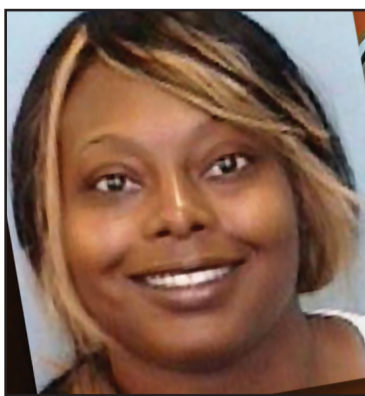


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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BERNEST HEWETT

FONDLY REMEMBERING MRS. CORRINE HANKINS HEWETT

BY BERNEST HEWETT
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, we mourn the passing of Mrs. Corrine Hewett, one of Brunswick County Schools' most dedicated retired employees. We cherish the memory of this great lady as a bus driver, child nutrition assistant, and a teacher assistant. She was known and respected throughout the community by many

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Would Blacks benefit from nonpartisan voting map?

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On Monday, several retired state Supreme Court justices and judges - coled by former Chief Justice Henry Frye of Greensboro - along with the nonpartisan advocacy group, Common Cause, released their simulated version of what a nonpartisan Congressional map of North Carolina could look like if state lawmakers stopped using redistricting for partisan advantage.

The result - the 13 congressional districts were fairer, and more competitive.

In the simulation, Mecklenburg constitutes the 13th District. In the latest legislative rendering, Mecklenburg is the Twelfth.

If state lawmakers employed the nonpartisan approach to redrawing all thirteen voting districts for 2020, when the next redistricting is scheduled, not only would NC's congressional districts be constitutional, but African-American voters would still be able to elect black representation to Congress not only from the First and Thirteenth Districts (which are cov-

ered by the 1965 Voting Rights Act), but possibly also the Fourth District as well, says Bob Phillips, executive director of Common Cause.

And that's because all three congressional districts, which would be predominantly Democratic, would produce black-white coalitions of voters that could readily elect an African-American to Congress.

It could be done, Phillips says, if the state legislature would adopt a nonpartisan redistricting commission to draw the maps.

Members of both parties have expressed interest in establishing such

a panel in the past, but the lure of controlling the redistricting process exclusively for partisan goals has always won out in the end.

Several weeks ago, the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the 2011 NC Congressional maps, drawn by the Republican-led NC General Assembly, to be unconstitutional because the First and Twelfth districts were drawn to "stack and pack" black voters, meaning that they were moved out of swing districts in order to give white Republicans a better chance of win-



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PETITION FOR JUSTICE:



LENNON LACY

FILE PHOTO

REOPEN LENNON LACY CASE

Two months after the Federal Bureau of Investigation closed its probe of the Lennon Lacy hanging case, the latest in a series of online petitions is being circulated to reopen the investigation.

A group called "Tools for Change" started the petition earlier this week, saying that Lacy's family deserves answers. Thus far, approximately 500 people have signed the online petition (<https://www.change.org/p/fbi-reopen-the-investigation-in-the-death-of-lennon-lacy>). It is the latest seeking support since the case was closed.

Lacy was a 17-year-old black youth whose body was suspiciously found hanging from an outdoor swing set

August 29, 2014 in the Bladen County town of Bladenboro. According to family members, he was last seen the night before in good spirits because his high school football team was to begin its season the following day.

But when Lacy's body was found, he was not wearing his sneakers, but someone else's. Many people point to that fact as proof that the young man was murdered, and did not commit suicide as local police, and eventually the FBI maintained.

The NC NAACP joined with Lennon Lacy's family in

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CHRISTINA LOGAN

Christina Logan aids students in transition to college

BY VENITA JENKINS
 CONTENT AND COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

Christina Logan aids students in transition to college

Christina Logan provides the bridge for new Seahawks' passage from first-year student to college graduate. It's a task she finds edifying.

"It's rewarding to be part of this life-changing year and to have a small part of the experience," said Logan, the new director of Transition Programs.

Logan oversees the coordination of new student orientation and programs designed to aid new students in their transition to UNCW. She's also responsible for convocation, Family & Alumni Weekend and commencement.

"It's exciting to witness the excitement of new students coming into UNCW and graduating students leaving the university. It's an honor to have a

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Sean Palmer sees great potential for the Upperman Center

BY VENITA JENKINS
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Sean Palmer knew there was something special about Upperman African American Cultural Center, and that he wanted to be a part of it.

"The center seems to have all the right bones in place to be a powerhouse," said Palmer, who joined UNCW in May as the center's new director.

The center's strong foundation wasn't the only selling point for Palmer. Chief Diversity Officer Kent Guion's goal to make UNCW a national model in diversity and inclusion made the Upperman Center director position even more enticing.

"I wanted to be in a place where

somebody was that forward-thinking," Palmer said, "and I want to run a cultural center that is a national model."

Palmer previously served as the assistant director of the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture at Duke University. While at Duke, Palmer advised several student organizations, managed and advised the National PanHellenic Council, planned academic lectures and events, and was a mentor to undergraduate and graduate students. He also served as director of student activities and residence life at Paine College in Augusta, GA.

He sees great potential for the Upperman Center, one of the few university-based African American cultural centers in the country that chronicles black student life. There are fewer

than 40 centers in the country, Palmer noted, and many centers have been consolidated into multicultural centers. He hopes to build upon the work of an engaging, dynamic center that supports students, faculty, staff, alumni and the greater Wilmington community.

"Our culture center is in a place where it can be a community ambassador and support mechanism, rebuilding and developing strong multi-layered black communities," he said.

Palmer has developed a three-to-five-year plan that includes travel experiences for students and alumni, leadership development for students and cultural competency seminars.

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parents and by students and staff at South Brunswick High School. She was one who cared about the children and helped them to stay on the right track and earn an education. She taught them the right attitude toward life and stressed how important appearance was. She stressed that conduct ought to be as good as appearance. She transported students to school, fed them and taught them while at school, and transported them back home after school. She made sure that the parents of children riding her bus knew what they were doing at school and on the bus. She had a way with children that made them trust her.

This lady, Mrs. Corrine Hankins Hewett, was married to Mr. Wesley C. Hewett. They had three daughters and a lot of grandchildren. She was employed for many years in the Brunswick County School System and was referred to as "Ms. Hewett," usually pronounced with a distinct accent, more like a whine. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Her work speaks for her. She worked for the betterment of all children that came in contact with her and for the good of mankind in general. God bless the family, friends, and loved ones.

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

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demanding that the Bladen County District Attorney investigate, and by December 2014, the FBI took over the probe after the US Attorney's Office agreed to step in and make it a federal civil rights case.

But in June 2016, the FBI advised Lacy's family that their investigation was completed, and they could find no new evidence to contradict earlier findings that the teen's death was a suicide.

According to the petition, there are several unanswered questions in the case that deserve another look. They are:

1. It took investigators less than five hours from the discovery of the body to decide there was 'no evidence of foul play' and the cause of death seemed like a suicide. Four days later Lennon's death was officially ruled as a suicide although there was no suicide note and his family and friends described him as being excited about life.

Question: What was the criteria used for the quick rulings of no foul play involved and cause of death was suicide?

2. The shoes found on his feet at the scene were a size-and-a-half too small. There were no laces and the shoes didn't

belong to him. The Coroner placed the shoes in the body bag but the shoes were missing when the body was brought to the Medical Examiner's office.

Questions: What happened to the shoes? Who did the shoes belong to?

3. The two belts used to create the noose didn't belong to Lennon. Lennon was wearing sweatpants with elastic so he didn't need belts.

Question: Who did the belts belong to?

4. There was no evidence found at the scene of anything Lennon could have used to kick away in order to hang himself. There was no swing to act as a step to reach the beams. He would have had to jump 21 inches off the ground, placing his head in the noose during the jump if he didn't use something to kick away.

Question: What were the mechanics used to accomplish this self-inflicted hanging?

5. Question: Why did the investigators refuse to let County Coroner Hubert Kinlaw photograph the scene and threatened to confiscate his camera if he tried to take photos?

6. Question: Why was Lennon's hands not bagged to preserve evidence?

7. Questions: Why was no DNA collected from items

found on Lennon but not belonging to him? Why was there no DNA collected from under his nails?

8. Question: Why didn't the local police come to the house, search Lennon's room, look at his phone, inquire about the clothes he was wearing, the sneakers found on his body or the belts used for the noose during the four days between the discovery of the body and the conclusion of suicide?

9. A lady cutting grass discovered Lennon's body and called 911. She took the body down from the noose although there were no secondary cuts found on the belts.

Questions: How did a 52 year old woman of small frame get Lennon down? Did she untie the noose or cut it? How was she able to hold the cell phone in her hand, talk to the dispatcher and manage to take down a male who stood 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighed 209 pounds? Why did she tell the dispatcher it was a suicide?

