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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.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**FREEDOM FUND BANQUET**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This year's NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet was a great success! We were happy to recognize quite a few life members! However, we have a few members who deserve a special thanks and special honors. Among these are the following: Mr. Pete Stevens is in his 90's. Ms. Goldie Mae Evans is 99 years old, and Mother Verniece Stanley, at 85, is still active and going strong. She is still working to improve the lives and health of her people. She has never forgotten from where she came nor how she got to the point in life where she is now. The teacher in her is always trying to teach our people how to get ahead. We are very proud of her and look forward to her working with us next year. This chapter has quite a few other people in their seventies and early eighties.

We are very racially diverse, having both White and Black members. The fight for freedom has to be a combined effort, with representation from every group of citizens. Our problems of racism and bigotry are still very much alive.

We must keep fighting for equality and justice. Freedom does not come without a struggle!! Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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**NO SUNDAY VOTING IN NHC**

**Can churches bring "Souls to the Polls"?**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Now that the Republican-led NC Board of Elections has decided not to force the New Hanover County Board of Elections to reinstate Sunday voting when early voting commences on Oct. 20th, will area black churches develop plans to transport their congregations to the early voting sites during other days?

There was Sunday "Souls to the Polls" voting for the March primary earlier this year in New Hanover County, as numerous black churches participated without a problem. Deborah Dicks Maxwell, president of the New Hanover County NAACP, is not pleased it won't happen again this fall.

"The loss of Sunday voting was a blow," Ms. Maxwell told *The Journal* in a statement Sunday evening. "It is bankers hours that personally discriminates against me and my work schedule. [The NAACP] will respond by encouraging voters [to vote] during the time given. We will also request all houses of faith and individuals to offer transportation to the polls. Churches with midday Bible study will be encouraged to go to the polls at that time."

"I was informed that because we did not have Sunday voting in 2012 we were not considered this time. Someone died for our right to vote and we will exercise it," Ms. Maxwell continued.

What is clear is that not allowing

Sunday voting for the fall general election is in direct contradiction to the spirit of the July 29th U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling (later upheld by the US Supreme Court) when it struck down parts of the 2013

Voter ID law, passed by the Republican-led legislature and signed by Gov. Pat McCrory.

In that historic ruling, the Appellate Court wrote:

"African-Americans disproportionately used the first seven

days of early voting. After receipt of this racial data, the General Assembly amended [the voter I law] to eliminate the first week of early voting, shortening the total early voting period from seventeen to ten days. As a result, the

law also eliminated one of two "souls to the polls" Sundays in which African-American churches provided transportation to voters."

The appellate court ruled that the General Assembly did so with discriminatory "intent" and targeted African-Americans with "surgical precision."

According to attorney Irving Joyner, chair of the NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee that joined in coalition with other civil rights attorneys to fight the voter ID law, the appellate court's intent was that Sunday voting be reinstated in counties where it had been struck down or limited.

"The SBOE had received this message several times," Joyner told *The Journal*. "They were warned before last Thursday's hearing, during that

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**IN NEW YORK**



NINA NOBLE AND ADRIANNA WILLIAMSON

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**TWO LOCAL ONE LOVE TENNIS KIDS GO TO US OPEN**

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This past week, two local girls from the One Love Tennis program in Wilmington returned from trip of a lifetime to New York City and Flushing Meadows-Corona Park for the US Open of Tennis.

Lenny Simpson, Wilmington native and the founder/executive director of One Love Tennis, organized this ultimate tennis excursion and hopes to do this every year for students in his program that show promise and dedication.

This year David and Carolyn McLemore of the McLemore Family Trust made the trip for the kids possible.

Former tennis pro and the first African-American to play World Team Tennis, Lenny Simpson made history

at Forest Hills in 1964, when at the age of 15, he set a US Open of Tennis record as the youngest male (black or white) to win a first round match at the national championships. He held that record for over 20 years.

The two young winners, Nina Noble, 12 and Adrianna Williamson, 11 and Adrianna's mother, flew to New York along with Simpson and his wife Joann last week.

After a first day of the NTY/Time Square experience, the group began their VIP US Open weekend at Arthur Ashe Kids Day as guests in Arthur and Jeannie Ashe's box in Louie Armstrong Stadium.

Later, along with the young Arthur Ashe Essay winners from around the country, the group attended a special screening of *Althea the Film* at the Queens Theater (where Lenny did a Q and A along with filmmaker, Rex

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Aquinetta Beatty

**Spotlight on DST local chapter president**

BY MARVA ROBINSON  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The South Atlantic Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated has appointed Aquinetta Beatty, President of the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter, as North Carolina Chair of Economic Development for the 2016 - 2018 biennium. President Beatty commenced her second biennial term with a comprehensive public service agenda for the chapter, implementing innovative approaches to existing programs, such as Delta Academy/Delta Gems, Eliminating the Achievement Gap and the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. During Beatty's administration, the Delta Foundation of the Cape Fear, a 501-3C entity, was established with chapter member

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**UNCW to host Annual Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED) Conference Oct. 12-13**

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The University of North Carolina Wilmington's Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of Facilities will host the second annual Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference in October.

This year's event will include a pre-conference networking reception on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the UNCW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The deadline to register for the reception is Oct. 3. The MED Week conference begins at 8 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Burney Center on the UNCW campus. This year's

theme is "Evolving Your Business: Make It Happen, Make It Matter."

Entrepreneur and philanthropist Stephen Hightower, president and CEO of Hightowers Petroleum Company, is the keynote speaker. An entrepreneur since 1979, starting more than 10 businesses, he currently operates five companies. Hightower grew his Ohio-based wholesale fuel supply company into an energy solutions enterprise. The company's customers include Duke Energy, General Motors Corporation, Fed Ex, UPS, the State of Ohio, General Mills, Ford Motor Company and many others. Hightowers Petroleum Company has a joint venture in Nigeria and an office in South Africa.

Hightower serves on the

Department of Interior National Park Foundation Board of Directors and Department of Energy National Petroleum Council, appointed to both positions by President Barack Obama. He was the recipient of the 2014 National MED Week Award and 2013 Black Enterprise Magazine's Industrial/Service Company of the Year. Hightower was also involved with Power Africa, an initiative by President Obama to increase the number of people with access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa.

"The opportunity to provide information and resources to community

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businesses is an extension of the university's mission," said Cheryl Sutton, UNCW Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion Partnership Liaison and Office of Facilities HUB coordinator. "We are excited to host the second annual Cape Fear MED Week Conference and to have a global pioneer as our keynote speaker."

Cape Fear MED Week recognizes the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs and honors individuals and organizations that support minority business development. The conference provides opportunities for networking and discussion of critical issues affecting business and economic growth.

Cape Fear MED WEEK is among the events being held nationwide as a part of the national observance of MED Week, created by presidential proclamation in 1983.

