weekend."

A number of dignitaries and noted journalists are expected to attend the services.

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some of the donations. Tyran is also sharing with other families the contributions that have been made to him.

Tyran and his mother requested that contributions also be dropped off at *The Wilmington Journal* at 412 South 7th Street. As a result, Tyran received a donation at *The Journal* from as far as Clearwater, Florida.. Along with that contribution came a letter to Tyran from the donor, Amy Putney, August 22, 2016

Dear Tyran,

My name is Amy Putney and I saw you on the news on my Facebook wall last week. I live down in Clearwater, Florida and somehow your very inspiring story made it all the way here!

As soon as I saw what you did, my eyes filled up with tears. The fact that at ten years old you are not doing what "most" people would do. That is to sit back and think of reasons why things aren't given to you or to have pity for yourself or a number of other things.

I am a big believer in that, you work for what you need

and want in life and if a parent instills that in their child, that is a very well done job for both of you. Life can never take "you" down if you work hard and are responsible for creating for yourself what you need.

I posted something on Facebook saying how I would like to help you with shopping for school because you are such a good boy. I started getting comments to find you and that other moms wanted to help as well!

The next morning I found where I could send you a gift, so we decided to all chip in and get you a gift certificate

for \$575 to Foot Locker. We heard you have two brothers so this should get you guys sneakers and new socks!

Enclosed I have also put some things I am very passionate about. If you and your brothers could take the time to watch these 2 DVD's ("The Drug Free World" and "The Way To Happiness" that would make me very happy and proud as I know that the data in these DVD's is very necessary for not only children but adults in handling life. I have also included the book "The Way to Happiness." It is a very simple guide to living happier and it has changed my life.

The people that have donated their money for the gift cards are, Joy Gendusa, Rosy Kugler, Alicia MacKay, Amy Putney, Christine Wheaton. Also the MacKay children, Cecille, Natalie and Ian ages 7, 10, 11, donated \$145.00 of their very own money (all the money they had in their piggy banks) because they thought your working for what you needed was so very cool!!

Keep up the great work on working hard Tyran, it's the only way to go! Get good grades in school so you can go to college and create a future for yourself. You have a whole wonderful life ahead of you and it's a blank

slate. You can create it how you would like to create it. Never forget that.

Much love to you, Amy Putney

Of course, Tyran and his family are overjoyed with gratitude and will be making contact with Ms. Putney.

Tyran Bell's Back to School Supply Drive will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church, 1201 Orange St., Wilmington, NC 28401. Donations are still needed. Please contact his mother Tara Lewis at 910-473-3689 for more information.

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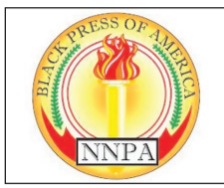
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GUEST EDITORIAL

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGE CURRY

Even funerals are not family reunions anymore

(Editor's Note: This commentary appeared in The Wilmington Journal's August 11, 2016 edition and was penned by the late George Curry who passed on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Many Black newspapers from across the country published this commentary and we have all received calls about the timing of this commentary. We are reprinting this article in loving memory of George, who was a giant in the industry.)

Most of the relatives on my mother's side migrated from Tuscaloosa, Ala. to Johnson City, Tenn., where my oldest aunt, Julia Mae Cousin, established roots after she was married. Growing up, I divided my summers between Johnson City and Reform, Ala., where my father's relatives are anchored.

Because I spent so much time with my cousins, we always enjoyed a strong bond, stronger than some brothers and sisters. And because we were closer in age, I spent most of the early years romping the streets of Johnson City with Aunt Julia Mae's kids - Hattie, D.D., Charles and Little Buddy. My cousin, Bertha Mae, was almost a decade older and she was more like an aunt than a cousin.

With her strong personality and huge heart, Aunt Julia urged her siblings to move to this small, east Tennessee town, near the Virginia-Tennessee border. Over the years, a parade of uncles and aunts acquiesced: Uncle Frank, Uncle Buddy, Uncle Percy, Uncle Padna (Jesse) and Aunt Kat. Mama (Martha L. Brownlee) and Big Mama (Sylvia Harris) were the holdouts, preferring to stay in Tuscaloosa but making frequent trips to Johnson City.

No one loved going to Johnson City more than I did. By day, I lived at the Carver Rec Center with D.D., Charles and Little Buddy and at night, Hattie would take me to one of the Black clubs. There was a rough one up on Wilson Avenue, but we knew to stay away from there unless Hattie and I had been dispatched by Aunt Julia Mae to look for Uncle Frank.

For the younger members of the family, nothing was more popular than our family reunions that featured us cracking jokes on one another. Aunt Julia warned us each year not to showcase our comical side, which was considerable, and this was the one time we brazenly disobeyed.

Everyone had a story about Uncle Percy, who perfected lying to an art form. Uncle Buddy, a Navy veteran who introduced me to world travel, was easy-going and fun. But he should have known better than to wear red socks to the reunion one year. As expected, we lit into him, accusing him of everything from having been cut on the ankles to working for the Red Cross. The next year, the first thing Uncle Buddy did was raise the legs of his pants to show us he was wearing black socks.

When he was only 4 or 5 years old, Hattie's son Robbie surprised everyone by going to the front of the room and cracking on his mother: Hattie gave Robbie a look that only Hattie can give, but it was too late - Robbie had brought the house down. His brother, Phill, was accused of bringing a rent-a-date to one reunion.

Through those family reunions and hot summers, I grew closer to my younger cousins: Lynn, Phill, Robbie, Charlene, Audrey, Albert, Regina, Greg, the twins (Ronald and Randall), and "Suzie Q" (Katherine Madison).

I had already been close to Uncle Frank's children, especially the older ones - LuLu, Doshia, Doris, Carolyn, Alberta, Knuck and Herman - because he held out a long time before moving from Tuscaloosa to Johnson City.

Over the years, the family elders died - Big Mama, Aunt Kat, Uncle Frank, Uncle Percy, Uncle Padna and, most recently, Aunt Julia Mae, who took over as head of the family upon the death of Big Mama. With each passing, the reunions became fewer and fewer, to the point that we don't hold them anymore.

In recent years, I have said family funerals have become our family reunions. I told it as a joke, but it was the painful truth.