10. Undertaker stated it seemed as if Lennon had been in a terrible fight and his body badly beaten with facial indentations over both cheeks.

Question: Did investigators look into the undertaker's concerns about Lennon being beaten the night before the hang-

ing?

11. Lennon's mother smelled bleach on him when identifying his body. A lady of interest to the family, concerning Lennon's death, was on videotape nervously buying large quantities of bleach at a convenience store around 1:00am on August 28th, 2014. It was also reported by witnesses and social media postings Lennon had been at the home of this lady late in the evening before the hanging.

Question: Why was the lady never questioned in the death of Lennon Lacy?

12. The son of the lady who reportedly brought the bleach told investigators Lennon had planned on killing himself by suicide. The male also stated he was best friends to Lennon. The home of the woman and her son was never searched although the Lennon family had been suspicious of them from the beginning. The mobile home has since been removed.

Questions: Why didn't the best friend who didn't attend the funeral report that Lennon was planning on hanging himself to authorities or Lennon's family? Why was he with Lennon the night before?

13. Questions: Who was the person allegedly arrested for desecrating Lennon's grave

after his burial? How come there is no arrest report pertaining to the crime?

14. Question: What happened to the new pair of Jordan sneakers Lennon was wearing when his family last saw him late on the night of August 28th?

15. Lennon's girlfriend, a 31 year old Caucasian woman, has publicly stated she had been warned about seeing Lennon. The man who warned her was boyfriend to the woman who brought the bleach and stepfather to the allegedly best friend who said Lennon was planning on killing himself. They all lived together in the trailer behind Lennon's home. One of the leading investigators on the scene during the morning of the hanging is cousin to the man who told Lennon's girlfriend to stop seeing him.

Questions: How come the man was never questioned? Why was the trailer Lennon was at the night before the hanging never searched? Why has the trailer been moved? Where is the trailer home now?

There has been no indication by federal, state or local authorities that they intend to reopen the Lennon Lacy case, unless compelling new evidence is determined.

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ning close races with white Democrats.

In doing so, Republicans were able to dominate the North Carolina Congressional delegation 10-3 over

In the First District, black voters are 42 percent; the Thirteenth blacks are over 34 percent, and in the Fourth, blacks are over 31 percent.

Coalition voting is feasible in these areas, as proven historically elsewhere prior to the 2011 redistricting by the re-election of Sen. Dan Blue in Wake County and Sen. Floyd McKissick Jr. in Durham.

In the simulated version, because of how people are clustered across the state, says Phillips, there are several congressional districts that are decidedly Democratic, some that are predominately Republican, and possibly a handful that are considered tossups, meaning candidates from either party could win.

"At least that would be map that is more in line with where we are as a state," says Phillips.

Instead lopsided congressional delegations like 10-3, congressional elections could easily produce more even results like 7-6. But again, state lawmakers would have to commit to establishing a nonpartisan redistricting commission.

Phillips says the next step is to continue to educate the public about the possibilities of nonpartisan redistricting, so various sessions will be held across the state, in hopes of convincing lawmakers that this is something North Carolinians want.

Republicans may pay more attention, says Phillips, especially if Democrats this fall successfully make considerable election gains in the state House and Senate, not to mention other key offices. The GOP may not want to be targeted by Democrats, Phillips says, the way Republicans targeted them when the 2020 redistricting rolls around.

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STATE BRIEFS

Spellings has appointed a working group, led by Chancellor Thomas Conway, to help ECSU rebuild its enrollment.

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[CHARLOTTE] Then former conservative leader of the Charlotte Tea Party movement, Christian Hine, will spend two years in the S.C. Dept. of Corrections after pleading guilty to the possession and distribution of child pornography. His attorneys say Hine had an

addiction to porn. Hine once served as the executive director for the North Carolina Young Republicans in 2000.

GOV. PENCE SAYS THAT "TRUMP WILL LEAD ON THE WORLD STAGE"
[WINSTON-SALEM] Calling his running mate, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump a "truth-teller," Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, the GOP vice presidential candidate, told a Winston-Salem audience Tuesday night that Trump "will lead on the world stage" and "make America great again." Pence blasted President Obama for

his "weak foreign policy" and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton for alleged corruption through the charitable Clinton foundation.

FEDERAL JUDGE DENIES REQUEST TO REOPEN FILING PERIOD
[RALEIGH] Despite a request by a sitting Wake County commissioner to reopen the candidate filing period for Districts 4, 5 and 6 because she missed the deadline, a federal judge has refused to do so, saying that the Wake Board of Elections won't have the time to do so before the November 8th

elections. Commissioner Carol Sullivan wanted to run for re-election from her current district, 4. She originally filed to run for a "super-district" the Legislature had created in Wake, but that was done away with when the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the Legislature's redistricting plan for Wake unconstitutional. Sullivan says she's now studying her options.

FEDERAL JUDGE PROHIBITS UNC SYSTEM FROM ENFORCING HB 2
[CHAPEL HILL] A federal judge has prohibited UNC

System schools from enforcing the controversial House Bill 2, which required people to only use the restroom of their gender birth. Judge Thomas Schroeder ruled that HB 2 violated Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions. Despite their win, the three plaintiffs are appealing to the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to have all transgender citizens of North Carolina protected under the ruling.

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front row seat at these two large moments in the students' lives."

Logan has always been drawn to helping students have a positive transition into university life. It began as an orientation leader after her freshman year in college at George Mason University in Virginia.

"That was my first experience helping new students acclimate themselves to a university. I truly loved working with new students, whether I was introducing them to resources or following up during the semester to see how they were doing," she said. "It brought joy to my heart to see new students succeed and feel part of a community I loved so much.

So, I decided to pursue a career in higher education where I knew I would be happy and make a difference."

A strong orientation program can set the tone for students' attitudes toward their transition and their university, she said.

"The four years I spent in college helped me develop into the person I am today. I grew tremendously by working with professionals who challenged me to be the best version of myself and supported me while I figured out who I wanted to be," Logan recalled. "I want to give others the same positive experience I had in college."

Logan earned her master's in higher education and administration from the University of Arkansas, and is currently taking courses in the Watson College of

Education through its Educational Leadership program. Serving as Transitions Programs director has allowed her to apply what she has learned in the classroom to her job.

"I am always thinking about ways we can improve our events and processes to make the experiences of students better," she said. "I'm always looking for ways I can be a better leader. I love learning. The past two years have confirmed my belief that learning is a continuous process."

Logan hopes her interaction with students will help them find their passion. "Every day, when I interact with students, I know I am speaking with future leaders. I hope to have a positive impact that will help them on their path to greatness."

PALMER
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"When we talk about cultural competency, we tend to talk about diversity and inclusion efforts for our counterparts to help them understand how to let us in," Palmer said. "Black students, faculty and staff need to be equipped with skillsets that will allow them to think about structural racism and structural inequity and how they can navigate it."

Palmer also wants to pro-

vide additional research and applied learning experiences through the center. For example, students who are interested in the Gullah-Geechee, descendants of African slaves who settled in the coastal counties of South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina and Florida, would visit the communities to learn more about the culture and its impact on American history.

"UNCW can be a major hub for intellectual discovery around people of African descent," Palmer said.

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Other issues to be discussed include voter identification, Congressional and Legislative Redistricting efforts, and anticipated issues for the 2017 Legislative Session.

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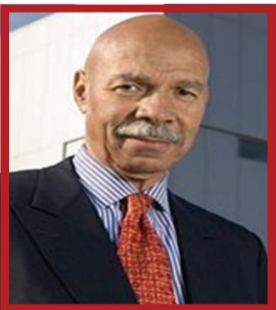
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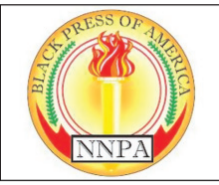

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Our Voice

What you stand for

BY CASH MICHAELS
WILMINGTON JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

Up until Monday morning when I was asked to comment on the Colin Kaepernick controversy, I was familiar with the story in passing. A black NFL superstar quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, who for the past several exhibition games, has refused to stand with the rest of the stadium in honor and respect for the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, our national anthem.



Cash Michaels

Needless to say, when a multi-million dollar star athlete refuses to join the rest of his countrymen in paying tribute to the nation that has given him the opportunity to be rich beyond anyone's dreams, that's going to make news, and it has.

Just like Colin Kaepernick wanted it to. By now you're very familiar with argument against what Kaepernick is doing. As an American citizen of some privilege, CK has the gall to disrespect the very symbols of American freedom others fought and died for. This country has always prided itself for standing for freedom no matter what trials and tribulations it was going through...including slavery.