For more information about Cape Fear MED Week, visit www.uncw.edu/MED week or contact Cheryl Sutton at suttoncd@uncw.edu.  
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Faye Jacobs serving as chairperson.

Ms. Beatty, a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University in the field of Engineering, was recently nominated by the GE Corporation Management Team to participate in their first-of-a-kind program, Women Engineers Development Program, a year-long initiative aimed at females to gain exposure and expertise to foster career development. Additionally, Beatty, who is the lead project manager of mechanical parts at GE, represents the company as one of 130 business partnerships helping New Hanover County Schools provide experiences and tangible benefits to students, teachers and staff each year. She is cited as being passionate about the company's volunteer efforts.

An avid community oriented individual, Acquinetta credits her path to a degree in industrial engineering to simi-

lar community involvement. At an event in her school, women and minorities were encouraged to enter fields focused on math and science, which has inspired her to do the same at school events in surrounding area counties. Possessing strong, energetic, capable leadership skills, President Beatty personifies Delta Pride.

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Miller)

The One Love Tennis group got up close and personal with the players at practice and watched play at US OPEN Tennis Championships, and were guests in Stan Smith's box and of USTA President/CEO Katrina Adams, in the President's Box in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"This whole experience for the girls surpassed even my high expectations," said Simpson. "Within the span of one hour, we were less than two racket lengths away from Venus and Serena Williams, Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray...5 of the top ranked tennis players in the world as they practiced."

"This makes me want to go back and work hard to be a better tennis player," said Adrianna. Vanessa Green, Adrianna's mother, was incredulous. "Never in my lifetime, did I think I would be standing next to Serena Williams, much less with my daughter by my side!"

The girls were particularly excited to meet those with a connection to Coach Lenny including John McEnroe (who Lenny brought to Wilmington for the 2011 Azalea Festival) and Donald Young, who in 2008, played James Blake and broke another long standing US Open record held by Simpson and his friend and mentor Arthur Ashe of being the only two African-American male competitors to face each other in US Open play.

Another major highlight was meeting doubles champions and fan favorites, the Bryan Brothers, who Simpson brought to Wilmington in 2013 for a One Love Tennis Fundraising exhibition. Later, Mike Bryan, when he saw the girls with Lenny after a practice, called Nina over by name and slipped her his wristband through the fence as fans and onlookers watched in envy.

"She will never wash that wristband" laughs Simpson. "She will probably wear it at least through the rest of the US Open and maybe through Althea Gibson Week!"

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hearing and reminded after the session concluded. Because they were aware, some notable reversals in plans from several counties were achieved. As for the others, we are measuring the possible effects with the hours which were established. When you add them up, however, more hours are available for early voting during this election than ever before. While everyone did not get Sunday voting hours, there were more Saturday hours added to the total available hours."

It was last month the GOP-led New Hanover County BOE voted not to reinstitute Sunday voting for the coming general election early voting period. Like all local BOEs,

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**RODNEY ELLIS, FORMER NCAE PRESIDENT, DEAD AT 49**  
 [WINSTON-SALEM] Rodney Ellis, the former president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, died last Saturday unexpectedly. He was 49. The Mocksville native led the NCAE as both president and vice president for eight years, battling the NC General Assembly over teachers' issues every step of

the way. Ellis planned to return to teaching in Winston-Salem at the end of his tenure to teach language arts. Gov. Pat McCrory said Ellis' devotion to education was a "labor of love."  
**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN IN RALEIGH TO SUPPORT ROY COOPER**  
 [RALEIGH] On Monday, Vice Pres. Joe Biden was in Raleigh to support State Attorney General Roy Cooper for governor during a private fundraiser for the Democratic Governors Association. According to recent polls, Cooper has at least a

five-point lead over incumbent Republican Gov. Pat McCrory.  
**CLINTON BLASTS VOTER ID WHILE IN CHARLOTTE**  
 [CHARLOTTE] Charging that Gov. Pat McCrory and the Republican-led NC General Assembly have tried to "restrict people's right to vote," Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton told those gathered at Johnson C. Smith University Sept. 8th that North Carolina's 2013 Voter ID law was a blast from the Jim Crow past" and had no place

in the 21st century. On July 29th, the US Fourth Circuit of Appeals ruled the Voter ID law as unconstitutional, later to be reaffirmed by the US Supreme Court. With voter ID out of the way, some observers say North Carolina is prime for Hillary Clinton to win in November.  
**CONSERVATIVE GROUP SPONSORS GET-OUT-THE-VOTE BUS TOUR**  
 [WINSTON-SALEM] A conservative lobbying group brought its nationwide bus tour to North Carolina Sunday and Monday, visiting Baptist churches across the

state, urging evangelicals to vote in November. The Family Research Council Action bus tour visited stops in western North Carolina. The group, which is supporting Republican Donald Trump this election, is planning 100 stops in all throughout the state, North Carolina is currently tied between Trump and Democratic challenger Hillary Clinton.  
**NC CLERGY LEAD MORAL MONDAY MARCH TO STATE CAPITAL**  
 [RALEIGH] On Monday, members of NC clergy joined

NC NAACP President. Rev. William Barber for a march to the state Capital titled "Higher Ground Moral Day of Action". The goal, Rev. Barber said, was to have state elected officials address the issues of poverty, lack of voting rights, and poor public education, among others. Twenty-five cities across the nation were to hold moral marches at the same time as Raleigh on Monday. Rev. Barber has also asked clergy to preach at least two weeks before Election Day about the importance of voting. **COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS**

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Republicans are in the majority 2-1. The NHC BOE's sole Democrat, Tom Pollard, advocated for Sunday voting, saying that he felt the board should "maximize" voting opportunities for all county residents, but he was not heeded.  
 To be fair, a Democratic majority NHC BOE had also disallowed Sunday voting for the 2012 presidential election.  
 So as it stands now, absent a legal challenge, One Stop Early Voting /Same Day Registration in New Hanover county will begin Thursday, Oct. 20th and end Saturday, Nov. 5at the Government Center, 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 34, with no Sunday voting.  
 Voters can also obtain applications for mail-in absentee voting online, along with sample ballots. Absentee voting has already begun in North Carolina. Please go to <http://elections.nhcgov.com/voting-registration/absentee-voting/> for more information.  
 "We have over 40 faith ambassadors who will ensure that their respective congregations go out and vote," Pres. Deborah Maxwell of the NHC NAACP vows. "The community will adjust their voting time to the new schedule because "This is Our Time, This Is Our Vote."