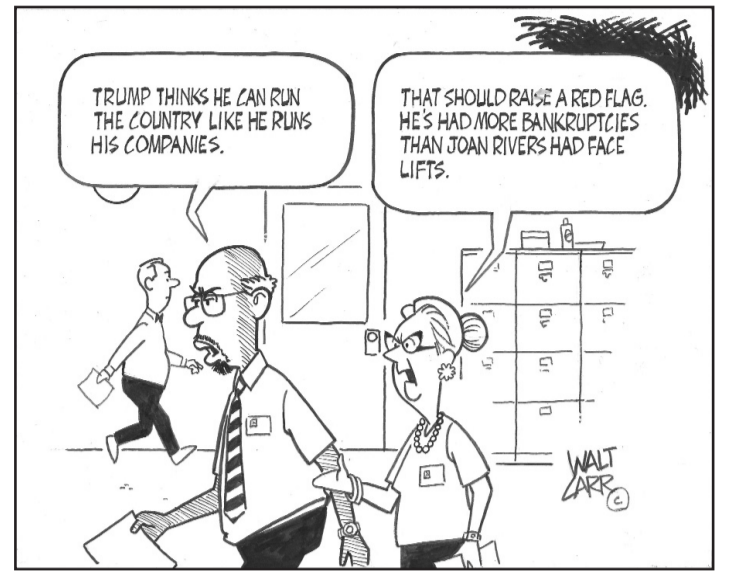
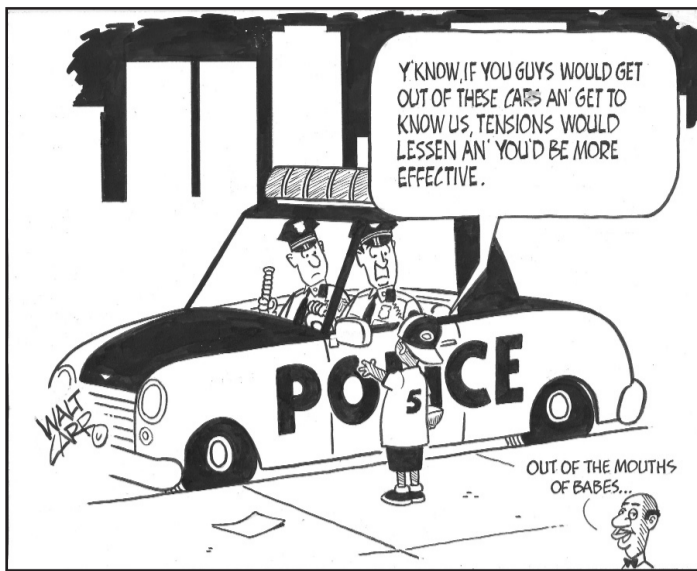
At my cousin Charlene's funeral last week, family relations had deteriorated to the point where it was obvious that funerals can no longer be used as family reunions. For a variety of reasons, some relatives refuse to speak to others. I remain on speaking terms with all of my cousins and have made it clear that whatever dispute they have with one another will not alter my relationship with any relative. I have made appeals for a truce, but my cousins are strong-willed and nothing I or anyone else can say will get them to move off of dead center.

My cousin Lynn said it would be like this when Aunt Julia Mae passed, but I did not want to believe it. Now, I have no choice but to accept that reality. Uncle Buddy and Mama are the only two children of Big Mama still living. And sadly, this next generation of relatives is nowhere near as close as I was to my cousins growing up.

Neither Big Mama nor Aunt Julia Mae would be pleased that our once close-knit family is in shambles. But as long as I have breath in me, I am going to try to get my family back together. I know it's a very long shot, but I owe that to Big Mama and Aunt Julia Mae to keep trying.

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CASH IN THE APPLE

GEORGE CURRY

Journalism is a business where I've been able to meet a lot of inspirational people - Muhammad Ali, Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, ... you name them.



Cash Michaels

But I also had the chance to meet leaders in my industry who paved the way for black journalists like myself, and one such pioneer was the great George Curry.

I first became aware of George during my teenage years while watching "Lead Story" on Black Entertainment Television back in the day when BET was afraid to put on news and public affairs programming to help inform the black community.

I'll never forget this strong, intelligent black man from Alabama who unceasingly challenged nonsense when he heard it, and stood solid for

his community with apologies. So when BET, in its infinite "wisdom" took "Lead Story" off because it wanted to give its audience more gangsta rap music (Lord help us), I missed my weekly dose of George, but soon found him again when he published "Emergence" Magazine, a weekly black newsmagazine whose most memorable edition was a startling illustrating of US Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas with a handkerchief around his head surrounded by some black lawn jockeys who looked just like him.

The point of the historic cover was clear - "Uncle" Clarence was a disgrace to black people.

Emergence Magazine didn't last long, but it did leave an impression, especially about the no-nonsense devotion George Curry had to the truth. He aligned himself with the National Newspaper Publishers Association, becoming NNPA's editor-in-chief, and years later, when I had grown in the black newspaper business as a journalist, I got the chance to meet

George, and have him send several of my stories out to the over 200-member NNPA papers.

Working with George was always interesting because he was always the teacher, helping me make my stories better for our national audience. And in 2014 when I co-produced the CashWorks HD - NNPA documentary production of "Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten," George was one of my greatest champions, giving me advice, directing me towards sources, and being a true brother in the cause.

I'll never forget in January 2014, while I was interviewing George for the film, when I finished, he turned the tables and began interviewing me, telling me that my story was much more important. George had no idea how honored, and humbled I was.

Over the past few years, George and I stayed in touch. I had a stroke and he had had a heart attack. But the love and the admiration remained strong.

I am proud that I got to know, and work with George

Curry, as a brother and a colleague. He was a man of true conviction for his people, and the truth. George was a man of history, having met with people like South President Nelson Mandela and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

We are a better people and a better community because of the journalistic contributions of George E. Curry. I pray that Almighty GOD blesses his family and colleagues in their hour of bereavement.

And thank you, George, for all that you've done, and all that your legacy will mean to our people, and the world.

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.

Hey Donald, when was America great?

(Via NNPA News Service)

Our American exceptionalism allows us to shimmer, too fully in our greatness. We are the biggest and the baddest. We are the best armed and the most influential. We win the most Olympic medals, and we have the most nuclear weapons. We are so great that we wave our flags and shout out, "U.S.A! U.S.A! U.S.A!" In some ways, it is an imperialist chant, a chant of dominance, a chant that ignores the fact that we chant because we have the luxury, as a nation, of an uneven playing field, especially in terms of resources. I'm not jumping up and down and flag waving.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

It took the Simones (Biles and Manuel) to win gold medals for me to celebrate the Olympics. It took just a flip of the switch, a flick of the kaleidoscope, for me to see it differently. While there is a great difference between the athlete who comes from a highly-subsidized Russian or Chinese environment and one who comes from an urban area combining grit and corporate sponsorship, as in the United States, or

those who either make it on their own or cobble together possibilities, all of these athletes are chasing greatness and perfection. Indeed, their obstacles may be a metaphor for the challenges that we all face in life. Some will be subsidized, some will scrap, and sometimes the cream rises to the top, regardless of barriers.

Even as Olympians strutted their excellence, enforcing the notion that America is "great," at least in our medal dominance, Republican candidate Donald Trump's campaign slogan is "Make America Great Again." The use of the word "again" suggests that we were great, once upon a time, and that we have to regain something that we lost. When were we "great?" What have we lost? What does it take to make us great again?

Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump said he views the 1980s as the time when things were good for the nation, though he also hearkened back to the late 1700s and early 1800s. "The industrial revolution was certainly ? in terms of economically ? that was when we started to grow," Trump said. "I liked the Ronald Reagan years. I thought the country had a wonderful, strong image."

The basis of the Industrial Revolution was a credit system that relied on using enslaved people as collateral

to lend and spend for economic expansion. The North and South were always connected, even in war, with economics often trumping ideology. The Cornell University historian Edward Baptiste, in his book, "The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of U.S. Capitalism," connects the dots between southern oppression and northern complicity. The era that Mr. Trump touts includes legislation to penalize those who dare educate enslaved people in the early nineteenth century, and the oppression of Black Codes in the post-Reconstruction era. Mr. Trump wants to make America great again? For whom?