Being an American was, and is, many maintain, the greatest blessing any human being can be bestowed with, because no other country in the history of man has been a beacon of freedom, justice and opportunity as American has been. Home of the greatest military fighting force in history, home of the greatest democracy ever, home of where, with hard work and sacrifice, an individual's dreams can come true.

How dare Colin Kaepernick turn his back on America, refuse to bow down to its greatness and blessings. He should be punished, CK's critics insist. He should be made to understand how selfish and unjust he's being.

But all of that brings us to the other side of the argument...the side Kaepernick says he represents.

CK says he hasn't "turned his back" on America, on his country, but rather his country has turned its back on him and people like him.

True, America is the "land of promise," but CK says his country is not living up to its promise of freedom, justice and equality when black people are being shot down in the street like dogs by police officers, and our criminal justice system little to hold them accountable.

CK says it's hard to honor America's promise, when the nation routinely refers to its citizens of color as less than all other citizens, by calling them "minorities"

The word "minority" has only one meaning - less than. Black, yellow and brown American citizens are just that - American citizens, and nothing less. So why is it acceptable to routinely remind everyone that there are less of them, and more of whites, if everyone is a full citizen deserving of equal rights and protection?

And CK says despite lots of lip service about how blacks and Latinos have a fair chance of achievement and accomplishment in American society, then why do many still find it almost impossible to find meaningful employment, or assistance in opening small businesses?

Yes, refusing to stand in solemn silence is a slap in the face to other Americans, but allowing one group of Americans to pass laws to deliberately deny another group of Americans their right to vote and fully participate in this nation's democracy is also a slap in the face...to all Americans, and should not be so readily accepted.

Colin Kaepernick says if his silent protest and high visibility brings attention to these hypocrisies, then so be it. He's willing to take his punishment, just like Muhammad Ali did when he gave up his championship title after refusing to serve in the US Army, or when Tommie Smith and John Carlos stood strong with their Black Power salutes at the 1968 Olympics.

CK is making us think...what is the value of citizenship if the same Americans who insist on standing at attention for the pledge and national anthem out of respect for our war dead and ideals of freedom, conveniently ignore the indignities and injustices burdened by other Americans, just they're "minorities" and don't have the privileges of the majority.

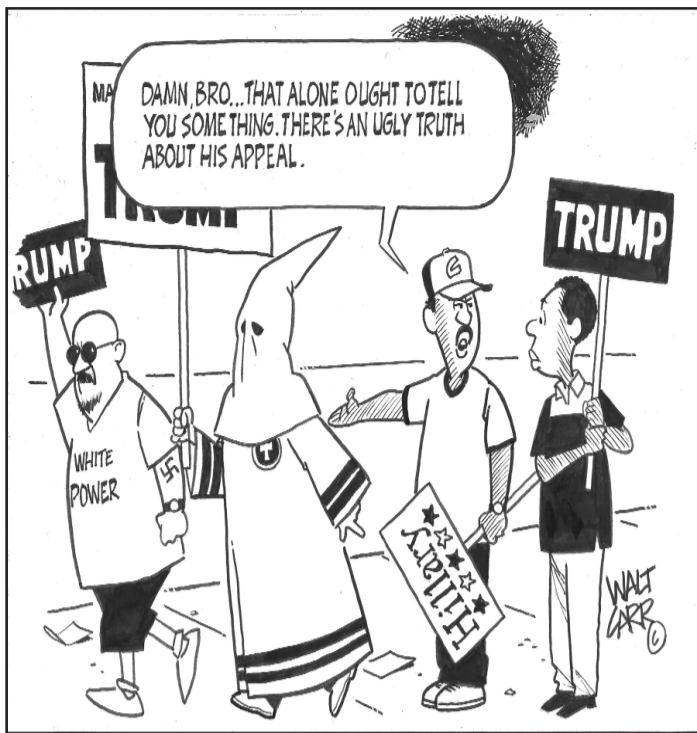
And for the record, CK is free to express his concerns in the peaceful manner that he chooses.

Afterall, Colin Kaepernick is an American.

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.

Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

Trump supporters think they're on a reality show

(Via NNPA Newswire)

There is something that I have found particularly odd in this election season and there have been many things that have been odd. There have been consistent media reports of interviews with supporters of Republican nominee Donald Trump that indicate that many of them do not take seriously his various pronouncements. Trump supporters have been reported making comments—after being confronted with Trump's declarations, such as his call to build wall on the border with Mexico and his suggestion to block Muslims from entering the USA—that they



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do not believe that Trump really means this, nevertheless, they will vote for him.

What does one make of people discounting the assertions of a candidate, particularly provocative assertions I might add, and yet supporting him? Do these supporters think that this is a large-scale reality show?

Here is my theory. Trump supporters are divided into two overlapping—and overwhelmingly White—groups. There are the right-wing irrationalists who are ideologically committed to backing virtually each and every word of their candidate. They see Trump as the champion of their revenge-seeking politics, hoping to "Make America White Again." The second group is made up of people who are scared to death and want to shake things up, yet shake things up in a particular way. They don't want a woman to be elected President and they

don't want what they perceive to be 'more of the same.' They are scared of the changing demographics of the United States; they're scared about their economic precariousness; they're scared about a world that they cannot understand, let alone control. Trump represents the equivalent of rolling the dice and hoping that they don't come up "snake eyes."

This second group is living in a world of self-deception. There is no reason for anyone to disbelieve Trump. At a minimum his rhetoric is inflammatory and erratic. If these supporters do not believe that Trump will actually do what he suggests that he will do, what do they think that he will do? It appears that they do not care, as long as it is different from what these supporters are currently experiencing.

Actually, I do not believe that this supposed lack of concern with what Trump

will do (if elected) is innocent and frivolous. Trump is asserting a nightmare. There is nothing hopeful, inclusive, democratic or just in what he is arguing. Nothing that he is arguing is neutral, bi-partisan or post-partisan. His arguments all flow from his basic notion that White America is allegedly suffering at the hands of minorities, liberals, the rest of the world, etc.

To put it another way, these supporters don't just want to shake things up. They want to shake things up in a manner that they believe gives them a leg up on the rest of the world.

It is not just the candidate who is dangerous; the movement backing him is even more frightening.

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Does entrepreneurship matter?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The most recent data on minority-owned firms in the United States was collected in 2012 (and released at the end of 2015). It showed that the number of minority-owned firms rose from 5.8 million in 2007 to 8 million in 2012. Hispanic-owned firms grew the most rapidly—by 46 percent to 3.3 million.

African American-owned firms grew by 34.5 percent to 2.6 million. Asian owned firms grew by 23.8 percent to 1.9 million. Women-owned firms grew by 26.8 percent compared to firms owned by men growing by just 6.8 percent. Since the total number of firms grew by just 2 percent, to 27.6 million, the growth in minority and women-owned firms is could define the way that business is being done in our country.

It is possible that the growth in minority and women owned firms could provide opportunities for women and people of color outside the traditional labor market, outside traditional corporate work. Maybe. But the ugly underside of the growth data is the fact that only 11 percent of minority-owned firms have employees. In other words, most of these firms are one-person businesses, providing consulting and other services from just one individual. Only 4 percent of African

American owned firms—just 109,137 of the total 2.6 million businesses—have employees. The growth in new businesses, then, may be the result of people forming businesses when they lost or left jobs, as opposed to people entering business with an entrepreneurial vision that includes hiring and expansion.

Why aren't more Black entrepreneurs trying to do more? It isn't for lack of ideas. Not a day goes by when I don't run into someone with a great, new, business idea. Sure, some of them are whacky, and some are far-fetched, but many are solid ideas that can't get off the ground because people need capital to start a business. The biggest challenge that Black entrepreneurs face is access to capital, or the difficulties experienced in attempting to get a bank loan. Some of the reasons have to do with lack of collateral, or with the fact that African Americans experience a wealth gap so large that few can jump through the fiscal hoops that many banks require. Some estimates say that whites have between 13 and 18 times more wealth than African Americans. They have an advantage when going to lenders. African American entrepreneurs, good ideas notwithstanding, won't get a loan unless they have assets or collateral to back the loan up.

Yet it is in the national interest to promote minority entrepreneurship and particularly Black entrepreneurship. Even Republican President Richard Nixon "got it" when he authorized the establishment of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and

used the term "economic justice" to talk about the barriers to entrepreneurship that African Americans had experienced. Though the agency, established in 1968, has been in existence for nearly 50 years, many African Americans find entry barriers as daunting as they were when the agency was established. Why? Many, thinking that we live in a "post-racial" era have reverted to old patterns of giving opportunities and contracts to their friends, instead of tapping a diverse pool of businesses that can deliver. Others say they can't deal with those tiny companies that have no employees and just one principal scrambling to do all the work. Small minority businesses do themselves no favors when they can't manage the scope and scale of work that some larger employers require.