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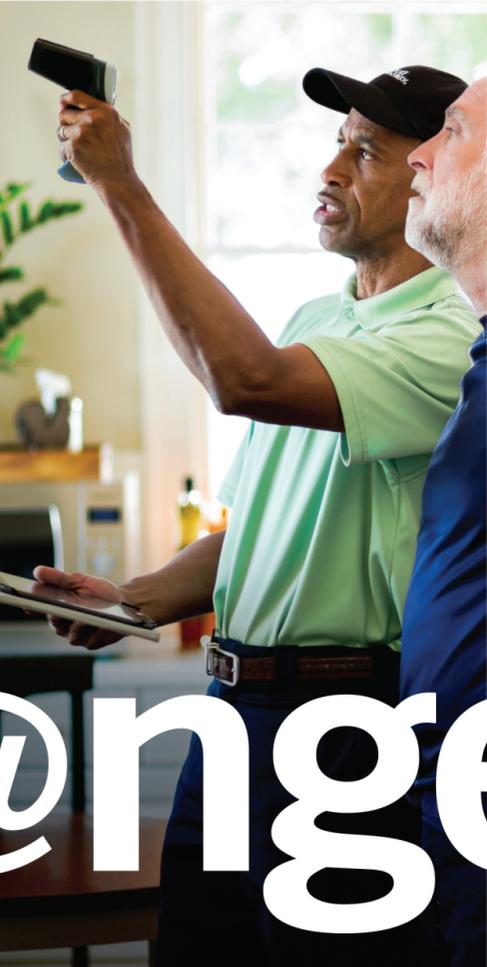
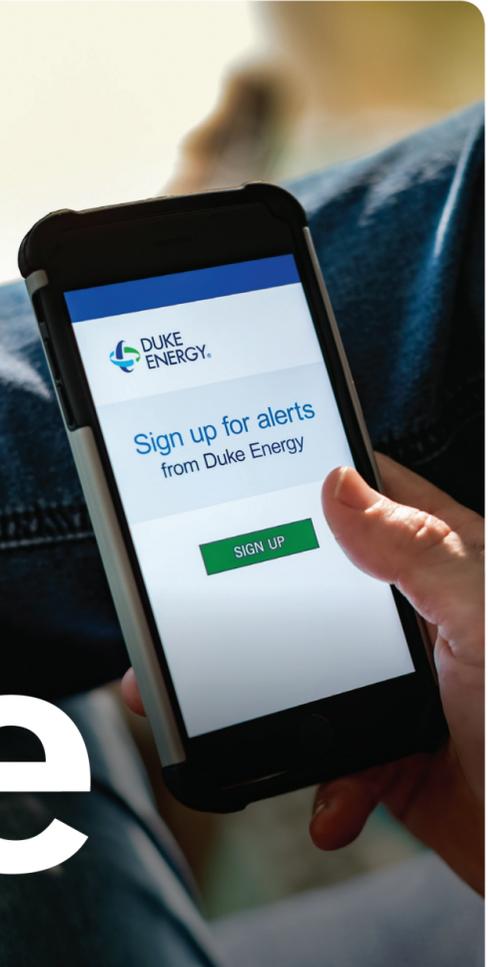
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TO BE EQUAL

### More than words: The life and legacy of George Curry

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"In the grand struggle for liberty and equality now waging, it is meet, right, and essential that there should arrive in our ranks authors and editors as well as orators, for it is in these capacities that the most permanent good can be rendered to our cause." - Frederick Douglass, American Civil Rights Activist, December 3, 1847

Activists come in all shapes, sizes and skintones. Not surprisingly, you will find as much variety when it comes time for that activist to select his or her weapon of choice. For the good of our nation, George E. Curry—a veteran journalist and longtime champion of the Black press—chose the pen. In his various roles as a reporter, editor-in-chief, commentator and mentor, George proved that the pen could indeed wield a might greater than the sword. From the day he became an editor at his hometown, Alabama high school paper, to the sad day in August when he would finally rest his pen down for good, he used that pen everyday of his working life to deliver to our nation unapologetic and unflinching analysis and perspective on the lives and stories of the underserved, the oppressed, the forgotten and the ignored.

For decades, George—widely hailed as the "dean of Black press columnists"—covered issues of vital importance to African Americans. He loomed as large a figure in the world of Civil Rights activism as he did in the world of media and journalism. In fact, for George, the two were inextricably intertwined. For a man laden with so many awards and achievements, one of his greatest achievements was his tireless work that led to the release of Kemba Smith. For four years, George trained his time, energy and talent on Kemba, a 22-year-old college student who was sentenced to 24 years in prison under mandatory minimums because of a minor role she played in her boyfriend's drug trafficking ring. His journalism and his persistence brought much-needed attention to Kemba's plight. Her story—largely ignored by mainstream press outlets—became his cause. In 2000, his work led to Kemba receiving a pardon from President Bill Clinton.

From "Freedom's Journal," the first African-American owned and operated newspaper in the United States founded in 1827, to the magazines, websites and podcasts of today, like George, many in the Black press understand that our stories—like Kemba Smith's story—won't be told or advocated for unless Black people have a platform to tell those stories of injustice. In an interview with Jet Magazine, George shared that no event in his life had been "more transforming than the murder of Emmett Till. And Jet captured it like nobody else. When you saw those pictures, Jet brought it home."

George understood what Frederick Douglass and Ida B. Wells-Barnett and countless other African American journalists before him (and after him) understood: that the Black press is not only a vehicle to note the achievements of Black people in America, but for so many years it was the only vehicle that would note our very existence, and it was, and has always been, the vehicle best suited to "plead our cause."

Like so many others, I am deeply saddened and shocked by the passing of a great man, a great friend and a true supporter of the National Urban League. In 2013, George sat on a panel for our State of Black America web series to discuss the present role of Black media in our society. In 2015, he joined our web series again to discuss criminal justice reform. You can visit [stateofblackamerica.org](http://stateofblackamerica.org) to watch both his panels.

At the time of his death, George was raising money to reestablish Emerge News Online, the web version of Emerge Magazine, a public-affairs magazine where he was editor-in-chief from 1993 to 2000. The magazine, which provided a platform for exceptional Black writers, was not his only means of discovering upcoming talent. George founded workshops and established journalism organizations and training programs to find and foster the talented minds who would one day become our "authors and editors as well as our orators." Having spent a lifetime bringing young people into journalism, I rest assured that the final chapters of his legacy remains to be written.

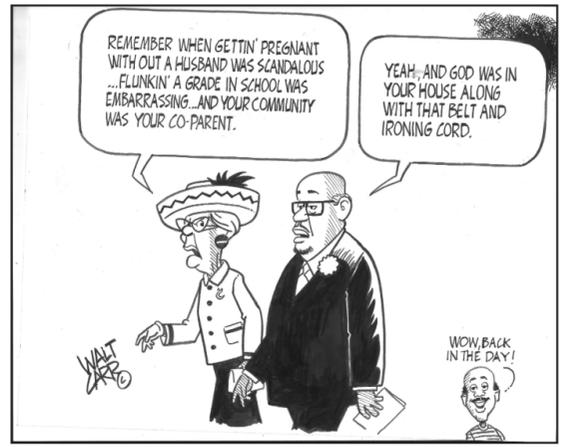
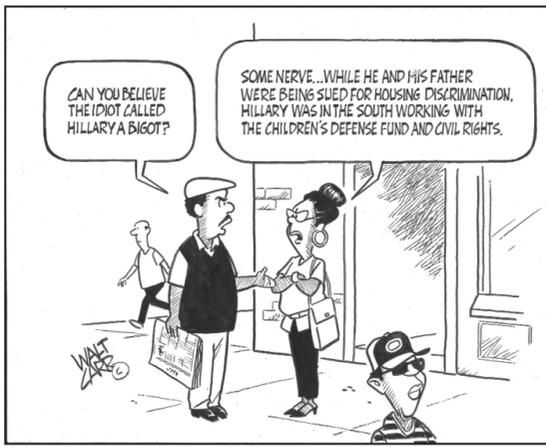
My prayers are with his family, his loved ones, and the Black press—an institution George cherished so dearly.