Whenever anyone does that throwback stuff, "we used to be great," I have to wonder what he or she are nostalgic for. Do they wish they were in the land of cotton? Are they hankering for segregationist signs? Or are they simply pining for the days when, though it was unstated, White was right and everybody else had to step. This manifested by the assumption of deference, the assumption that African Americans would step aside and allow a White person behind them in line to step ahead or shrugging off microaggressions because they "aren't that deep."

Many have touted our "Greatest Generation," the

World War II contributors, as people who made America great. Yeah? These folks had to elbow their way into our nation's service, fighting for the right to fight, struggling for the right to contribute. Is this what you call greatness, Donald Trump? Are we all supposed to put blinders on to the cracks in our collective national armor?

Thus, it is exciting that President Obama signed an executive order to stop the rampant use of a distorted statement called the "Pledge of Allegiance." He wrote that federal office and contractors should not force employees to swear to "One Nation under God," and that's a good thing. One nation? With a Black unemployment rate twice that of the White unemployment rate? How do I pledge allegiance to a flag "and to the Republic for which it stands."

President Obama tickled me, for the first time during his presidency, by reminding us of the flaws in the Pledge of Allegiance. How do we transcend the flaws when Trump's "great again" message suggests "slave again" to me?

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VOICE YOUR OPINION!!
WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Really think about it!

(Via TriceEdney News Wire)

I'm often amused by interviews aired on late-night TV questioning the average citizen's knowledge of a particular subject. Although



Dr. E. Faye Williams

amused by some of the answers given to basic civic questions, I'm appalled and saddened by individuals who cannot correctly name the current U.S. Vice-President or answer equally simple questions. It's an understatement to say I'm convinced that this level of

ignorance is rooted in a complete disconnect from the concerns of citizenship.

As a case-in-point, if I asked, how many readers could give the correct answer to the question, "What event will be observed on August 26, 2016?" Do you know? To end the suspense for some and confirm the responses of others, the answer is Women's Equality Day!

My deepest hope is that no one questions the significance of that event or attempts to rationalize the observance "away." Although many are desensitized to the importance of our cultural observances, with greater thought and consideration it's expected that behaviors that discrimi-

nate against women as a class can be eliminated.

Few consider the fact that normative pronouns in the English language are exclusively male. Most don't think it's strange that they'll never read the words "she," "her" or "hers" in the Constitution or other founding documents. All but a few will realize that the full measure of true citizenship, the right to vote, was not bestowed upon women until August 26, 1920. Since that time, the nation has been wrestling with the goal of achieving "full" equality for women.

Most Americans can't tell you that the first Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was introduced to Congress in 1923. Many who were of

an age of awareness in 1972 when it was, again, introduced, passed by both houses of Congress, and sent to the states for ratification, ignored the fact that it was not ratified by the requisite 38 states within the March 22, 1979 deadline or the extended June 30, 1982 time. I can only surmise that the ERA was ignored into oblivion.

I once thought that for the message of equality to be heard, understood and effectual, it should be preached exclusively to males. Time and experience have taught me that opposition to women's equality isn't just a

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BLACKONOMICS

Get what's right, not what's left

(Via TriceEdney News Wire)

If you are serious about economic empowerment, you must dismiss the empty rhetoric of pandering politicians, the transparent ramblings of self-righteous religious pretenders, the oratory of warmongering money-grubbing government officials, and the unbounded pronouncements and musings of speechifying intellectuals. If your leaders are only talking about the problems and have nothing to show for their monologue, such as a genuine plan of action, an institution they have established to deal with the problems they decry, or a movement that will help you economically, you must not follow them. If you are serious, be a leader not a lemming.

Being stuck in a morass of political clap-trap is definitely not conducive to Black people making headway to being truly empowered. Unfortunately, we are swamped with the daily cacophony of political experts who cannot wait to make their points before another panelist is finished speaking, which ends up in a rhetorical free-for-all that results in no one's point being

heard. Why such emotion when it comes to an individual's support, or lack thereof, for a particular candidate? I guess it makes for good ratings.

Unless we change our political ways, it really won't matter who wins because Black people will continue to get nothing specific from any one of the candidates. Instead of us getting what is right, we will always get what is left; we will get leftovers, scraps, crumbs, from the tables of political aristocrats whom we created by putting them in office. The relative few oligarchies that rule over us will maintain their positions regardless of who the President is, and we will be the latest group that, having no bread to eat, is told to eat cake instead.

Getting what's right from the political system and those who write public policies requires action, work, sacrifice, and resolve. It will not happen simply because it ought to; it will only happen if we make it so. It will only happen if there is a price to pay by those in charge for not giving us what's right. The original Tea Partiers knew that when they tossed British tea into the Boston Harbor.

If we fail to organize a critical mass of Black consumers and voters, about one million or so, and leverage the collective power within such a group, we will never see the reality of reciprocity in the marketplace and quid pro quo in the public policy arena.

This is something that can and must be done, not by "all" Black people, which will never happen anyway, but by a relative committed few of us, in order to get what's right rather than what's left.

Settling for leftovers will keep us in a subservient position, begging for what we need but continuing to buy what we want, buying more than we sell and consuming much more than we produce. We will never build the leverage we must have in order to make a positive difference for our people.

So as we fight for what's right for Black people, as we seek reciprocity, fairness, justice, and empowerment, we must focus on us first, and make sure we do what we must for ourselves first. As we seek the largess of corporations with which we do business every day, and as we petition politicians for redress and repair in return for the centuries of mistreatment to which we have been subjected, we cannot afford to be reticent and complacent.

You may ask, "How do we achieve those things, Jim?" Well, as a friend of mine, Peter Block, titled one of his books, "The answer to 'how' is YES." We must agree to say yes. Not "yes we can" but "yes we will." We must be resolute in our demands and back up those demands with the power to reward and punish.

Our fight for reparations, for instance, gets diverted to the "How?" Let's make the

answer "Yes." In the past 200 years Blacks and Whites have advocated for reparatory justice for people of African descent; we must take up the gauntlet and make it a reality.

"For the first time in the history of relations between people, a precedent has been created by which a great State, as a result of 'moral pressure alone,' takes it upon itself to pay compensation to the victims of the government that preceded it. For the first time in the history of a people that has been persecuted, oppressed, plundered and despoiled for hundreds of years in the countries of Europe, a persecutor and despoiler has been obliged to return part of his spoils and has even undertaken to make collective reparation as partial compensation for material losses." David Ben-Gurion comments on German reparations for Jewish people.

"Moral pressure alone" is not enough for us to get what's right rather than what's left.

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RAINBOW COALITION

The shame of Milwaukee

(Via TriceEdney News Wire)

Now it is Milwaukee. On Saturday, a car with two African-American men was stopped for "suspicion." The men fled, the policeman pursued, and the driver, reportedly armed, was shot and killed.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

And Milwaukee exploded. Angry crowds confronted police, set fires, threw rocks. At least half a dozen businesses - including a grocery store, a gas station and an auto parts shop - were robbed or destroyed. The Saturday shooting was part of a weekend filled with violence in Milwaukee. Five people were shot and killed overnight Friday.

Milwaukee law mandates an investigation of any police shooting. Immediately, focus goes to the harsh relations between police and the community. But to understand the reaction to the shooting, it is necessary to go much deeper.