For all the barriers and challenges of scale, minority businesses are important because they are more likely to hire minority workers, those affected by the persistent unemployment rate gap. Too, minority businesses, when they have employees, are more likely to hire and advance women in executive positions. Entrepreneurship matters because it expands the realm of possibility for people of color; allows people to participate fully in the economic realm, and provides people with the opportunity to earn profits and to share those profits with family and community.

In order to fully encourage minority business, Fortune 500 companies must commit to supplier diversity and set

numerical procurement goals. Federal, state and local governments, too, must ensure that there is full minority participation in the contracts they award. Those who work with minority firms must provide incentives for firms to do joint venture activities or to merge so that they can deal with issues of scale. Further, while many minority businesses crave independence, the acceptance of outside investors to facilitate growth. Finally, banks must "do the right thing" by minority businesses, providing more capital than they currently do.

But minority businesses must also understand that economic development can happen with economic justice. Minority businesses must provide jobs that pay living wages to the workers that they hire. It makes no sense for the Black community to advocate for Black business if Black business will not pay a living wage with reasonable benefits.

Minority entrepreneurship matters. It matters most when it is both profitable and community-transforming. During this presidential election year, candidates need to be challenged to talk about minority business participation. Do they subscribe, as Richard Nixon did, to the principle of "economic justice". How does that manifest in their campaign spending?

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The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!

Something's wrong with this!

(Via TriceEdney News Wire)

One of my good friends who is a white male often says, "If you want to get a job done, give it to a woman." He quickly adds, "If you really want to get it done, give it to a Black woman."

Dr. E. Faye Williams

Historically, Black women have done all kinds of jobs. Most people know how hard we work, and how reliable we are when we commit to do a job. My mother had no opportunity to get a formal education. Yet, on jobs where she

worked, she was heavily relied on to do things that even the professionals couldn't or wouldn't do.

Our health challenges, our family responsibilities, our level of education have never been excuses for not getting things done. We've never allowed anything to prevent us from learning on our own how to do things that are helpful to our families, our communities and our employers. Unfortunately, we have never been fairly paid for our efforts.

When you think of the fact that we're far into the year 2016, and it was only a few days ago that is symbolically considered the day when Black women's wages "catch" up to white men's wages from the PREVIOUS YEAR, that's criminal! In other words, we

work 8 months more than white man to earn as much as he earns in one year! Black women are paid 60% of what white males make in the same amount of time.

How would you like to work 8 extra months just to get paid the same amount your co-workers are making? That's what Black women have to do.

Equal pay for equal work is urgent for Black women. In our wages, we face both race and gender discrimination. It's time for our votes to mean more than the glory of having the highest percent of votes for candidates who're more likely to work in our best interest. We need to elect dependable candidates. Every Black woman who has even considered not voting in the coming election and all

elections thereafter, I say we must vote. Our families and communities depend upon us. We have to fix this wage gap.

We're told in a recent Project of the Tides Center report that if current policies remain in place, it will be 228 years for our households to accumulate the same wealth white households have today!

It's important for us to know the record of candidates who suddenly tell us how happy we're going to be if they're elected. Look at their past record on what they've done to bring about justice for us. Someone talks about us as though we all live

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WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

Lame excuse for not voting and action plan for voting!!!

LAME EXCUSES:

1. I try to stay out of politics because they all are liars!!!
2. My church said "pay your taxes, but do not vote"!!!
3. They use legal words that I do not understand!!!
4. They are all rich and will not do anything for me!!!
5. I do not have time or money to go across town and vote!!!!
6. I do not want them to call me for jury duty!!!!
7. I do not know who to vote for!!!
8. I owe back taxes!!!
9. I can't climb those high steps!!!
10. Back in the day, I served time in jail!!!
11. There is no difference between the Democrats and Republicans!!!
12. My one vote will not count and I don't care!!!

*NOTE: People please do not listen to these depressed people with their lame excuses. I challenge them to put their little granddaughter and grandson, who believe everything they say, on their laps and teach them not to vote and explain why. I don't think many of their children will ask them to baby-sit again.

ACTION PLAN:

The Republican's majority who do not want us to vote changed a number of rules, wiped some of our names off the registration rolls, stopped us from voting on Sunday after church and changed many voting places.

We must ask serious questions and take notes we can refer to later. Write down the name of the person you are talking to, including, title, date and time you talked to them.

Take your time and ask them to spell their name and title. If they are disrespectful to you or refuse to answer a question, calmly call out their full name and ask to speak to their immediate supervisor. Call your local NAACP branch if you have a complaint. Please remember we do not fight back with vituperative language, knives or guns but with lawyers.

1. Call your County Board of Elections to see if you are registered.
2. Find out the address of where you will vote.
3. Get your sample ballot.
4. Learn about ever person and issue on your ballot.
5. Ask about an absentee ballot and how to use it.
6. Encourage five or more people to register and vote.
7. Plan when and how you will vote.
8. Vote early, no long lines and it may rain on November 8th.
9. Remember your children under 18 cannot vote, they are depending on you to vote for people who will protect their safety and rights.
10. Buy a subscription and read your local Black Newspaper. Some are under \$40 a year. (The same price as four large pizzas.)
11. If you have not taken the time to research the issues and candidates, please ask someone you respect and trust to advise you on what and who to vote for.

The worst thing that could happen to us in North Carolina is to wake up on November 9th to discover that Governor Pat McCrory and Senator Richard Burr were re-elected. For all who have not been paying attention, I must share this with you. Governor McCrory is just like George Wallace and Senator Burr is just like Jesse Helms. The majority of the extreme conservatives in the U. S. House, General Assembly and local races are turning the clock back to 1953. The guiltiest organization is the coldblooded New Hanover County Board of Education with their neighborhood school / segregated school policy.

The nightmare for the rest of the civilized world would be the election of Donald Trump as president. In 1968, George Wallace, won around 3% of the Black vote. Donald Trump is receiving less than 1% in 2016.

We good people have the power to determine who will win on November 8th. The ball will be in our court and our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren lives will be affected by our vote.

If two uncontrollable world leaders like Donald Trump and Kim-Jung-UN get into an argument about who has the worst hair, it could be war not college or work for our children.

Matthew 18:6 (Paraphrased) "If anyone causes one of these little children-these who believe in me-to stumble-it would be better for them to have a 50 lb. iron weigh hang around their neck and be drowned in the deepest part of the sea."

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in poverty, have high crime rates, have poor schools, walk down the street and get shot, then expects us to vote for him because as he asks, "What in the hell have you got to lose?"

We deserve more. In states with large numbers of Black women, there're great disparities in our pay. This means we're unable to provide our families with a good quality of life.

In the 20 states with the largest number of Black women working fulltime our pay ranges from 48 to 69 cents for every dollar paid to white men. Of the 20 states, Texas

and New York have the largest number of Black women working full time. In Texas, they're paid 59 cents, while in New York it's just 66 cents on the dollar white men are paid.

In the 20 states with the largest number of Black women working fulltime, Black women in Louisiana and Mississippi are paid just 48 and 56 cents, respectively, for every dollar paid to white men.

Something's wrong with this. Why are we still voting for them without looking at their records?

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TO BE EQUAL

The 2016 Olympic Games: Diversity wins gold in Rio

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Team USA reminds the world why America always sets the gold standard: We're a nation of immigrants that finds strength in our diversity and unity in our national pride...In a season of intense politics, let's cherish this opportunity to come together around one flag. In a time of challenge around the world, let's appreciate the peaceful competition and sportsmanship we'll see...between rivals who know we share a common humanity. Let's honor the courage it takes, not only to cross the finish line first, but merely to stand in the starting blocks. And let's see in ourselves the example they set - proving that no matter where you're from, with determination and discipline, there's nothing you can't achieve." — President Barack Obama, Weekly Address, August 6, 2016

For 16 days, the eyes and the attention of the world were trained on the drama of victory and defeat in Rio de Janeiro. At a time when intolerance, conflict and division invade our headlines on a daily basis, the greatest athletes from 206 countries gathered at the Games—held for the first time in a South American country—and reminded us that tolerance, peace and unity are real ambitions that can be achieved, even in the heat of intense competition.

Team USA set a gold standard for diversity in Rio. From the balance beam to the swimming lanes, our country's 555 athletes represented the gender, ethnic and religious diversity that has always made America great. Team USA featured more women athletes than male athletes (292 to 263). Ibtihaj Muhammed, a Muslim-American fencer who went on to win a bronze medal, became the first Olympian to compete while wearing a hijab. Our women's gymnastics team—also known as the "Final Five"—was the most racially and ethnically diverse in the team's history. A Kenyan-born American, who is a sergeant in the United States Army and has a brother serving in Afghanistan, competed for our nation in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. American lightweight boxer Carlos Balderas scored an emotional victory in Rio, representing our country all the way to the quarterfinals. The 19-year-old, a first generation Mexican-American, dedicated his victory to his grandfather and uncles who came to America and labored in California's strawberry fields to achieve a better life for their family.