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

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of the third and fourth marriage, David Duke is teaching him ethnic cleansing, Dan Quail is helping him with his spelling, Governor Pat McCrory is teaching him gerrymandering, how to choose the right bathroom, suppress votes and suffer defeat three times in federal courts and

Senator Richard Burr is telling him how to be an empty suit and still get paid over \$200,000 a year from the tax payers in North Carolina - Trump will be GREAT!!!

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## Matters of Opinion

### It's more than an issue of gullibility

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As a nation, we have passed the beginning, in earnest, of the 2016 Presidential Campaign. There are few who don't understand that this is the most significant, pivotal and controversial election in our history. It has the potential to define our country for generations and it deserves our serious consideration and participation. Consistent with my practice, during the next two months I will offer my thoughts on related matters of importance to the nation and that have specific impact on communities of color.

Unfortunately, this campaign has been turned into a caricature of campaign seasons past. Although it's common for campaign rhetoric to verge on the point of meaningless blabber, recent discourse has, to the serious listener, devolved in a not-so-comical

exchange of verbiage that finds one candidate stuck in a loop of already answered questions about her past "indiscretions" and the other offering his own brand of contradictory, nonsensical platitudes that offer no real substance or insight into his plans.

Both candidates have been labeled as "flawed," but I find the zit on the middle of the nose to be more objectionable than the one on the side of the face. Starting in the spirit of full disclosure, I find the candidacy of Donald Trump in opposition to the concerns and interests of communities of color and non-Christians. In this brief essay, I will outline a portion of the reasoning that justifies my position and my fears that "low-information" and "unlikely" voters will fall prey to the mis-information that will surely surface.

I have heard some pundits suggest that the die-hard, mostly white supporters of Trump are victims of their own base-instincts and gullibility. They listen to the endless drone of vitriolic attacks upon Trump opponents and, akin to those who back the school yard bully, join him in his juvenile tactics.

Supposedly, they are enamored by his sound-bite solutions to national and world crises and surrender to his promises of "I'll fix it. Believe me. It'll be huuuuge!!!!"

I agree that base-instincts motivate large numbers of those committed to Trump. This is evidenced by the violence that is visited upon protesters at his rallies and the rabid rejection of tolerance of "difference" by those who find shelter under his tent. I cannot, however, agree that these people are gullible. To paraphrase a comment heard on TV, Trump has brought racism, misogyny, and religious bias into mainstream politics and it presents an ugly picture. Those willing to honestly and objectively assess Trump's recent move to "soften" his approach to people of color will agree that it is motivated by polling that shows his path to victory is non-existent without some of "THEIR" votes.

And that brings me to the point of my greatest concern. Trump is attempting to exploit the influence of the Black Church! Trump's visit to Detroit's Great Faith Ministries Church was an

excursion to that end.

Many have called Black people some of the most forgiving in the world. This is especially true of those genuinely seeking to live in accordance with Christ-like principles. These are the trusting who want to believe in the "goodness of others" and in "the spirit of redemption." They are those who unscrupulous predators exploit.

While I only offer my opinion, those who fell for Trump's promises of improved quality of life without the presentation of a substantive corresponding plan of action have been duped. Experience proves that the best predictor of future behavior is shown in past actions. From substantiated claims of housing discrimination in the 1970's to his most recent rants against Muslims, women, immigrants, the disabled and others, Trump has shown himself to be an intolerant bigot.

Let's not be gullible. He hasn't found "The Religion!"

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## Are you ready to vote?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Are you ready to vote? Are you registered? These may seem like simplistic questions, especially for those who are aware, but every year some folks are denied access to the polls because they didn't register on time, or they moved and their address does not match the registrar of voters has, or SOMETHING.

The Presidential election is likely to be a nail-biter, and there are local races that are also close. Your best bet is to make sure you know what the requirements for voting are in your state. [www.vote.com](http://www.vote.com) lists the requirements for all 50 states. A few states allow voter registration on the day of an election, but most states require you to register between 11 and 30 days before the vote. Some states allow online registration, most allow registration by mail (with requirements about the date a registration is postmarked), and almost all allow in person registration.

The terms and conditions of voting are still being negotiated in some states so it makes sense to stay on top of voting

rules. A federal appeals court recently kicked discriminatory North Carolina voting terms to the curb, saying that that state discriminated against African Americans with "surgical precision". Efforts to reduce the number of days available for early voting, or to eliminate Sunday voting, disproportionately affects African American voters. North Carolina Republicans are deliberate and mindful in their attempt to sideline African American voters, since most African Americans are Democrats. They want to deliver their state to Donald Trump and they want to ensure that Senator Richard Burr and Governor Pat McCrory, both Republicans, are also re-elected.

North Carolina isn't the only state with electoral shenanigans. Texas, Kansas, Georgia and Alabama have also implemented restrictive measures that are being appealed by civil rights groups, the League of Women Voters, the NAACP and others. Disputes revolve around things like absentee ballots, purges of inactive voters, and issues of whether ballots will count if they are cast in the wrong precincts. In our "democracy", it seems that we do more to discourage voters than encourage them, and while the voting process could be seamless, plans to prevent as many as 50,000 Kansas voters from going to the polls, for

example, make no sense in a "participatory democracy."

Some folks don't want it to be participatory, though. Republicans now control most state legislatures, and have been passing voter suppression laws since 2010, when they began to take control of state houses. Civic participation organizations, like the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the National Coalition for Black Civic Participation, and others, are fighting back, preparing to have people available to help voters, especially in battleground states, and with hot lines (1-866-OUR-VOTE) and other forms of voter assistance. In an election that is likely to be close, it is important that every voice be heard.

I'm still not clear why polling suggests that this vote is so close. Secretary Hillary Clinton, for all her imperfections, is a stunningly superior candidate to the bumbling Donald Trump who just recently praised Russia's Vladimir Putin as a "better leader" than President Obama. Now, that's just downright unpatriotic, not to mention short-sided, and tone-deaf. While folks are running Colin Kaepernick down for being unpatriotic, Trump gets away with comments that border on the treasonous, and is still considered a "credible" candidate for President. Really?