"This city is 'a powder keg,'" Ald. Khalif Rainey told The Washington Post. "This entire community has sat back and witnessed how Milwaukee, Wis., has become the worst place to live for African-Americans in the entire country. Now this is a warning cry. ... Do we contin-

ue - continue with the inequities, the injustice, the unemployment, the undereducation...? The black people of Milwaukee are tired. They're tired of living under this oppression. This is their existence. This is their life. This is the life of their children."

An exaggeration? An excuse for rioters? Inflated rhetoric? Consider Milwaukee's stark realities.

Milwaukee is the most segregated city in the United States. Black household income is the third lowest in the U.S. Its black poverty rate is the highest in the U.S.

These are figures presented in a haunting and damning 2015 report, "The Shame of Milwaukee: Race, Segregation and Inequality," by Marc V. Levine of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The data show a black population segregated into neighborhoods of concentrated poverty with declining prospects. Real black household income in 1979 was \$39,105; in 2013 it was \$27,438, a foul decline of nearly 30 percent. Household income for all races in Milwaukee has declined over the course of this century, but far worse for blacks and Hispanics than whites.

Nearly 40 percent of African-Americans are in poverty, up from 27 percent in 1969. Nearly 40 percent of African-Americans in the core working age (25-54) are

unemployed. This is in stunning contrast to the 15.2 percent black unemployment rate in 1970. For males aged 20-24, the beginning of a work life, over two-thirds of blacks are unemployed - 68.4 percent - a staggering increase from 25.3 percent in 1970.

Schools are doubly segregated by race and by poverty. Seventy-one percent of black students attend "hyper-segregated schools" - those in which at least 9 of 10 students are minority. Nearly half of all black students go to schools with 90 percent poverty rates.

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King launched the modern civil rights movement in Birmingham, Ala., saying, "Birmingham is probably the most thoroughly segregated city in the United States. I am in Birmingham because injustice is here."

Well, the injustice is worse in modern Milwaukee than it was in segregated Birmingham. Black poverty, unemployment and impoverished neighborhoods are all worse. The percentage of blacks attending hyper-segregated schools in today's Milwaukee is far worse than the Jim Crow schools of Birmingham (71 percent to 56 percent).

This is, as Ald. Rainey stated, a powder keg. Police are tasked with "keeping order." That is like trying to stop a seething volcano from exploding by suppressing the

gases coming out the top. Even doing that skillfully won't work.

Milwaukee is not the worst. Black income has plummeted more in Cleveland and Detroit. School segregation is worse in New York and Chicago. Violence stalks the mean streets of impoverished urban neighborhoods across the country.

And this obscene injustice gets worse with no action and little notice. The poor, the New York Times reports, are barely mentioned by either presidential candidate. And they are largely ignored by the media. On Saturday and Sunday, riots occurred in Milwaukee, a major American city. That didn't make front page of the Monday New York Times, which led with stories above the fold about a Trump adviser, liberal worries about Hillary Clinton and malaria in Venezuela.

In Birmingham, Dr. King's cry against the injustice of segregation touched the conscience of concerned citizens across the country. Will anyone hear the cry of the north side of Milwaukee, or the south side of Chicago? Or will our cities have to explode before action replaces neglect?

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CHILDWATCH

Children of color need to see themselves in books

(Via George Curry Media)

Do your children love the books on their summer reading lists? Are your children reading about diverse cultures and books that reflect their experience or history? Children of color are now a majority of all public school students and will soon be a majority of all children in America yet children's books and the publishing industry have failed to keep up with the rainbow of our children's faces and cultures and needs.



Marian W. Edelman

Children of color need to be able to see themselves in the books they read. Just as importantly, all children need to be exposed to a wide range of books that reflect the true diversity of our nation and world as they really are. Doreen Rappaport writes fiction and non-fiction that celebrate diverse histories and biographies such as her Caldecott Medal winner Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. illustrated by Bryan Collier. Her curiosity about one kind of untold story left her wanting to know more and more: "I got into it because when I was a teenager there were no books about women. Maybe there was Eleanor Roosevelt and Jane Adams - those were the only two books. There wasn't much of a place for young girls with a curiosity, and maybe even an ambition, and actually we were told not to be ambitious."

Author and illustrator Don Brown started out on the very same hunt as Doreen Rappaport: "I had two little girls, and I wanted to read to them stories about real women who were brave and heroic. I couldn't find books like that." He too decided to write his own, and has since written more than two dozen books on famous and less well known historical figures and events. His latest graphic nonfiction book, Drowned City, is about Hurricane Katrina.

Poet and author Carole Boston Weatherford approaches history from another angle: she said she "mine[s] the past for family stories, fading traditions, and forgotten struggles" in order to help fill in the gaps of the stories being told. Many of her books are based on historical events spanning the African American experience from slavery through the Civil Rights Movement, and she said children are often amazed to learn the stories she writes about are true: "It never fails, one of the first questions is, 'Did that really happen?' Well, you know, that's exactly the reaction that I want from the kids - because they can't fathom that some of the inhumanities and injustices that were part of legalized segregation and part of America's history of institutionalized racism really happened."

Rita Williams-Garcia has won numerous awards for her historical fiction trilogy that begins with the Newbery Honor novel One Crazy Summer - she began telling stories that were very deliberately not historical. She was writing contemporary fiction about girls like herself whom she had never seen in novels, and the girls in her audience responded with an immediate hunger for more. "My first novel had just been published, and I went out to a library in Long Island, and it was nothing but angry girls . . . 'Don't write about slavery, don't write about the water fountains and the civil rights . . . I want you to follow this girl and then write about her friend.' They wanted to see - they were saying, 'I need to see myself in the here and now.'"

Jason Reynolds, the author of When I Was the Greatest, The Boy in the Black Suit, and All American Boys, shared similar feelings. When he was in school no one ever showed him books that featured his voice or story, and so he didn't like to read at all. He now very deliberately writes books for other young people: "Right now what we see in our communities, we see that the young people of color are hyper-visible, yet terribly invisible at the same time, and that puts them in a really complicated spot, and I think all I really want to do is say, 'I see you.'" He added: "This doesn't have to be your entire literary lineage. What this is, is your springboard into the world of letters . . . Show them them first. Then you can give them Shakespeare, you can give them Harper Lee, we can run the gamut of things we can give them - but let's give them them, and then we can move out. That's my personal opinion."

Children everywhere thrive when they see excellent books that give them them and open up their worlds to all kinds of excellent stories about others.

We should seek out diverse books for all children - for summer reading, in school curricula, at library story times, bedtime, and all the time. Are you seeking out books like these for your children and grandchildren? How well are schools and libraries in your community doing in providing them? Find out and ask for more.

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male problem. Just as "free" humans were snatched from Africa and psychologically conditioned to be slaves, the historical construct between males and females has conditioned many women to accept and embrace the second-class citizenship that is the norm. For reasons not understood by me, many women are willing to accept disparate treatment - not only for themselves, but for my like-minded sisters and me who are willing to accept nothing less than full equality.

By telling the truth about some of my sisters, I do not excuse the reasoning or behavior of my brothers. I understand the male-dominant core values that many men protect and defend, and the manner of relationship they wish to establish with their significant others. I DO NOT understand or accept their obsession and compul-

sion with demanding that ALL male-female relationships conform to their own individual core values.