Team USA's 121 medals are the most ever for a U.S. team in a non-boycotted Games, and

individual achievement was everywhere to be seen. Winning five gold medals and a silver in Rio, swimmer Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian of all time with a total of 28, and holds the record for most Olympic gold medals, with 23. The two gold medals she earned in Rio made runner Allyson Felix the only female track and field athlete to win five Olympic gold medals. And Simone Biles, the most decorated American gymnast of all time, set a new American record for most gold medals in women's gymnastics at a single Olympics. She was the first gymnast since 1984 to win four gold medals at a single games.

These stories, these achievements—some of them historic—these athletes, who train night and day and sacrifice everything for the love of their sport and our nation, could not exist in an America that builds walls. Many of the inspirational stories we've watched unfold—and most importantly, our children can now take for granted—could not exist in an America that bars people from our country based on their religious belief. The winning mosaic of America we all watched walk in the Opening Ceremony's parade of nations could not exist in an America that shuns diversity and prizes above all the forced and inevitable homogeneity of ideological screen tests.

I believe the power of our Olympic victory lies in its representation of what we as a

nation are constantly striving to be: inclusive, tolerant, peaceful, united under one flag and committed to excellence at home and abroad. There are real problems and concerns we face as a nation and we must remain committed to solving them and keeping our country safe, but tolerance, diversity and camaraderie are not problems, and if the Olympics are any indication, they are, in fact, our strengths.

Our athletes are back now and they should now how proud we are of them—all of them. Team USA returns with 121 medals: 46 gold, 37 silver and 38 bronze, the most medals of any nation, and the most it has ever won at any Summer Games since 1984. President Barack Obama, our nation's first Black president, can add this factoid to his legacy: with a total of 289 medals under both his terms, Team USA brought home more Olympic medals during his presidency than any other presidency. The president with the second highest tally of Olympic medals is Ronald Regan with 282 medals.

There are many lessons to be learned from the Summer Olympics, and my hope is that one of them will be that America is great and always wins when we embrace, nurture and support the talent and skills of all Americans in all arenas.

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

RAINBOW COALITION

Black voters have plenty to lose with Trump

(Via TriceEdney News Wire)

Race — always a subtext in American politics — has moved center stage in this year's presidential campaign.

Republican Donald Trump called Democrat Hillary Clinton a "bigot." Clinton responded b.o.y using Trump's words of racial offense against him.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

History suggests both parties have fallen short on racial justice. Jefferson Davis Democrats were slave owners, Confederates, against Reconstruction and members of the violent Citizens Councils and the KKK. They supported legal segregation, and Southern Dixiecrats opposed the Civil Rights Movement.

After the Civil Rights Act was signed July 2, 1964, Democratic Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina turned Republican in September and began the campaign to convert white Dixiecrats to Republicans. Many of today's Republicans are old Jeff Davis Democrats!

In 1968 Nixon adopted this Southern Strategy as a road to the White House.

Reagan launched his 1980 campaign with a racial message of "states' rights" in Philadelphia, Miss., where

Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were murdered for registering black voters.

In 1988, George H.W. Bush introduced us to Willie Horton. After Barack Obama became president, Republicans introduced 395 new voter restrictions targeting blacks.

Trump continues this tradition not by using "dog whistles" but a foghorn of racism, religious bigotry, sexism and xenophobia.

Trump's personal history of racial bigotry includes a federal housing discrimination lawsuit; an ad calling for the death penalty of innocent young black males in the Central Park Five rape case; an attempt to discredit Obama's presidency with the "birther" issue; innuendo suggesting Obama became editor of Harvard's Law Review because of his race; a campaign demanding Obama's educational transcripts, implying his admission to colleges rested on something other than intellectual merit; complaints that a judge was unable to treat him fairly in court because of his Hispanic heritage; and promoting false and stereotypical information about the black community.

What do blacks have to lose by electing Trump? He will appoint Supreme Court justices who do not support black interests. He will support racially discriminatory voting laws like North Carolina's. He will not fix the damage done by the Shelby court decision to the Voting Rights Act. And he will

not support a \$15 minimum wage.

Blaming black and Democratic officials, this is how Trump addressed their constituents: "You're living in your poverty, your schools are no good, you have no jobs, 58 percent of your youth is unemployed."

Who can deny there are many unmet needs and problems in urban areas, but that's not primarily the result of black or Democratic will, ideas or leadership, but of Republican policies!

Democratic and black mayors find themselves governing "the hole" in the donut. The donut's substance and sugar — the money for these cities — is controlled by congressional Republicans, governors and state legislatures dominated by rural and suburban constituencies.

Failing cities are not the result of liberal and progressive policies. Democratic ideas and programs that were working have been gutted and purposefully discredited, defunded and attacked ideologically by the very Republicans who did the gutting.

Conservative privatization and states' rights ideologies undercut any ideas or programs that advanced the public good or made us a more perfect union.

There are more black elected officials, but their actual power has been weakened through redistricting schemes of stacking and packing. Policy and budget resources are con-

trolled by Republicans, not Democratic and black mayors!

Blacks haven't given "blind support" to either party; rather, they have supported both parties when they've earned it.

Lincoln and the Radical Republicans earned black support. Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, won the Civil War and ended slavery. Radical Republicans supported the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments and Reconstruction.

When Republicans wearied of advancing black interests, less-than-perfect Democrats began earning black support with better opportunities under FDR's New Deal. Today's Democrats are more like Lincoln's Republicans.

Truman desegregated the military; LBJ signed the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, launched a War on Poverty and passed Medicare and Medicaid.

Blacks aren't giving Democrats "blind loyalty" and don't have permanent friends or enemies, only permanent interests. Blacks support those who support them, as all intelligent voters do.

Blacks, in coalition, will demand that a Clinton administration more fully address the interests of those most in need as we work to make America greater.

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

VOICE YOUR OPINION!! WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

Domestic Violence Shelter and Services will hold a Friends and Family Forum to discuss ways to support and encourage people who are victims of domestic violence on Thursday, September 8th from 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm at the Wilmington Police Department, Southeast Patrol Station, 2451 S. College Rd. For more information or to register contact 910-343-0703.

GE Retirees Association will meet at noon, Thursday, Sept. 15, at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Rd. Lunch \$5, open to GE retirees and spouses. Speaker will be Steve Spain, executive director of Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity, who will give an update on the impact of Cape Fear Habitat on our community. For more information, 910-819-2776.

The Democratic Women of New Hanover County will meet on Thursday, September 8th at McAllister's Deli, 740 S. College Rd. There will be a meet and greet from 5:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Board of Education candidates will be introduced. Nick Maroletti of the Coordinated Campaign will be a guest. Results from the August 11th Summer Social and Membership Drive will be discussed and information about Early Voting. For more information please call 910-395-4502

The North Carolina Coastal Foundation will present "Dolphins in North Carolina Getting to know Them" on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm at N.C. Coastal Federation, 309 W. Salisbury St., Wrightsville Beach. This is a free presentation. Register at wbkeepitclean@gmail.com.

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

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.

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 9372461.

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FOR MORE INFO. CALL KIM CEASAR @ 678-754-1020

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

A community for which to be thankful

St. John Missionary Baptist Church held its back-to-school program and distributed



Verniece Stanley

enough school supplies to last each child a long time. We want each child to have the supplies he or she needs to be successful in school. It is good also for each child to exhibit his or her best behavior in school and out of school daily. Parents can be strong supporters and help make students successful this school

year.

We all, along with other friends who are willing to face the struggles in life, can contribute much to a winning environment. We can all offer encouraging words to someone who needs encouragement. Such encouragement has always been helpful in the past. Being responsible is the part we must play in the roles we carry out each day. Sometimes, we come into contact with friendly people who are helpful. It is amazing to learn about programs in other communities, programs focused on helping both adults and children improve their well being, particularly in education. This outreach

in education makes a difference.

Another advancement included in a bright outlook for the future would include the provision of more affordable tutoring programs for kindergarten and first grade. These such programs would greatly benefit people in New Hanover and Brunswick Counties. They could well be sponsored by various organizations from the private sector, which, because of budgeting problems, might partner with public education. This would be a promising educational program with a great future for our future generations.

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.