Donald Trump goes to one

Black church and gets all kind of media coverage. Hillary Clinton visits numerous Black churches, and the media is absent. Donald Trump blusters his way through an interview with Matt Lauer on national security, and is hardly challenged and, certainly, never interrupted. Hillary Clinton offers substance to an extremely biased Lauer who was, at best, unprepared for the interview. Instead of getting kudos on her performance, too many have noticed that Hillary "didn't smile". National security is no laughing matter, folks.

We have stark choices in this election, but some of us won't be making choices because we won't be prepared to vote on November 8. Now is the time to make sure you are prepared. Are you registered? Where will you vote? Will you be out of town or unable to get to the polls on November 8? Can you do early voting or vote via an absentee ballot? These aren't questions to ask on November 5, they are questions to ask now. Don't shake your head on November 9 and say you didn't like the outcome if you didn't bother to vote on November 8. The stakes are high!

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REALITY CHECK

Two European Americans telling nothing but the truth

(Via TriceEdney News Wire)

Every now and then an American journalist, educator or politician will tell the whole truth about how white supremacist attitudes and actions have wrecked havoc on people of color.

A recent example of that extremely rare truth-telling was given by Lawrence O'Donnell, host of MSNBC's "The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell." With clear, precise, blunt language, he explained in thorough detail how Europeans invaded and took control of a land that for many centuries had been the home of what are now called Native Americans. I once saw a flyer



A. Peter Bailey

pasted on a government building in Washington, DC, stating, "We (the indigenous people) have been fighting against illegal immigration since 1492."

O'Donnell was speaking in support of descendants of those people who right now in the 21st Century are fighting efforts by European Americans to take some of the small amount of land that they still own in order to advance their economic interests.

A second case in which a European American tells the truth about his people's track record of brutality when dealing with people from other racial, ethnic and nationality groups. Those who are surprised or shocked about what is currently happening in Europe vis-à-vis the Muslim refugees wouldn't be if they had read a column written by European American military analyst

Ralph Peters in 2006. The following is just a part of what Peters wrote about his fellow Whites:

"The notion that continental Europeans, who are world champion haters, will let the impoverished Muslim immigrants they confine to ghettos take over their societies and extend the caliphate from the Amalfi Coast to Amsterdam has it exactly wrong. The endangered species isn't the "peace loving" Europeans lolling in his or her welfare state, but the continent's Muslim immigrants and their multi-generation descendants who were foolish enough to imagine that European would share their toys... Don't let Europe's current round of playing pacifist dress up fool you. This is the continent that perfected genocide and ethnic cleansing-the happy-go-lucky slice of humanity that brought us such recent hits as the Holocaust and Srebrenica....

When Europeans feel sufficiently threatened-even when the threat is concocted nonsense-they don't just react, they over-react with stunning ferocity. One of their more human (and frequently employed) techniques has been ethnic cleansing...Far from enjoying the prospect of taking over Europe by having babies, Europe's Muslims are living on borrowed time... When Europeans feel sufficiently provoked and threatened-a few serious terrorist attacked-could do it-Europe's Muslim will be lucky to be deported."

O'Donnell and Peters deserve props for telling the truth and nothing but the truth about the white supremacist attitudes and actions of Europeans and people of European descent.

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CHILDWATCH

Insure all children

If asking parents this simple question could help ensure children stay healthier; do better in school, and even save a child's life, should schools do it? More and more districts around the country are answering with a resounding yes! The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and AASA, The School Superintendents Association, have just released Happy, Healthy, and Ready to Learn: Insure All



Marian W. Edelman

Children! a toolkit to help schools and districts connect children to health care coverage as part of routine school enrollment. After all, school is where more than 55 million children are expected daily this year to prepare for the future. The Obama Administration encourages these efforts, and on August 31st U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Burwell joined District of Columbia Public Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson, CDF, AASA, and other officials to discuss how all schools can get involved and help make sure all students are healthy and ready to learn.

"We know that efforts like the partnership between The School Superintendents Association and the Children's Defense Fund can make a real difference connecting children to quality healthcare," Secretary King said. "This is about in the end improving our outcomes because the future of our economy and our democracy depend on it."

"It's great to have a great partner like Secretary King in terms of the interaction between education and health and how we are dependent on education and education is helped by health," said Secretary Burwell. "We are excited today about continuing that progress... because 3 out of 4 of those uninsured children walk through a school door...When we think about the children, this is where the children are reached and this is the place where there are trusted voices."

Thanks in large part to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the number of uninsured children in the U.S. is at a historic low. But while our country has made great progress expanding health insurance for children, about 4.5 million children under 18 remain uninsured. These remaining uninsured children are often the hardest to reach because of various enrollment and retention barriers and are more likely to come from families with mixed immigration status, are homeless, or face other challenges. Schools are trusted entities in many of these children's lives. That 2.8 million uninsured children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP right now but not enrolled creates an opportunity for schools to help close the gap between the haves and have-nots.

Schools know better than anyone that healthy children thrive better in classrooms. How can a child who needs glasses to read or hearing aids to listen learn without them? She can't. Unmet health needs are huge barriers to academic success. We have an abundance of evidence that insured children do better in school, are more likely to graduate from high school, and to be healthier and earn more as adults.

The Insure All Children toolkit offers lessons learned from 15 school districts in five states who have worked with CDF and AASA to create a simple, cost effective, and sustainable way to identify and enroll eligible but uninsured children in health insurance. This is something schools can do to help close achievement gaps right now and level the playing field for our poor and vulnerable children.

Lillian Maldonado French, the superintendent of a poor suburban California school district with whom we have collaborated says this is critical work, "It costs as much as you have. If you have enough to add a question to the form, then that's what you do. If you have enough to perhaps hire someone to follow up, then that's what you do. If you have enough to perhaps build a beautiful health clinic then that's what you do. But you have to start." Schools don't have to do this alone. Community partners have joined hands with her district and she is now urging neighboring districts to do it too. She says, "You start with the first step and then you keep moving. And as you keep moving more opportunities come to you."

When CDF began this work in Texas more than a decade ago, Texas had the highest rate of uninsured children in the country with more than a million children eligible for health coverage but not yet enrolled. Our goal was to create a simple, routine procedure so it could become part of what schools do. Working with school districts we developed the simple question to be asked on routine school enrollment forms - "Does your child have health insurance?" If families answered no, with parents' permission CDF offered help with application and enrollment process.

Now this new online toolkit offers lessons learned so school districts everywhere in America can create their own successful health enrollment initiatives. CDF and AASA's goal is to provide school and community leaders and parents and child advocates across the country a framework to build community support for connecting children to health insurance through schools and to provide the practical steps schools need to take to implement a successful and sustainable campaign.