Within limits, what is done in one's home is of no concern to others, but the demands of civility and citizenship require one to treat their counterparts with dignity and respect outside of the home.

I find it inconceivable that any parent, child or loved-one could support anything less than full gender equality. How can a father or mother accept lesser social opportunities and outcomes for a daughter than for a son? What reasoning supports less pay for comparable work? What logic defines a society that permits the talents of anyone to be squandered merely because of gender?

Supporting equal rights is simple. All we've got to do is really think about it!

Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women. 202-678-6788. www.nationalcongressbw.org.

New Hanover County

Calling local student dancers to audition to perform side-by-side with the professional company in Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker in Wilmington! Moscow Ballet Soloist and Audition Director Lana Popova will conduct auditions Tues, Sept 6, 3:00pm at Moscow Ballet's local Host Dance Studio Wilmington School of Ballet and Dance located at 22 Shipyard Blvd, Wilmington, NC 28403 to audition dance students from the area. Student dancers, boys and girls, ages 7 to 17 years, and who have at least one year of ballet training, may audition for ancillary roles such as Party Children, Mice, Snowflakes, Angels and more. The auditions are free, there may be a casting fee. The selected children will perform in the Great Russian Nutcracker November 22nd at UNC Wilmington Kenan Auditorium. Sign up to audition today at www.nutcracker.com/youth-auditions. Performance tickets are at www.nutcracker.com.

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 Williston Senior High Class of '61 will have its August monthly meeting on Sunday, August 28th (Fourth Sunday) at Mount Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall (1001 S. 7th Street) at 4:00 pm. The focus will be on wrapping up the planning for our reunion to celebrate the 55th anniversary of our graduation. All graduates are invited to participate in the meeting, as well as others who were "on track" with us at Williston but graduated from somewhere else. The reunion will begin on September 3rd - just 5 days after the meeting. Also, they extend a special invitation to out-of-town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 28th.

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.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 885 (Wilmington) will hold a golf tournament on Saturday, September 17th at Olde Point Golf & Country Club, Hampstead, NC. This is the first golf tournament. The purpose of the tournament is to raise funds to benefit their Veteran's Outreach Program. Please visit vvachapter885.org for details of the tournament and how to send in an application to register.

Columbus County

The Town of Sandyfield will hold its 19th Annual Parade and Fun Day Celebration on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 11:00 am. The parade line up will begin at 10:00 am at the intersection of Hoover Road and Bowen-Blanks Drive. The Fun Day will continue at Sandyfield Town Park located at 1811 Woodyard Road, Riegelwood. There will be food, games, bounce houses, water slides, vendors, and more. Please contact the Town of Sandyfield for additional information, (910) 655-9877.

Greene County

The descendants of Daniel and Susan (Keiter) Beam will on The Beam Family Reunion to be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 18th at the family farm barn of Joe and Mona Beam, 2910 Henville Rd. For more information call Kent Beam at 937-372-0215 or Helen Beam Wickline at 937-2461.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

There are many good people living in our country today!

We will only move our country forward if we talk and listen to each other in a respectful manner. We must have more love and brotherhood in this nation. If we all had more love for one another, we could find more peace of mind. If we could enjoy more love and peace of mind, our surroundings would, no doubt, be more comfortable.

We all must work for love and brotherhood so that the confusion and hate are experiencing will not last forever. What has been missing is more love and respect for leadership in our country and

every school in the state. Some

Schools are opening again in Brunswick County very shortly. It looks like we are not saving our future generations. Brunswick County Schools could receive less financial assistance this year than before, and there could be even more cuts again next year. It's been said over and over again that schools are hurting because they don't have enough resources. This must be changed if we

Many parents do not want their children to attend the public schools in Brunswick County. The less money we receive for education, the more we hurt all our children. Today, more charter schools are being established, and they are financially supported. The charter school is a private school for the upper class. More up to date technology is needed in

teachers spend their own money to buy classroom supplies. Children of the poor struggling families that have lost their jobs and homes have a tougher time at home and in schools. Many times, their parents have to choose between paying rent and buying food for their hungry children. These children will need special help at school and special help in order for them even attend school daily.

This is a crucial juncture in the history of America because of this very special election year. The Presidential candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, need to be examined very closely. There is so much that we all, particularly our young people need to understand. I believe our young are listening and paying more

attention to the news today and studying more carefully the political process. They may be paying more attention than we think.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for *The Wilmington Journal* and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

PEOPLE'S CLINIC

Understanding arthritis

One of the most common health conditions is arthritis, but did you know that there are different types of arthritis? According to the Arthritis Foundation, more than 50 million adults have arthritis, and arthritis is more common among women and occurs more often as we age. Read on to learn more about two common types of arthritis.

What is arthritis?

Arthritis is not a single disease, but a general term for inflammation in a joint, and refers to more than 100 types of arthritis and related health conditions. Our joints are where two bones meet and inflammation means any condition that causes pain, swelling, warmth and redness. There are several different types of arthritis; the most common type is osteoarthritis. When your doctor says you have arthritis, it is important to ask "what kind of arthritis do I have" to be help you understand what may be the course of your condition and the best treatments.

What is osteoarthritis and what are the symptoms?

Normally, we have a cushion between our joints made of cartilage. Cartilage is a firm type of tissue, but it is softer and more flexible than bones. Over time, this cushion of cartilage can wear down, which causes the bones to rub against each other. This leads to pain and swelling. Osteoarthritis is when there is a thinning or wearing down of the cartilage in a joint, often

resulting in pain. Osteoarthritis commonly affects the knees, hips, back, and hands. Symptoms can vary depending on the joint involved. If the knee has osteoarthritis, pain is typically worse with standing and walking, especially walking up and down stairs. If osteoarthritis is in the hands, pain is typically brought on with using the hands, such as squeezing, gripping, and cleaning. Osteoarthritis is typically aggravated by movement and relieved with rest.

What is rheumatoid arthritis?

Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease. We all have an immune system that helps us fight off infections. Sometimes, our immune system can start attacking our joints, for reasons we don't quite understand yet, causing pain and swelling. Rheumatoid arthritis occurs when our immune system attacks our own joints.

What is the difference between osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis?

Osteoarthritis is not an autoimmune disease and rheumatoid arthritis is. Osteoarthritis tends to occur with aging, whereas rheumatoid arthritis can occur at any age (even children!). So the treatments are different for these 2 types of arthritis as well. Rheumatoid arthritis requires medications that calm down the immune system, osteoarthritis treatment focuses on treating and controlling the symptoms - reducing inflammation and pain so that you can function better.

How are osteoarthritis

and rheumatoid arthritis diagnosed?

If your primary care provider is concerned you have arthritis, and recommends further evaluation to determine your diagnosis, the type of specialist you will likely see is a Rheumatologist.

An evaluation by a physician is necessary to diagnose rheumatoid arthritis, which includes a physical exam, blood work and possibly x-rays. Symptoms alone are not always enough to make a diagnosis. But some possible symptoms include stiffness in the morning, fatigue, joint pain and swelling, which often involves both sides of your body.

What treatments are available?

The most important treatment for osteoarthritis is weight loss and exercise, not a pill! By maintaining a healthy weight, there is less pressure on the joints. Also, by keeping your muscles strong, including thigh, hip and back muscles, we can keep our joints stable. Unstable joints lead to wearing down of the cartilage as well. So a joint that is stable and less pressured is the main treatment, which involves controlling weight and exercise.