Brunswick County Commissioners achieve recognition from NCACC for dedication to professional development

Brunswick County Commissioners J. Martin Cooke, Jr., Pat Sykes and Frank Williams were recognized by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Brunswick County Commissioner J. Martin Cooke, Jr. was recognized by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for meeting the requirements for the Mentor level in the Local Elected Leaders Academy, and Brunswick County Commissioners Pat Sykes and Frank Williams were recognized by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for meeting the requirements for the Master level in the Local Elected Leaders Academy. A Master has completed a

minimum of 66 credits (18 orientation credits + 30 focused in-depth credits + 18 elective credits) of continuing education since becoming a county commissioner.

The highest level of recognition, a Mentor has completed a minimum of 82 credits (18 orientation credits + 42 focused in-depth credits + 24 elective credits) of continuing education since becoming a county commissioner.

The Local Elected Leaders Academy, a partnership with the UNC School of Government, the N.C. Association of County Commissioners and the N.C. League of Municipalities, offers local elected officials the knowledge and skills needed to lead and govern their communities.

County commissioners are recognized for their participation in both educational programs and service to the Association. The starting place for earning credits is the orientation program, the Essentials of County Government. As commissioners increase education and service, they earn credits toward recognition at three levels: Practitioner, Master and Mentor. The NCACC tracks credits and recognizes participation every year at the Annual Conference.

"The Academy is designed to help our commissioners by improving their knowledge of the issues and their leadership skills," said NCACC Executive Director Kevin Leonard. "A commis-

sioner who achieves recognition through LELA has shown a true commitment to their personal development and to their constituents back home."

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is the official voice of all 100 counties on issues being considered by the General Assembly, Congress and federal and state agencies. The Association provides expertise to counties in the areas of lobbying, fiscal and legal research, communications, intergovernmental relations, information technology, field visits and risk management services. 215 N. Dawson St., Raleigh, NC 27603 * Phone: (919) 715-2893 * Fax: (919) 733-1065 * www.ncacc.org

Red Cross and Sport Clips Haircuts offer free haircut coupon to blood and platelet donors in September

WILMINGTON, N.C. (Aug. 22, 2016) – The American Red Cross and Sport Clips Haircuts are teaming up to offer a free haircut coupon to those who come out to donate blood or platelets during September.

"The Red Cross and Sport Clips have partnered for several years to help ensure blood is available for patients in need leading into fall," said Donna M. Morrissey, director of national partnerships, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "We are excited to partner once again for this year's Saving Lives Never Looked So Good campaign and offer a coupon for a free haircut to volunteer blood and platelet donors in appreciation for their lifesaving gift."

Those who come out to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will

receive a coupon for a free haircut via email several days after their donation. The coupon is valid through Nov. 6, 2016, at participating Sport Clips locations, and donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon.

"The need for blood touches so many lives – not just those who need blood, but their family members and loved ones too. This is one way Sport Clips can thank those who give the gift of life to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross. They donate blood and we give them a free haircut," said Amanda Palm, corporate communications manager of Sport Clips.

Donors of all blood types are urged to give. To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce wait times.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Sept. 1-15:
American Red Cross Wilmington Blood Donation Center, 1102 S. 16th St.
Monday, 1 to 6 p.m.;
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
Friday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.;
second Sunday of the month, noon to 4:30 p.m.

Brunswick Boiling Spg Lks
9/13/2016: 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Boiling Spring Lakes Community Blood Drive, Leed Road

Oak Island
9/13/2016: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church of Oak Island, 4605 E Oak Island Drive

Southport
9/12/2016: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. James Plantation, 4136 Highway 211 SE

Columbus Whiteville
9/14/2016: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Columbus Regional Healthcare, 500 Jefferson St.

Cumberland

Fayetteville

9/1/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Cape Fear Botanical, 536 N Eastern Blvd.

Harnett Angier

9/2/2016: 2:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Neill's Creek Baptist Church, 4200 Neill's Creek Road

Buies Creek

9/14/2016: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Buies Creek Volunteer Fire Department, 112 Marshbanks St.

Lillington

9/8/2016: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Harnett County Government Complex, 309 West Cornelius Harnett Blvd.

Johnston Four Oaks

9/13/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion Post 346, 5626 US HIGHWAY 301 S

Princeton

9/8/2016: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Hephzibah Baptist Church, 4633 US Highway 70E

Smithfield

9/6/2016: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Johnston Community College, 245 College Road

New Hanover Wilmington

9/7/2016: 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., New Hanover Regional Orthopedic Hospital, 5301 Wrightsville

9/12/2016: 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Porters Neck Country Club, 8405 Vintage Club Drive

Robeson Lumberton

9/2/2016: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Osterneck Auditorium, 101 N Chestnut Sreet

Pembroke

9/15/2016: 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., University of NC Pembroke, 1 University Drive

Scotland Laurinburg

9/6/2016: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., St Andrews University, 1700 Dogwood Mile

9/9/2016: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Laurinburg Masonic Lodge # 305 A.F.& A.M., 445 Atkinson St.

Wayne Eureka

9/7/2016: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.,

Eureka United Methodist Church, 128 N Church St.

Goldsboro

9/7/2016: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., O'Berry Center, 105 Old Smithfield Road

9/8/2016: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wayne Community College Bus, 3000 Wayne Memorial Drive

9/8/2016: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., St Stephens Episcopal Church, 200 N James St.

9/13/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Wayne County American Red Cross, 600 N George St.

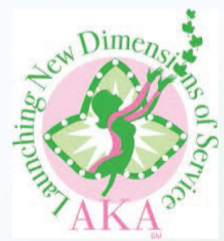
How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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Mr. Henry Lee Bonaparte

Henry Lee Bonaparte was born on June 27, 1944, the eldest of four sons born to the late Mrs. Catherine Bonaparte Hankins of Florence, SC and Wilmington, NC.

Henry was brought up by his grandparents Mr. Curtis and Bannie Bonaparte. He enjoyed helping them on their farm. After high school Henry moved to Florida for several years. He reunited with his family in 1968 in Wilmington, NC.

Henry worked several jobs including National Linen and Burton Steel, retiring after 30 or more years of service. He was very dependable and hardworking while having a friendly and caring spirit. He enjoyed many activities especially socializing, fishing and antique trucks.

He leaves to honor his memory: his brothers Elder Curtis (Louise) of Raleigh, NC ; and James Earl Bonaparte (Sherland) of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Services were held at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel on August 27, 2016. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Gerthia E. Berry
March 9, 1935-
August 17, 2016

Gerthia graduated from Williston High School in Wilmington, NC with the Class of 1953. She retired from Traveler's Insurance in Hartford, Connecticut, as an executive. She then moved to Chesapeake, Virginia in 1994. She volunteered at Bon Secour's Hospice for several years and worked with termi-

nal patients. She is survived by her daughter, Sarah Rhodes, two granddaughters, Ciara Kamara (Ivan) and Blair Ellis (Craig), two great grandchildren, Abigail and Wesley Florence, her siblings, Ruth Culp, Betty Battles and Louise "Bae" Burns, her cousin and dearly adoptive sister, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She had many friends and her church family here deeply loved her. *Loving Funeral Home, Portsmouth, VA.*

Anne G. Smith

Anne G. Smith, age 91, of Boston, MA. (formerly of Southport, NC), passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 13, 2016, at First Baptist Church.

Our courageous mother moved to Boston as a very young woman, hoping for a life bigger than she might have in her hometown of Southport, NC. In Boston she worked as a laborer, and her kindness and generosity endeared her to others, many of whom became lifelong friends.

Soon, friends and co-workers urged her to consider the healthcare field. She liked this aspect of "giving" and began training as a nurse's aide. She worked many years for the VNA, caring for a host of personalities and making more friends. Her nurturing abilities noted, she was encouraged to pursue a nursing license. So, as a middle-aged woman Anne went back to school. With sheer determination she obtained a Senior LPN license and went to work for the Long Island Hospital. Continuing her education, she became a Ward Supervisor. During this time Anne made more good friends, earned the admiration of her co-workers and gained reputations as an outstanding nurse and an excel-

lent supervisor. Annie G. blossomed after retirement, as she was free to indulge her sense of adventure. She joined sever senior groups and began to: travel, learned new things, and began to pamper herself - just a bit. She continued to aide and support others- a few dollars to "beggars" she passed on the street, donations to her church, and a helping hand to family and friends. Her hospitality was extended to all, and she always cooked more than was needed, in case someone would drop by.

She was strong-willed to the end and never lost her sense of humor. Our mom spoke her mind and lived life on her own terms. She was wise and generous with her advice. She enjoyed reading biographies, gossip magazines and books of prayers. She kept current, often talking about family, music, politics, pop culture and her strong faith in God and his servants. She even had some thoughts about Donald Trump.

As we all know, she appeared years younger than she actually was: her age was her best-kept secret. Most importantly, Annie G. gave you her undivided attention. She would discuss any situation, and was there for anyone needing a listening ear. She was blessed to clearly hear what others were saying and to offer the right counsel, without being judgmental. She was a wonderful companion and friend, and her generosity and loving spirit never failed.