We urgently need to change the odds to help our most vulnerable children succeed in our global economy. Giving every child a healthy start should be the goal of every school district, school and parent. As the Director of the District of Columbia's Department of Health, Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt says, "The insurance status is the great thing we want to begin with but we also have to get to the next step which is the great health outcomes and then the final step is beginning to have those education outcomes. Those are all the metrics for success that we need to have outlined at the very beginning of the effort so people understand that's where we are trying to go." When we insure our children's health today, we are ensuring stronger communities and a stronger nation tomorrow.

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

CASH IN THE APPLE

Up again

Despite all that has happened with challenges to my health over the past several months, I was still able to have one of my last mini-documentaries, "WLE : The Voice of the Community" be selected as an entry in this year's 2016 NC Black Film Festival in Wilmington this coming weekend.



Cash Michaels

once brought people together. It screens in Wilmington this Saturday, 1 p.m., Room 528, Cape Fear Union Station at Cape Fear Community College, 411 North Front Street.

See you there! LESS THAN TWO MONTHS - Oh Almighty GOD is good! Did you hear me? I mean, He can't make our calendar, and the countdown to Election Day come any faster or sooner. So we'll be deep into the presidential debates, the campaign commercials will be coming hard and fast and thick, and CNN, MSNBC and Fox News channels will fill themselves with even more nonsense about this nonsensical presidential election.

I don't know about you, but I can't wait for it to all end, though I want the ending be one most of us can live with. No sense trading in four years of horror for just two months of outrage.

But what I find amazing is that as a proud member of the news business, I'm normally able to consume a fair amount of political TV talk shows, campaign commercials and campaign BS without so much as a whimper. This year, how-

ever, I find myself drowning to the point that I've removed myself from any daily watching or scorekeeping.

I just can't take anymore of the lying surrogates whose sole job is to show up on somebody's cable talk show and call desert sand wet, waterfalls dry, and twist truth inside out knowing darn well that they're pushing is full of bull barn by-product. I'm sick of it, sick of dishonest debate and the twisting of facts to the point where w don't know what's true anymore. Sure I'm all for freedom of speech, but I'm even more for exposing bald-faced liars for what they are.

I get that these surrogates have to feed their families like everybody else, but look at what they have to say in order to get that check.

That's clearly a job I couldn't do. I believe in truth too much to lie my face off like these surrogates are.

So, it should not surprise you that I've been spending more time watching old TV shows instead of inflating my already too high blood pressure watching these lying losers. I'm so glad I had the wisdom years ago to purchase box sets of some of my favorite

shows, like "The West Wing." Boy, if only we had a President like Josiah Barlett, someone with principles and a devotion to make the country work for everyone. Watching hours of a make believe White House beats hours of watching evidence of a train wreck coming our way every day.

I'm not waiting for November 8th, however. I've printed out my absentee ballot, I'm carefully filling it out and sending it back long for the general election. I want to vote now, have my say now, do my part for the cause now.

Standing by while all of this noise continues to poison the atmosphere is not an option...not for me!

*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.*

BEYOND THE RHETORIC

Cuba travel changes for the better

It has been a long time coming but it has come at last. Our first interest in traveling to Cuba was in 1999. I was in Kingston, Jamaica working with our chapter there, Jamaican Chamber of Commerce.



Harry C. Alford

While we were walking down the street we ran into the Cuban Ambassador for Jamaica. I was impressed. The brother was dressed like a typical professional brother from Chicago, Los Angeles or somewhere in the states. We were three minutes into the introductory conversation before he exclaimed, "When are you going to Cuba?" I retorted, "We are not allowed to go to Cuba". He said, "That is a myth! You can go if you get a license from your government. Contact our consulate in Washington, DC and they will show you the process." That began our official relationship with Cuba.

This was under the Clinton Administration. We had sanctions with Cuba which meant you cannot do normal business or travel with the nation. There was a strict process to follow with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). OFAC was onerous but they did show us the path we had to take. We received the license within four months. It took a lot of back and forth but we remained persistent. Another requirement was to hire a certified (OFAC approved certified travel agent). After approval it took about two months to rally our members who were interested. 36 members of the National Black Chamber of Commerce were prepared to travel to this mysterious nation. A nation of people who were predominantly the same ethnicity as us.

The trip was fantastic! African Americans were greeted with love by the Cubans. \$10 dollar lobster dinners; \$3 dollar bottles of Havana Club Rum, \$10 cover charge at the famous Tropicana night club; best cigars in the world and fine accommodations to give life-time memories. Six months later, we went back again. Word of our travel got around and our board members were thinking we could charter a 747 wide body on the next trip now that the word was out. But all of a sudden the "door" slammed shut.

The Bush Administration had taken over and the

process was quite different. We inquired about obtaining another license for travel and were told, "Forget about it!" There was a new "sheriff" at OFAC and travel to Cuba virtually ceased unless you were a member of Congress or someone well connected along that level. That was heart-breaking to us. For 12 years we were blocked from returning to our brothers and sisters 90 miles off the coast of Florida.

Fortunately, the Obama Administration has a different view of things. Slowly, travel to Cuba began opening up again. So now, we have come to find out that traveling to Cuba is as easy as it has ever been. There are certain reasons for a group to travel to Cuba. Business groups are in that category. There are certain airplanes that are allowed to take such groups on a daily basis. Soon there will be American commercial flights going on a daily basis. The demand is making available hotels limited. However, a cottage industry in the nation is Airbnb. You can rent rooms from licensed Cuban citizens. Homes along the beaches and nice neighborhoods. The entire tailored package is quite reasonably priced. Some villas provide seven bedrooms with a bathroom for each, modern kitchen

and a coastline view. With 7-14 people the cost is quite reasonable.

The NBCC has determined that a resurgence of Cuba travel has arrived. We are forming an easy format that is consistent with the current rules. Our first visit will occur in late October and we are so excited! The beautiful people, fantastic art, Afro Cuban music (which originated directly from the Congo via slavery), beautiful people (physical fitness is required), perfect weather and anything the Caribbean has but at reasonable costs, tropical cuisine, historical sights and the tropical aura. It is going to be so nice to reconnect with our people!

The drought is over! Our office is studying up on the process and will begin promoting consulting excursions for our members. On our first trip we will participate with the Cuba Chamber of Commerce in a business Trade Fair with over 4500 participating exhibits at the FERIA Trade Show - see what we have been missing!

Yes, my brothers and sisters it is time to reconnect.

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## New Hanover County

**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.



**St. Augustine's University Alumni Chapter** will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 17th from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Covil Farms Clubhouse, 7100 Covil Farms Rd.

## Community Briefs

**The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group** meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 22nd.