Medications that can be used include NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), such as ibuprofen, naproxen, meloxicam, diclofenac etc. But there is no medication that will treat the underlying cause of osteoarthritis. The medication is only for temporary pain relief, the pain will return once the medication

wears off. Acetaminophen is also an option for pain relief, which has fewer side effects than NSAIDs but may not be as effective for pain relief. Other possible pain relieving measures include injection of steroids into the affected joint. If these treatments become less effective over time, you and your provider may discuss joint replacement.

For rheumatoid arthritis, medications called disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) are often used to slow progression of the disease. Other medications used are called biologic agents, which work to block the immune system in the ways that are causing the joint damage.

With any type of medical treatment/medications, there is always a chance of side effects. Some common side effects of NSAIDs to keep in mind include abdominal pain, raised blood pressure, increased bleeding, and damage to kidneys. Allergic reactions can also occur, which may involve itching, swelling, and/or rashes. Everyone is different so it is essential to talk to your doctor about the best treatment(s) for you.

Do you need more information? Check out the Arthritis Foundation at <http://www.arthritis.org/> and the American College of Rheumatology at <http://www.rheumatology.org/>.

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

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Mr. Leon (Killer) Montgomery, Jr.

Mr. Leon Montgomery, Jr. was born on September 21, 1951 in Wilmington, NC to the late Leon & Maggie Montgomery. He departed this earthly life on Monday, August 15, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister and a nephew.

Left to cherish his memories are his sister Mrs. Bettye A. Hooper (Elder David Hooper) of Leland, NC; Nieces; Andrea Barnett (Joe) of Leland, NC, Kimberly Montgomery of Allentown, PA; Nephews: Pastor Kevin Hooper of Leland, NC, Issac Montgomery of Detroit, MI; aunts: Loubell McDowell of Lynchburg, SC, Gertie Woods of Baltimore, MD, Mae McCray of Florence, SC and his best friend Kenny Daniels. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Mr. Terah Carlton Mitchell, Jr.

Terah Carlton Mitchell, Jr. "Terry" as he was affectionately known was born January 29, 1968 in Honolulu Hawaii to the late Terah Carlton Mitchell, Sr., and Shirley Mae Mitchell. Terry was called home on August 11, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his father Terah Carlton Mitchell, Sr. and brothers Charles Alvin Mitchell, Wayne Cornelius Mitchell and John Raymond Green, Jr.

Because of his father's active military career, Terry was raised in various parts of the world. Once the family settled in Wilmington, NC, Terry graduated from Hoggard High School.

Terry had a heart big enough to love many, and arms strong enough to hold them all at once. When it comes to footprints in the heart, Terry left many.

He leaves to cherish fond

memories: his children, Byron Little, Valiecia Wade Lil Gary, Shiralay Wade (Terri), Tita Kelly, Nasia Thompson, Charles Mitchell, Jurniee Montgomery, Kendall McClammy and Ta'Niya Crumbley; His siblings Gwen Pellom, Teresa Lewis(Olan), Gregory Evams, Tyrone Green, Marvin Green(Edwina), Falisha Green, Regina Mitchell and Teresa Green; Special cousins Tracy Jackson, Wilbert Jackson and Penny Jackson, who were more like siblings, and a host of aunts, uncles and other loved relatives and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Roderick Jinwright

Roderick Jinwright died August 10, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Roderick Demetrius Jinwright was born on December 22, 1986 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Roger "Ricky" Davis and the late Barbara Darlene Jinwright. Roderick was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Samuel and Joenita Jinwright, and his paternal grandparents, Macio and Dorothy Davis. Roderick was educated in the New Hanover County School System and attended John T. Hoggard High School. He was employed at Checkers as a short order cook and exhibited himself as a very hard worker. Roderick enjoyed music, rapping and was an avid sports enthusiast. He was also known for his unique attire and always being respectful of others. As a young child, Roderick received his Christian foundation at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in the Wrightsville Sound Community and with the direc-

tion of his Christian family.

Roderick leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Kashsi Jinwright Allen and Zai-ayr Hakeem Jinwright; his father, Roger Davis of the home; one sister, Altea Jinwright Wilson (Eric), Huntersville, NC; eight uncles, Samuel Jinwright, Jr. of Brooklyn, NY, Alonzo Jinwright (Shirley) of Matthews, NC, Andrew Jinwright (Barbara) of Brooklyn, NY, James Bennett of Alberdeen, MD, Bishop Anthony L. Jinwright (Harriet) of Charlotte, NC, and James Jinwright, E. Raymond Davis (Johnsie) and Michael Davis all of Wilmington, NC; five aunts, Juanita Murphy of Lawrenceville, GA, Pamela Jinwright of Matthews, NC, Bettie Rogers of Chapel Hill, NC, Joselia Davis of Wilmington, NC, and Melvinia Robinson of Biloxi, MS; one great-uncle, Rev. Aaron Moore (Anna); one great-aunt, Gladys Nixon; two special cousins and main confidants, Tyron Murphy and Venetrice Samuels; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Etta Hamilton

Etta Hamilton died Sunday, August 14th at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Etta was born April 14, 1952 in Burgaw, North Carolina to the late Elijah Holt and the late Ruth London Nichols. Etta married the late George Hamilton in 1974 and that union was blessed with one daughter. Etta attended school in Pender County and graduated from CF Pope High School in 1970. After high school graduation, Etta moved to New York. In the early 1970's, Etta developed a life long illness that brought her back to North Carolina to live. She enjoyed taking care of others, especially children. She was a faithful daughter, sister, mother, and friend to all. Her heart was moved and overjoyed by her

love for seafood, especially fish. Etta was a devoted member of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. She was happy serving others and while doing so, she gained great joy ushering with a smile and heartfelt love for everyone she met. At Mt. Calvary she was involved with the Senior Usher Board, Youth Usher Board, Daughters of Zion, Vacation Bible School Committee and the Kitchen Committee.

In addition to her parents, Etta was preceded in death by her brothers, Roy Swinson, Al Holt and Chester Holt; brothers-in-law, Joseph Williams and Harry Lee Hamilton; sister-in-law, Helen Parker; and nephew, Griffin Johnson. Etta is survived by her daughter, Tiffany Nicole Noble and Terry, her loving and devoted son-in-law of Wilmington, NC; granddaughter, Terriana Nicole Noble; sisters, Vivian London Prescott (John), Geneva Williams and Victoria Holt; sisters-in-law, Ruby Mae Green (Robert), Doris Bowden, Barbara Bowden and Annie Swinson; one aunt, Odell Miller a special cousin, Janice Faison; Best friends, Beverly Noble, Margaret Johnson, Janie James and the Noble sisters, Marcia and Virginia; very special, devoted and loving people



Elizabeth Hooper
August 26, 1946

Happy 70th birthday mom, you're now home with your heavenly Father!
Love,
Balinda, kids and great grands

Mom you were a special friend. You were a friend that stood out till the very end. You always taught me right from wrong. To stand up tall and be strong. I know for a fact you're in a better place in heaven. One day soon me and you, will be together forever.
Love you always,
Your daughter Yolonda
Happy 70th birthday

Dear Mom:
it has been so many years since you have been gone but never forgotten. I thank God for a wonderful mother. No woman alive could ever take your place. So much has changed since you been gone. I want to thank you for showing me how to be a man. Your only son and the best gift of all you taught me was about Jesus, the real love of all. I know you're in Heaven, so much love in paradise, the Golden Gates of heaven. We will be together again.
Your son
Terry L. Hooper
Happy Birthday

who were there for Etta, Keisha, Destiny, Amayne', Anka, Maamah, Nina, Asha, and Aaiden; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Infant Kaden Evans

Infant Kaden Evans son of Kenyetta Pollock and Tore' Evans died August 11, 2016.