Our mother joined the St. Stephens Episcopal Church and remained a faithful and cherished member of the congregation until her passing. Without a doubt, she realized and enjoyed the bigger life she sought, and through her wisdom, kindness, generosity and good humor - she acknowledged

her own blessings in prayer, and held on to big dreams for others.

Our beloved Anne leaves behind family and friends in Boston and Southport, including her children, *grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.* Services entrusted to *Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401.* Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Mary E. Hill

Mary E. Hill, age 81, of Owings Mills, Maryland (formerly of Wilmington, NC), passed away Saturday, August 20, 2016. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 27, 2016, at Davis Funeral Home.

Mary Elizabeth Hill was born on November 9, 1934, in Burgaw, NC to Nellie Hall (Haynes) who preceded her in death. Mary Elizabeth or Mother as she was affectionately known by her family, attended school in the New Hanover County school system where she graduated from Williston Industrial High School in 1953 and went on to become a certified beautician. She later married her High School sweetheart Thomas Hill, Jr. and they welcomed their only daughter Janice Hill (Crosby) into the world in 1954. Mary and her family then moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1967 where she worked for Maryland Cup Corporation for over 25 years before retiring in 1990. She spent her retired years caring for her mother and enjoying life with her daughter and grandchildren. Mary was a faithful member of the Greater Harvest Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md. She loved cooking, entertaining, shopping and "being in charge". Mary enjoyed life and sharing it with those she loved. She didn't need a reason to have a party and would often invite family and friends to her home just to enjoy their company and have a good time. Mary was genuine, generous, funny and caring. She would give the clothes off her back to those who wanted or needed them. Mary was always an extremely independent woman prior to her health challenges. She resided in a nursing home for the past several years where she loved having her family and friends visit. Mary was blessed to see five generations of family and was deeply proud of them. Mary spent her last days with her one and only daughter Janice who was with her until she went on to be with the Lord.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Janice Crosby (Louis); two granddaughters, Lekeisha Gilliam (Devin) and Kiana Roberts (Keith); and five great grandchildren, Raevin Gilliam, Keith Roberts, Devin Gilliam, Jr., Kennedy Roberts, and Kamryn Roberts. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Hill, Jr. and Sister Allie Brewington. Her memory will also be cherished by her closest cousins,

Pauline Bloodworth and Richard Walker, Jr. as well as a host of other cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Mary will be sorely missed by her family and friends, but know she has gone on to be with the Lord for everlasting life. Her giving spirit, beautiful smile and loving heart will go on to live forever in the hearts of those who loved and knew her. Services entrusted to *Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401.* Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Katie Hollis

Katie Hollis, age 92, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, August 19, 2016 at Liberty Commons Nursing and Hospice Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 27, 2016 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hollis was born July 10, 1924 in Pender County, North Carolina, to the late James and Mary Louise Pollock Morrison. She was later raised by her grandmother, Sara Jane Shepard, after the death of her mother. She graduated from Pender High School in Rocky Point, NC, and then moved to Wilmington, NC, where she met and married the Late Lonnie Hollis.

In her early twenties she and her husband joined Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Hollis left for a few years, transferring her membership to Fifth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. She later rejoined Mt. Calvary MBC, where she remained a member until her death.

Mrs. Katie Hollis is preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Hollis and her daughters, Evelyn and Sandra Hollis.

She is survived by daughters, Mary Hollis of the city and Mildred (Edgar) Hollis-Jenkins of Riverside, CA; four granddaughters, Yolanda (Clifford) Daniels of Riegelwood, NC, Ladawn (Micah) Jenkins-Johnson of San Jacinto, CA, Tonette Bryant of the city, and LaDana (Tirene) Hollis-Crowell of Odenton, MD; one grandson, Jimmie Jenkins of San Bernardino, CA; eleven great-grandchildren, Michael Ballard of the city, Jasmine Ballard of Troy, NC, Reuben Bryant, Jr. of the city, Briana Daniels of Riegelwood, NC, Jayla Bailey of Riverside, CA, Jimmie Jenkins of San Bernardino, CA, Kaylin Crowell, Braylin Crowell and Bryson Crowell all of Odenton, MD, Kayloni Jenkins and Kayden Jenkins both of San Bernardino, CA.

Mrs. Hollis is also survived by one faithful cousin who has been with her throughout the years, Lovenia (Victor) Sheaprd of Edgecombe, NC, along with her daughter and grandson, Helen and Anthony Morrison, of Washington, DC, and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to *Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave,*

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

Rev. Barbara T. Lee

Rev. Barbara T. Lee, age 70, of Leland, Pastor of Zion Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2016. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 am, Thursday, September 1, 2016, at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. The interment will take place at Calvary Memorial Cemetery following services. Services entrusted to *Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401.* Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Beatrice Fullwood Messick Roberts
April 7, 1937- August 10, 2015

We thank God for how you instilled strength, love and perseverance in our lives. You managed life quite well as a devoted daughter; wife, mom, grandmother; great grandmother; mother-in-law, sister, aunt, cousin, sister-in-law and friend. You taught us to strive for our dreams and believe that God will meet our every need. So many times we wish to hear your voice and instead we reflect on your beautiful smile and words of wisdom. We also reminisce on those delicious meals you prepared to include your untouched potato salad and the fun times we had at home with you sitting on the porch. We did not have to go on the wild vacations for it to be special, just being with you was all the vacation we needed. We loved you and without a doubt know that you loved us! So Mom we know that one day God will allow us all to be together again. God unselfishly allowed us our time together. We had no signs to plan for your departure but we thank God for how he allowed you to season our lives in a way that we can continue to hold you within our minds and heart. There is not one day that goes by without thoughts of you! Thank you for being that bold woman who took a stand of faith in God to direct our paths thru you from our childhood to our adult years. To God we give all the glory and praise.

Your Children: Al Jr. LaVerne, Kirk, Diane, Greg and Billy

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New Hanover County

Church Women United will be holding its Area Annual Meeting Friday, September 9th at St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1416 Market Street. Registration begins at 10:00 am followed by a meeting and Pot Luck lunch at 10:30 am. For further information please contact: Angel Priscilla Laster-Dualeh @ 910-843-9167.



Religious Briefs

Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Dr will hold "Men of Honor" as they celebrate their Annual Men's Day Service on Thursday, September 8th, Friday, September 9th and Sunday, September 11th. The speakers are Elder Donovan Taylor of Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, Wilmington, NC - Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 pm.; Reverend Donnie Mapson, Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church, Leland, NC - Friday, September 9th at 7:00 pm.; Reverend Eric Joyner, New Vision of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Leland, NC - Sunday, September 11th at 4:00 pm.

Fish Fry - Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 am. For more information call Deacon Bob Hayes 910-264-7996.

St. Andrew AMEZ, 1201 S. 9th St., will hold voter registration on Saturday, September 3rd from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm. Also on Sunday, September 11th after morning service there will be a dedication service for the fellowship hall.

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.

Brunswick County

Brown's Chapel AMEZ Church, 745 Jabbertown Rd. (Southport) will host a musical program on Saturday, September 10th at 4:00 pm. Various groups will appear on the program including P.C. Praise, Summerville AMEZ Choir, Brown's Chapel Male Choir and Hooper's Chapel Choir.

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church will hold their Annual Ushers Anniversary program on Sunday, September 11th at 3:00 pm. Pastor Reverend Robert Jacobs, choir, ushers and congregation of St. John Missionary Baptist Church will be the special guest to render service.

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

New Hope FWB Church, 88 Snowfield Rd. SE, will hold their 2016 Homecoming and Church Anniversary on Sunday, September 11th at 3:00pm. The guest speaker will be Pastor Dr. Patricia Freeman of St. Phillips AME Church. 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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Beyond the Walls- Community Taking Care of Community Street Festival

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The Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Inc., in conjunction with the Wilmington Police Department, the NHC Sheriff's Department, NHC Fire Department and surrounding churches will host "Beyond the Walls-Community Taking Care of Community" Street Festival. It will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2016 adjacent to Mount Calvary Church; which is located at 812 Harnett Street in Wilmington. The activities will take place from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

This event presents an exciting opportunity to have a positive impact on the City of Wilmington. What an awesome way to show the commu-

nity that we care. There will be singing, games, drama, free food and clothing will be available to those in need. Additionally, medical personnel and representatives from various human resource agencies will be on site providing needed information.

We are requesting donations of toys, household items, clothing, food items and whatever you would like to donate to this community outreach ministry. All donations will go towards meeting the needs of the community. The Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and the surrounding community will greatly appreciate your support.