**The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHCE 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.

**Wrightsville Beach Parks and Recreation Department** will offer the personal safety strategies program, "Refuse To Be A Victim" taught by former Police Chief John Carey on September 24th from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

## 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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## Veronica Mila Hooper high school scholar certificate recipient

Ms. Veronique "Mila" Hooper, daughter of Steven and Veronica Hooper and granddaughter of Pastor Johnson and Sylvia Hooper, and Ms Carrie McIntyre, was recently awarded an esteemed certificate from Walter Hines Page High School, located in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The certificate was given in recognition of her academic achievement and excellence. Veronique has been granted membership in The National Society of High School Scholars and has been awarded all rights, honors, and privileges thereunto appertaining. This membership is for meritorious scholastic achievement and the pursuit of excellence. Congratulations Veronique, we are so proud of you and



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VERONICA M. HOOPER

we love you dearly. Keep up the good work and may God continue to bless and keep you!

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Visiting the Cedar Grove Community

**S**unday, September 11, 2016 was a good time to visit the Lofton Hewett Family in Supply, N. C. It was time to remember the good old times, our childhood days and enjoy a good old fashioned home cooked meal. Family came together from near and far. Two daughters, Rose Rich and Remontia Greene, and one granddaughter, Andrea John live in the Raleigh-Durham area.

Some wanted to find more facts about this year's presidential campaign. Some of the little children, who have been watching the news on TV, wanted to know why our top leaders cannot agree with

President Obama. Some said it is because he is an African American citizen.

Race has always been a subtext in American politics. I believe slave owners supported legal segregation and southern Dixiecrats even opposed the Civil Rights Movement. Some in attendance wanted to know more about the Civil Rights Act. It was signed on July 2, 1964. Democratic Senator Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina, turned Republican in September and began a 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. After President Barack Obama became President, Republicans introduced 395 new voter restrictions. These restrictions targeted Blacks

and were introduced to adversely impact the well being of Blacks.

This year, the Republican Party nominee is Donald Trump, and he has a personal and business history of glaring racial bigotry. That history includes, but is not limited to, being "hit" with a federal housing discrimination lawsuit and posting a glaring ad which called for sentencing innocent young Black males in Central Park to the death penalty. The question has been asked by Trump, "What do Blacks have to lose by voting for Trump?" Well, for starters, if he is elected, he will appoint Supreme Court justices who, in no way, support any Black causes/interests. It is also apparent that he will support every racially biased and discriminatory voting law against.

This is no time not to vote! If you have never voted

please ask someone whom you respect and whose opinion you trust to advise you on for what and who to vote! We can't afford to waste our right to vote!

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## The Black Arts Alliance presents the 15th Annual North Carolina Black Film Festival

"Service to Man" to screen as the Opening Selection for  
The North Carolina Black Film Festival in partnership with Wilmington Jewish Film Festival

Wilmington, NC - The Black Arts Alliance, Inc. (BAA) presents the North Carolina Black Film Festival (NCBFF), September 15-18, 2016 in Wilmington, NC. In its 15th year, the four day juried and invitational festival of independent motion pictures by African-American filmmakers will showcase features, shorts, animation, and documentary films at Cape Fear Community College Union Station, Jengo's Playhouse and the Cameron Art Museum. Prizes of \$500 will be awarded in each category. Festival passes and advance tickets are available online at [www.BlackArtsAlliance.org](http://www.BlackArtsAlliance.org).

All-Access Festival Passes are \$50, Cinemixer tickets are \$15, Fashion in Film tickets are \$10 and tickets for each

block of films are \$8 per block.

In conjunction with the Wilmington Jewish Film Festival, The North Carolina Black Film Festival will open at the Cinemixer with Service to Man, a narrative feature-film about the first year a white student is admitted to an all-black medical school in Nashville, TN.

"We are pleased to partner with the NC Black Film Festival on the film "Service to Man" based on a true story of a white working-class Jewish boy from Brooklyn accepted to a historically all black Southern medical school during the turbulent 60's," said the Wilmington Jewish Film Festival. "We are happy to support our Wilmington sister festival and hope this is the beginning of future collaborations."

Dance in Film will also be returning this year that will be featured as a part of the Opening Reception/

Cinemixer. Another exciting aspect to this year's film festival is the return of Fashion in Film, a runway show celebrating the fashion and music of Soul Train. Fashion in Film will take place on September 18th, 3pm at the Cameron Arts Museum. The Film Festival Award Ceremony will follow with awards and prizes presented for Best Documentary, Best Short, Best Feature, and Best Student Film. A Man Called John, a light-hearted dramedy about a Pastor's unusual style of worship will be the

closing film selection.

A schedule of events and highlights are listed below. A complete festival schedule and details can be found online at [www.BlackArtsAlliance.org](http://www.BlackArtsAlliance.org).

2016 NCBFF Schedule of Events and Highlights:

Thursday September 15th - Union Station at Cape Fear Community College 411 N. Front Street Wilmington, NC 28401

CineMixer - Opening reception Thursday at 6pm. Sponsored by Ken Weeden & Associates. The opening selection, Service to Man, will screen at 7pm in partnership with the Wilmington Jewish Film Festival. Admission is \$15.

Friday September 16th: Filmmaker's Luncheon and Tours - we will have specially arranged tours of Wilmington film locations and Wilmington Camera with a catered lunch for visiting filmmakers and film students.

Student and Short Films - Jengo's Playhouse 812 Princess Street, NC 28401 will begin at 6pm.

Saturday September 17th - Union Station at Cape Fear Community College 411 N. Front Street Wilmington, NC 28401

Filmmakers Brunch and Panel Discussion - We'll dish up a dose of Southern hospitality while our filmmakers talk shop and learn more about distribution, Saturday morning at 10am Free for Filmmakers, \$10 for general admission.

Workshop: Capturing Controversy, Creating Change: Social Justice Filmmaking

Instructor: Jackie Olive, Multi-media producer and filmmaker

Saturday Screenings - we will have screenings featuring documentaries, short films, music videos, and feature films will screen all day beginning at 10am. Admission is \$8 per block.

Sunday March 29th - Cameron Art Museum 3201 S. 17th Street Wilmington, NC 28412: Fashion in Film - a runway show celebrating the fashion and music of Soul Train at 3pm. Admission is \$10 and includes the NCBFF Awards Ceremony and closing selection. NCBFF Awards Ceremony is at 4pm Awards and awards will be given in the following categories: Documentary, Feature, and Short.

We will end the festival with our closing film, A Man Called John at 4:30pm.

The NCBFF is produced by the Black Arts Alliance, Inc., (non-profit and registered 501c3). Sponsors include the Landfall Foundation, Cape Fear Community College Nixon Minority Male Mentoring Program, Cucalorus Film Festival, Cameron Art Museum, Coast 97.3, Ken Weeden & Associates, Coast 97.3, Turner Solutions. Contact: Charlon Turner, Festival Director - 910-620-3313 or [TurnerSolutions.biz@gmail.com](mailto:TurnerSolutions.biz@gmail.com). Website: [www.BlackArtsAlliance.org](http://www.BlackArtsAlliance.org).