Card of Thanks



The family of **Roderick Demetrius Jinwright** would like to thank everyone for all acts of kindness extended to them during their bereavement. They extend a special thank you to Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church and St. Matthew AME Church.
Father, Roger "Ricky" Davis and Uncle Michael Davis

Happy Birthday



Dolly Elizabeth Holmes
8/24/56 - 6/3/2009

We want to wish our guardian angel a happy birthday, although you may not be here to celebrate with us, your beautiful spirit is within us. We may shed a few tears and wish you were here but we have too many great memories with you to keep us down. When we think of you, we remember your beautiful smile.
You were always full of happiness, joy, and love. These were the things you always shared and made sure that you gave your loved ones enough of. You were so inspiring and greatly admired with love, respect, and honor. You will always be the loving mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and wonderful role model that everyone loved. We truly miss you this day and every day.
Until we meet again may you rest in peace and continue to watch over us, our guardian angel.
Love always,
The family

Graveside services were held Thursday, August 18th at Greenlawn Memorial Park. A

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In Memoriam Of



Mr. John David McClean, Sr.
Sunrise: March 7, 1909
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Memories Live On

CHILDREN DO NOT REALIZE

As children, we can't comprehend or fully realize
The meaning of our father's love,
how tender and how wise,
His patience and his guidance,
his helpful, caring ways,
The special, thoughtful things he did
to brighten up the days.
Years go by before we know
the depth of his concern,
The love in his protectiveness-
it takes so long to learn...
But as we grow, we understand,
for we look back and see,
Through older eyes and wiser hearts,
his love and loyalty.
It's these and many other things
that made him grow more dear,
More admired and more appreciated
with every passing year.
With special thoughts,
and loving pride-----
because you were you.
I love you Daddy
Daughter, Marguerite McClean Grantham, McClean children and grandchildren
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Jennifer A. Terrell & Javoke S. Terrell

Chords Across America Gospel Ministries, 1020 Rankin St., will hold a Sunday evening service on Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 pm with Pastor Pearl Marshburn of The Soul Saving Station.



Religious Briefs

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 S. 10th St., will hold their annual revival from Wednesday, August 24th - Friday, August 26th at 7:00 pm nightly. Revival speaker will be Rev. Joseph Clark of Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Bellville, NC.

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their Pastor and Lady Taylor's Appreciation on Friday, August 26th at 7:00 pm with guest Pastor James Malloy of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; Saturday, August 27th at 6:00 pm with guests, The Howard Family, life Changing Ministry Praise Team and Myrtle Grove Men's Choir and others and on Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 pm with guest Bishop Tommy Nesbitt of Christian Hope Christian Church. For more information please call 910-200-4648.

St. James AME Church, 3425 Castle Hayne Rd., will hold a three day Revival September 7th, 8th, and 9th at 7:00 pm nightly. The preacher will be Rev. Stephen Bradley. For more information call 9106759755 or e-mail the church stjamesame5172@bellsouth.com

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Grace St., will be holding their Free Brown Bag Lunch Series on August 13th, August 27th, September 24, October 8th, October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th (Thanksgiving Dinner 11:30 am- 2:00 pm) and December 3rd from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

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.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church clothes closet will be open Saturday, August 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The food pantry, "From His Table to Yours" will be open as well 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Personal identifications and transportation is required. No fees are involved in either ministry. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

Brunswick County

Moore's Chapel AMEZ, 1490 Village Rd., will be having a Musical Program September 11th at 3:00 pm.

St. James AMEZ Church, 407 E. West St., Southport, will hold their 150th celebration, "Celebrating Our Legacy and Future" on Sunday, August 28th at 11:00 am and at 3:00 pm with guest Presiding Elder of the Cape Fear Conference, Rev. Alexander Jones, Sr. St. Luke AMEZ Church Choir will provide the music. Dinner will follow the morning service.

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TELL SOMEBODY

"A Clarion Call For Prayer"

God is calling his people to a lifestyle and a lifetime of prayer. Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." He knows all about our trials and our struggles; and he does not want us to worry about a thing! Yes, he knows about our frustrations that come with trying to fix a failing economy; and in the midst of it all, he is ready, willing, and able to hear and answer our call.



Sylvia Hooper

Our nation and world problems are too enormous for one man, be he the President of the United States, or the Prime Minister of England. Kings and queens should bow before God in prayer, seeking wisdom and guidance to bless and ben-

efit the people they lead. Yes, things are bad, but we are not without HOPE. If it's going to be done, God is going to have to do it! "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37 says, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

As God's people, we realize that though we are in the world, we are not of this world, and we have a responsibility to be a part of the solution, not just the "problem." Our job is to live a life that is pleasing to His sight, and to pray until something happens! As a nation, without prayer we are powerless to survive, and cannot defeat our enemies. On the other hand, prayer changes things! Somebody's got to Pray!

If My People

"But know that the Lord has set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him." Psalm 4:3 Psalm 107:2, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." We have a responsibility to rally to the call of God upon us to

intercede in prayer for the needs of our nation and world.

Which Are Called By My Name

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." I Peter 2:9, Our calling is high, holy, and heavenly! We were called out of darkness to do his will and to walk in the light of his Word. We were called according to his purpose, to do his will on earth as it is in heaven. (Romans 8:28)

Shall Humble Themselves and Pray

James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Humility in prayer prepares us to be in the presence of the Lord. Isaiah 57:15b, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

And Seek My Face

"Seek ye the Lord, while he

may be found, call ye upon him while he is near...Isaiah 55:6 "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 This is a promise of God, which will not fail, and which cannot lie. God said it. That settles it!

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!

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Funeral Home.

Annie Brinkley

Annie Brinkley died Thursday at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church.

Annie Marie Brinkley was born on July 13, 1929, to the late Charlie Gaines Brinkley and Annie Maggie Solomon Brinkley, in Enfield, North Carolina. Annie graduated from Eastman High School in Enfield, North Carolina in 1946. After graduation she joined her family in Wilmington, North Carolina. Using her FCC License, she worked as a dispatcher for Greyhound Taxi Service. In 1964, she filed the first lawsuit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts in New Hanover County, won her case and was hired by A&P Tea Company (Grocery

Store) as the first black cashier. She went on to work for Red & White Grocery where she filed and won an age and race discrimination case for her and other black workers at Red & White. Later in life, Ms. Annie attended and received a certificate from Cape Fear Technical Institute for Nurse's Assistant. She spent many years taking special care of her mother. Annie loved her family and her family had a special love for her. Many family gatherings were held at her home and many delicious meals were enjoyed and good times were had by all. She was the matriarch of the Brinkley Family and everyone enjoyed being around Ms. Annie, "Sunshine," "Foxy Brown," "Auntie," and other loving nicknames given to her by her nieces and nephews. Annie had a humble, sweet spirit and was loved by everyone who passed her way. She was very well-known for her fashionista style. After a long illness, Ms.