For additional information please contact Mrs. Sherry McZeek at 910-231-2243 or Deacon David Brown at 910-200-1955.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Family Day

Dear Christian Friends:

If we would set aside each fifth Sunday as Family Day, several churches would come together in one building. We would introduce all great-grandparents and you would hear your stories that you have never heard before. We might want to start with calling it "Seeing Things."

When my brother was five years old, he used to wake up in

the middle of the night screaming and claiming there was a monster in his room. My mother always told him there was nothing there and that it was just his imagination. One day he was playing out in the yard when he suddenly ran into the house screaming, "Mama, there's a magination out there". He fell inside, shaking all over. Mama didn't even look outside. She just put the latch on the door and tried to calm him down. As the years went by, my brother had less to say about seeing things, but we could always tell when something was wrong by his strange behavior.

When he was sixteen, he

came home about eight o'clock one night. He ran up the steps and fell into the door sobbing. He never said what was wrong. That same year he met twin brothers who could also "see things" that no one was able to explain, and now, seventy five years later, I have met a little girl with the same problem. She wakes up in the middle of the night screaming. She is wide awake, but no one sees what she sees.

Does anyone in the field of medicine, psychology, religion, or any other persuasion know anything about this? I have never seen anything written on the subject. Also, has anyone heard about one

person casting a "spell" on another person? I assume these are forbidden subjects, but when a five year old child wakes up screaming in the middle of the night, trying to show you things that no one else can see, you begin to feel like asking questions. Does anyone out there know anything, or should we just let "sleeping dogs lie"?

Anyway, I hope we can all get together on Family Day at whatever church decides to lead the way. You will hear some things you have never heard before.

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

TELL SOMEBODY

"For His Glory!"

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Light - Something that makes things visible

The mission of the church is to glorify Father God in heaven, while we are here on earth.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8

Sylvia Hooper

There is a great difference between being seen doing good; and doing good for the purpose of being seen. The difference is "motivation". Motivation defined, is a strong reason to act. As Christians and modern day disciples of Christ, the life that we live and the service that we give should always be motivated by our love for our Lord Jesus Christ and our desire (motivation) to glorify Father God! If what we are doing as Christians is not giving God the glory, why on earth are we doing it?

When Jesus told his disciples to let their "light" so

shine before men, there was and still is now, good reason for giving this command. Jesus also told his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Matthew 5:14 The world needs to see the "light" of the Lord shining bright enough to lead men and women out of darkness into his marvelous light.

What does the world see when they look at today's church? When the world can see the light of the Lord Jesus living inside of his disciples, more people will be drawn into the kingdom. John 1:4 says, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." It is in him that we live, move, and have our being! Without God, we can do nothing! No matter how many good works we perform, we must be careful not to take the credit, but to give God all of the glory! If we would lift up the name of Jesus, he will draw all men unto himself.

"So then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 5:17 When the Word of God is preached, and souls are saved, we give the glory to

God. When Jesus' disciples caught on to his teaching they began to see the miraculous results in their ministry. "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." Luke 10:17

Jesus' response was, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions. And over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:19-20. No matter how anointed you may be and how many great works you do, all the glory and all the honor belongs to God!

John the Revelator had a vision of the throne of God in heaven. He saw many wonderful things transpiring as God Almighty sat upon the throne. For those of us who are living to see these things in person, we need to take note that all creation in heaven lives and breathes for the privilege of giving glory and honor to God.

Rev. 4:11 says, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Come on church! Let us remember, All the glory, the honor, the praises all day, They belong to God, and they are to be given .For His Glory!!!

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!

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Faith is a verb

BY JAMES WASHINGTON
OF THE DALLAS WEEKLY

Scripture says you should live your life in such a way that those around you can see the Jesus in you. "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16. I know that sounds good. But what does it really mean? The only explanation that works for me is the one that talks about service, i.e. doing something in the name of the Lord. I still believe faith is a verb.

We all know no one can live a perfect life. But it shouldn't take a district attorney's cross-examination to figure out where a person is coming from. The man who professes to love Jesus shouldn't be okay with cheating on his wife, be content with a life of crime, or rationalize illicit sex, drugs and satanic rock and roll. If so, then the Lord

cannot be your leader, nor Christ your example. We've all done it to some degree, but at some point in your supposed walk with God, your behavior, your obedience, your principles and integrity must shine through. Perfection may be impossible, but serious effort is not only possible, it's mandatory. You've got to give it your best shot each and every day. You can and will fall short, but it shouldn't be for lack of effort. I forget who said, if you try you might fail. But if you don't try, you're guaranteed to fail. Please note that God requires effort.

Allow me to testify about what I know to be true. My Bible says the closer we come to Jesus, the more we experience the blessings of God. And why wouldn't we? After all, those are Jesus' footprints in the snow. The path to righteousness is clear. The goal is simple. Be in right relationship with God. "But seek first

His kingdom and His righteousness and all things will be given you as well." Matthew 6:33. This 'seeking' to me has always meant working in some capacity. Jesus said, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me." John 9:4. Now none of us has Jesus' pedigree, but I am not opposed to working for what I want. I've done it all my life. You probably have too. So the important question is how hard are you willing to work knowing that your very soul is at stake? Just what are you willing to do to let the world know who you are and whose you are?

The good news of the gospel makes it clear that this is easy, if not ridiculously easy. Love God and love your neighbor. In this context love is a verb. Do enough so that the Jesus in you meets the Jesus in me. Do something, anything, that another person can't mistake for any-

thing else but kindness from above. For me, I'm asking God to walk with me in an effort to witness (see this column). I don't exactly have it down yet. I'm finding that it's not something you can study. I do know it's triggered by the recognition that somebody needs to hear; in my case read, a word from God. You should know that at that particular moment, God has chosen you to deliver His Word. So open your mouth and speak. This work that I am trying to focus on is recognizing that I must let go and let God use me to uplift another human being. For those of you who are used to this, you know this is a very humbling experience. But, "...If a man will not work, he shall not eat...And as for you brothers, never tire of doing what is right..." Thessalonians 3:10-13. In the vernacular of the day, get up. It's time to get busy. May God bless and keep you forever.

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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
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Having qualified as Affidavit Collector of the Estate of **Brian Houck** (15-E-1309), late of 3921 Sondey Drive Drive, New Hanover County, Castle Hayne, 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 **December 1, 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 23rd day of August, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Brian Houck
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

**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.
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August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
15 CVD 4446**

IN RE: JAMES RICHARD BLACKBURN Plaintiff, vs. SAMUEL REYNALDO CRUZ a/k/a SAMUEL CRUZ RIVERA UNKNOWN FATHER (to minor children: Lavonia Nicole Johnson and Stormie Rose Johnson) Defendant.
TO: SAMUEL REYNALDO CRUZ a/k/a SAMUEL CRUZ RIVERA UNKNOWN FATHER (to minor children: Lavonia Nicole Johnson and Stormie Rose Johnson)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The matter of the relief being sought is as follows: CHILD CUSTODY.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to make defense to such pleadings no later than forty (40) days from the date of first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 1st day of September, 2016.

Amanda B. Mason
Attorney for Plaintiff
514 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 763-8106

September 1, 8, 15, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Archie Lynn Bailey**, 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 **1st day of December, 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 1st day of September, 2016

Elaine G. Bailey, Executor of the Estate of Archie Lynn Bailey
718 Valley Brook Road
Wilmington, NC 28412
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Margaret G. Bank**, 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 **1st day of December, 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 1st day of September, 2016

Neal A. Harm, Executor of the Estate of Margaret G. Bank
817 Osprey Ridge Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

**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-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following 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
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
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August 25, September 1, 8, 2016

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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

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

Having qualified as Affidavit Collector of the Estate of **Nancy Powell** (16-E-183), late of 133 Central Blvd., 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 **December 1, 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 23rd day of August, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Brian Houck
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

**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

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2016

**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

**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

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT
DIVISION 16CVD649**

KEIGHA D. WILSON, PLAINTIFF VS. ARVIS B. WILSON, DEFENDANT TO: ARVIS B. WILSON

Please take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: An absolute divorce

You are required to make such defense to such pleading not later than **October 11, 2016** and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 1st day of September 2016

Keisha D. Wilson
4510 Dullage Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

September 1, 8, 15, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF: LILLIE MAE FIELDS**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Lillie Mae Fields, deceased, late 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 c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the 5th day of December, 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 at the address below.

This the 30th day of August, 2016

Jacquelyn D. Fields, Administratrix
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No.: 910-762-4176

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

**ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF ANNIE R. SMALLS, DECEASED
16 E 719**

The undersigned, Beverly E. Smalls, having qualified on the 24th day of May, 2016, as Administratrix of the estate of **Annie R. Smalls**, deceased, late 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 **31st day of August, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of June, 2016

Beverly E. Smalls, Administratrix of the Estate of
Annie R. Smalls
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