## NHCS appoints Eddie Anderson as New Assistant Superintendent of Operations

The New Hanover County Board of Education recently approved Edward "Eddie" Anderson to serve as the new Assistant Superintendent of Operations. Mr. Anderson was formerly the Director of Facility Planning for New Hanover County Schools. This position became vacant after the recent retirement of former Assistant Superintendent Bill Hance.

"I believe that children are our future and our most valuable asset," said Mr. Anderson. "Consequently, school facilities should be a source of great pride for the community and an integral part of the educational process. Our school buildings should enhance the educational experience, engage students, and utilize the building itself as an educational tool. Recycling programs and 'green teams' teach students to be good stewards of the environment; rainwater harvesting can be measured and utilized in gardening programs to demonstrate conservation; outdoor learning environments should be utilized for hands-on experiences, and real-time energy usage made available in the class-

room can be integrated into the curriculum."

About Mr. Anderson  
A graduate of East Carolina University, Mr. Anderson has worked in the construction industry since 1985. He has experience in all aspects of construction, including working for the owner, contractor, and architect. However, the majority of his professional career has been as the owner's representative for educational facility planning and construction.

He started work with Wake County Public Schools in 1989 and with New Hanover County Schools in 1997. As the Director of Facility Planning for NHCS, Mr. Anderson was responsible for the long-range facility planning for the district, administration of the capital construction budget, and oversight of all capital construction projects. His specific experience includes: facility assessments; demographics; facilitating community meetings; development of educational specifications and design guidelines; cost estimating, budgeting, and planning of a building program; working to pass multiple school bond



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referendums; school facility design; public bidding and construction; furniture acquisition; and post occupancy evaluations. During his time with NHCS, he has overseen planning and construction of over \$300 million in school facility improvements, which includes ten new schools, multiple additions, renovations, restoration, and repair projects. He also took a personal interest in the design, construction, and operation of the School District's first LEED school, which recently received LEED Gold certification.



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**Sadie R. Spearman**

Sadie R. Spearman, age 91, long time resident of Baltimore, MD and native of Enfield, NC passed away Friday, September 9, 2016 in Flint, MI. Services will be announced. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com)*

**Willie Mae Pittman Wade**

Mrs. Willie Mae Pittman Wade, age 94, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, September 1, 2016. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Myrtle Grove Long Leaf Kingdom Hall, 6201.

On September 1, 2016 Willie Mae Pittman Wade passed away with family present at the age of 94. She was predeceased in death by her husband Alfred Wade, Sr. of 71 married years and her parents Clarence and Anna A. Pittman, her brothers Clarence, Lewis, Calvin and Leroy Pittman, also her sister Clareth Brown.

She is survived by Charlotte Atwood (from Wilmington), Deloris Pittman (from Wilmington), Caroline Damon (from New York), and Frances Hackett (Leon) (from California). Willie Mae was a wonderful mother to Frances Wade, Delores DeWitt, Ernestine Holden (Charles), and Alfred Wade, Jr. (Elaine). She leaves behind 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren as well as a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Willie Mae grew up in the Masonboro Sound Community prior to moving to the Love Grove Community. She graduated from Williston Industrial School class of 1942. She was a faithful servant of Jehovah for 74 years, witnessing faithfully primarily in the Seabreeze Community. She was an avid homemaker for her family - both physically and spiritually - pressing them on to also serve Jehovah. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com).*

**Republicans figure out way to get around Voter ID ruling**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Last Thursday, the Republican-led state Board of Elections met all day, and well into the night, putting the final touches on the early voting plans of 33 counties that could not come to agreement on either the number of sites or hours, or even if there would be Sunday voting allowed.

In Wake County, for instance, the state BOE, at the urging of the Democratic minority, expanded the number of early voting sites during the first seven days from just one to nine, because of 2012 calculations of roughly 10,000 a day.

In Mecklenburg County, ten sites will now be open during the first seven days of early voting instead of just one because 15,000 voters a day are expected. The Republican majority on the local BOE wanted to open just one site to combat "fraud."

But neither the NC NAACP or other civil rights advocates who successfully knocked down parts of the 2013 Voter ID law in federal appellate court, were pleased. As far as they were concerned, the July 29th US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling against voter ID and other discriminatory parts of the law was clear - The Republican-led General

Assembly targeted African-American voters with "surgical precision" to suppress their votes, which included cutting early voting days from 17 to 10, and not allowing Sunday "Souls to the Polls" voting.

The appellate reinstated the 17-day early voting period, but left the scheduling of hours, sites and Sunday voting up to the state.

In Forsyth County, all three BOE members concurred that there would be no Sunday voting, so the state board didn't consider the issue for Winston-Salem early voting.

The state BOE last Thursday, in finalizing the early voting plans of 33 counties, decided to maintain only one Sunday of voting in Hoke, Richmond and Craven counties, though counties like New Hanover, which successfully voted on Sunday for the first time ever last March for the primaries, were denied the opportunity again by their own BOE, and the state.

"The loss of Sunday voting was a blow," Ms. Maxwell told The Journal in a statement Sunday evening. "I was informed that because we did not have Sunday voting in 2012 we were not considered this time. Someone died for our right to vote and we will exercise it," Ms. Maxwell continued. What is clear is that not

allowing Sunday voting for the fall general election is in direct contradiction to the spirit of the July 29th U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling (later upheld by the US Supreme Court).

In that historic ruling, the Appellate Court wrote:

"African-Americans disproportionately used the first seven days of early voting. After receipt of this racial data, the General Assembly amended [the voter I law] to eliminate the first week of early voting, shortening the total early voting period from seventeen to ten days. As a result, the law also eliminated one of two "souls to the polls" Sundays in which African-American churches provided transportation to voters."

Still, top Republicans, like NC GOP Executive Director Dallas Woodhouse, have been caught urging Republican-led local BOEs to fashion their early voting plans and schedules in a way that likely helps Republicans, including the elimination of Sunday voting where possible.

According to attorney Irving Joyner, chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee that joined in coalition with other civil rights attorneys to fight the voter ID law, the appellate court's intent was that Sunday voting be reinstated in counties where

it had been struck down or limited.

"The SBOE had received this message several times," Atty. Joyner said. "They were warned before last Thursday's hearing, during that hearing and reminded after the session concluded. Because they were aware, some notable reversals in plans from several counties were achieved. As for the others, we are measuring the possible effects with the hours which were established. When you add them up, however, more hours are available for early voting during this election than ever before. While everyone did not get Sunday voting hours, there were more Saturday hours added to the total available hours."

Bob Hall, executive director of the nonpartisan Democracy NC, said the Republican leadership "...encouraged their members to get rid of Sunday voting where it existed before..."

Joyner's remarks, along with published reports, strongly hint that civil rights advocates will be back in court to complain that the Republican-dominated state and several local BOEs ignored the spirit of the federal appellate court voter ID ruling in ignoring the need for Sunday voting in many counties with significant black populations.

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