Annie joined her mother, father, siblings, and other family members around God's throne. Annie leaves to cherish her memories: a loving daughter, Gloria Brinkley-Caldwell and a supportive son-in-law, Leroy Caldwell of the home; two special daughters, Lois B. Taylor (Ron) of Raleigh, NC and Joeann Taylor (Leon) of Spartanburg, SC; a granddaughter, Denise and great-granddaughter, Seyei; two sisters, Nannie Mapson of Wilmington, NC and Dorothy Waring (Alvin) of Washington, DC; one brother, Albert Brinkley (Sylvia) of Charleston, SC; cousins, "Tee", Pauline, Arcelia, Mattie Mo, "Squirrel" and Curtis; a special niece, Joselia Davis; a life-long caregiver, L'Angel Johnson; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including special friends, Wilhelmenia Rogers, Marguerite Burnett, Emily Deshea and Virginia Foy. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Rosa Leak

Rosa Leak died Friday at her residence. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Queen E. Watkins

Queen E. Watkins died Sunday at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am on Friday, August 26, 2016 at Union MB Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Annie James

Annie James died Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

TO BE EQUAL

Hillary Clinton stands on the shoulders of Shirley Chisholm

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "Women in this country must become revolutionaries. We must refuse to accept the old, the traditional roles and stereotypes...We must replace the old, negative thoughts about our femininity with positive thoughts and positive action affirming it, and more. But we must also remember that we will be breaking with tradition, and so we must prepare ourselves educationally, economically, and psychologically in order that we will be able to accept and bear with the sanctions that society will immediately impose upon us." - Shirley Chisholm

The nation has marked the historic occasion of the first woman in American history to win the Presidential nomination for a major political party. While Hillary Clinton has come further than any woman Presidential candidate, she is not the first. Victoria Woodhull ran as the candidate for the Equal Rights Party in 1872. Margaret Chase Smith challenged Barry Goldwater for the Republican nomination in 1964. More recently, Pat Schroeder in 1988 and Carol Moseley Braun in 2004 vied for the Democratic nomination.

But the most historically significant forerunner to Hillary Clinton was Shirley Chisholm, the Brooklyn-born trailblazer who was also the nation's first African-American Congresswoman.

The daughter of working-class immigrants from the Caribbean, Chisholm became interested in politics while serving as the director of a child day care center and an educational consultant for the New York City Division of Day Care. She served three years as a New York State Assemblywoman before running for Congress in 1968 with

the slogan "Unbought and unbossed".

"My greatest political asset," Chisholm said, "which professional politicians fear, is my mouth, out of which come all kinds of things one shouldn't always discuss for reasons of political expediency."

Chisholm hired only women for her staff, half of whom were African-Americans. "Of my two handicaps, being female put many more obstacles in my path than being Black," she said.

She announced her candidacy for President at a Baptist church in Brooklyn. In an article about her candidacy, the Associated Press wrote, "Ironically, her major headache seems to come from Black politicians."

"They think that I am trying to take power away from them," she said. "The Black man must step forward. But that doesn't mean the Black woman must step back."

"While they're rapping and snapping, I'm mapping," she said.

She competed in 14 states, winning 28 delegates to the convention. As a symbolic gesture, candidate Hubert Humphrey released his 83 Black delegates to cast their votes for Chisholm. With the votes of several other delegates at that contentious convention, Chisholm finished fourth in a field of 13, with 152 delegates.

It is hard to imagine, in this era of sharp division in politics, the remarkable moment during that campaign when she visited her segregationist rival, Alabama Governor George Wallace, in his hospital room after he was shot and wounded. "What are your people going to say?" he asked her. "I know what they are going to say," she said. "But I wouldn't want what happened to you to



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Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm announcing her candidacy for presidential nomination in 1972.

happen to anyone." She recalled that her words moved him to tears.

Chisholm retired from Congress in 1982 and remained an outspoken activist for civil rights until her death in 2005.

It would be difficult to overestimate the impact and influence of Chisholm's Congressional service and Presidential candidacy. While Congress remains disproportionately white and male, one-in-five members of the current House and Senate are a racial or ethnic minority, making the 114th Congress the most diverse in history. The nation's first African-American President is winding up his sec-

ond term, and a woman - a former senator and Secretary of State - has just won the Democratic nomination for President.

In her acclaimed speech on the Equal Rights Amendment in 1970, Chisholm said, "The Constitution they wrote was designed to protect the rights of white, male citizens. As there were no Black Founding Fathers, there were no founding mothers - a great pity, on both counts. It is not too late to complete the work they left undone. Today, here, we should start to do so."

Marc H. Morial is president/CEO of the National Urban League.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carroll King** (16-E-697), late of 4639 McClelland Drive, Q103, 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 **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 2nd day of August, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Carroll King
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John L. Bate**, 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 **18th 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 18th day of August, 2016

Karen G. Bate, Executrix of the Estate of John L. Bate
1812 Trey Court
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Roy Houston Hobbs**, 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 **18th 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 18th day of August, 2016

Melodee H. Wayne and Leigh H. Murray, Executrix of the Estate of Roy Houston Hobbs
701 Wellstown Rd.
Teachey, NC 28464
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2016

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, August 31st at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Penny Bray at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

August 25, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Betty Schupp** (16-E-1102), late of 2831 Myrtle Grove Road, 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 18, 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 10th day of August, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Betty Schupp
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Darrel Smith Deceased.

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Darrel Smith**, late of 4507 Split Rail Drive, Wilmington, 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 616 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, on or before the **2nd day of October, 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 28th day of July, 2016

Barbara A. Fitzsimmons, Personal Representative of the Estate of Darrel Smith
Russell D. Nugent, Attorney
616 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-332-0721

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contracts DA00309-Stone & Elevated Walkway. Construction in Dare Co. bidding on 9/7/16. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 8/29/16 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?lettype+1>. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **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
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Maria Dela Luz Patino**, 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 **18th 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 18th day of August, 2016

Maria G. Patino, Administrator
Po Box 367962
Bonita Springs, FL 34136

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In Re The Estate of NORBERT ARCHULETA, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **NORBERT ARCHULETA**, 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 **11/14/2016** -- or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, August 11, 2016.

Phyllis Archuleta and Rebecca Kopf, Personal Representative
c/o The Law Office of Jason Vaughn, PLLC
by Jason Vaughn,
Attorney for the Personal Representative
4932 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403-5264

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alexander Sloan, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th 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 11th day of August, 2016

Alexander Sloan III, Executor
105 Edgewater Club Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Susan Blanton Johnson**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th 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 11th day of August, 2016

Wiley C. Johnson, Administrator
5010 Birds View Ct.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 91, 92

IN THE MATTER OF:
O.S.H. (DOB: 12/21/2010)
S.J.H. (DOB: 1/24/2010)

TO: RESPONDENT:
LAQUINN HINES, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF TWO MALE CHILDREN BORN IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO KIMBERLY BOOKER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.
You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following August 25, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent you in this matter and can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, 910-343-5415 or Alexis.C.Perkins@nccourts.org.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR October 10, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of August, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
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