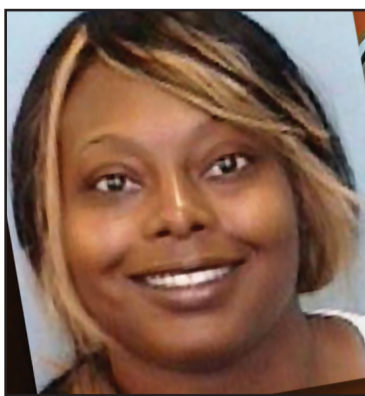


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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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**

**IN NEED OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, for the last two months, I've become acquainted with a mother and her three children who have been made to live under very bad conditions. They have fallen on very hard times because, though she works two jobs, she didn't have the money to move. This woman and her family have had to live in a house this summer with the inside temperature 90 degrees and above. In the winter they have had to endure temperatures near freezing. She has been told to keep her mouth closed, and she and her children would have a roof over their heads. However, when they could take it no more, she reported it to the proper authorities. Then she was asked to leave and is now facing eviction. She has fallen victim to this sad situation because her living conditions became unbearable, and the owner refused to fix this property. It didn't matter that he was receiving HUD compensation every month. She has a court date next week for court ordered eviction and has no way to defend herself for not wanting to live in slave like conditions. She reached out for help and is being punished for doing what's right. People around her have turned their backs on her and her children, this is not the way we ought to treat each other. The people who should have helped didn't do what they should have done, including the owner, who didn't do what he should have done.

So now, people, I ask you to come and do what you can do to make this problem a little better for this lady and her children. Call Bernest Hewett at 910-540-1761 and send donations for NAACP Lady, P.O.Box 364, Supply, N. C. 28462.

This is a call for help, real help! Come join with us, your

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**President Obama: Low Black voter turnout would be 'personal insult'**

BY **HAZEL TRICE EDNEY**  
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - President Obama had barely begun his remarks before shouts of "I love you!" came from the audience, tributes upon his final speech to the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Phoenix Awards Dinner.

He returned the words, but did not linger. He quickly moved to the business at hand - hammering the urgency for Black voters to support Hillary Clinton at the polls Nov. 8, delivering arguably his most powerful address to the "conscious of the Congress."

With thunder in his voice, the President said to repeated applause, "There's no such thing as a vote that

doesn't matter! It all matters! And after we have achieved historic turnout in 2008 and 2012, especially in the African-American community, I will consider it a personal insult, an insult to my legacy, if this community lets down its guard and fails to activate itself in this election! You want to give me a good sendoff? Go vote! And I'm going to be working as hard as I can these next seven weeks to make sure folks do!"

As billionaire businessman Donald Trump attempts to discourage Black votes from Clinton and supporters of former Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders express hopelessness, some vowing not to vote, President Obama reminded what's at stake as voters choose between Clinton and Trump.

"Hope is on the ballot! And fear is on the ballot, too," he said, repeating,

"Hope is on the ballot, and fear is on the ballot, too!"

Earlier, the President had begun the speech joking that he had an "extra spring in my step tonight" because he was "so relieved that the whole birther thing is over."

As a political maneuver, Trump had held a press conference finally acknowledging that Obama was born in the U.S. after he, for eight years, spread lies and doubt, claiming that he was born in Kenya. CBC members had responded with an impromptu press conference reminding voters of what they described as Trump's bigotry and racism as he used the "birther" stance to undermine the legitimacy of



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**PRESIDENT OBAMA SPEAKS AT ANNUAL PHOENIX DINNER**

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**THE TALENTED TWO**



**MAKYN'ZE NELSON AND ANGELA "BISCUIT" REDD**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES**

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**MAKYN'ZE NELSON**  
Makyn'ze Nelson, born in Wilmington, NC, is the six year old daughter of Kwanishia Nelson and the late Al'Quon Flowers. Makyn'ze's father was kidnapped in 2011, and his remains were found in November 2015.

Makyn'ze has grown to love dancing ever since she was 18 months old. When her dad first went missing, her mom came up with the idea to put together a talent show. Makyn'ze's mom gathered some little girls from her neighborhood and named them Al'Quon's Angels, after her dad. Kwanishia taught the little girls a routine to open up for her talent show, and that is when she learned that Makyn'ze had a talent to dance. Makyn'ze caught Kwanishia by surprise when she went out on the floor and participated in the dance routine with the girls. "I had no idea she had been paying attention," says Kwanishia. After the talent show, Kwanishia and Makyn'ze made a donation to the Cue Center for Missing Persons to show their appreciation for all

they do. After this, Makyn'ze gained so much confidence.

Makyn'ze has participated in several different pageants. Her most recent pageant was the Carolina Christmas pageant, for which she currently holds the title as "Mini Miss Carolina Christmas". Makyn'ze has also performed all around our community in events such as: Rip the Runway, hosted by Brandon Hickman, The Southeastern Hair and Fashion Show, and numerous talent shows and community events, where she has won trophies. She also won a "Whip Nae Nae" Contest at the Time Warner Cable Arena during CIAA weekend, hosted by Demetria, from the House of Payne and Roc T, from the Rickey Smiley Morning Show.

Although Makyn'ze loves to dance and participate in pageants, she also has her own songs. Her most popular song was written by her mom and produced by Keem Grady. It is called "I'm Pretty, I'm Smart". Makyn'ze was recently awarded at our local City Council meeting the "Super Girls" Award. She was presented a medal and a letter from the Governor of the State of North Carolina. Anyone interested in seeing some of Makyn'ze's work can search her on YouTube.

Kwanishia always reminds Makyn'ze, "You can follow your dreams, but your education comes first." Kwanishia has made a facebook fan page for Makyn'ze. It is called "Kynklub". You can "like" that page to keep up with the latest performances or events that she has going on.

Makyn'ze's dream is to be a superstar. She wants to be on Disney Channel one day, and she also loves to help homeless people and dogs. Makyn'ze's mom has worked so hard to tell the world about Makyn'ze and to keep her involved with as many positive activities as she can. Thanks to a special friend, Makyn'ze will be participating in commercials and will be appearing on "The Ellen Show" over the next few months.

Makyn'ze and her mom host a Christmas Charity Talent Show every year, where they put on a show and collect toys as the entry fee. If anyone is interested in performing or sponsoring, email Kwanishia @gmail.com for more information. Makyn'ze and her mom, with the help of a supportive

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**TERENCE CRUTHER KILLED BY POLICE OFFICER IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA**



**KEITH LAMONT SCOTT KILLED BY POLICE OFFICE IN CHARLOTTE NC**

**NC HBCU students call for "an end to the war on Black America"**

COMPILED BY **STAFF**

"Yesterday a man was lynched," stated a press release issued on from NC Vote Defenders, a group of concerned students and young people who want to do everything they can to protect the right to vote for all of North Carolina citizens.

Black students at Historically Black Colleges say they are tired of police violence and believe that there is a war on Black America. In response to the endless war on Black people, Black University has called on HBCUs across North Carolina to speak in opposition to police violence

According to their research, In 2015 the police killed 306 black men, (that

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Christian sister, and her children! She has done no wrong  
in this matter! She has  
worked hard and tried totake care of her children!  
Where there is no justice,  
there is no peace!I ask you to come to her  
aid as soon as possible!  
*Bernest L. Hewett is President  
of the Brunswick County  
Branch of NAACP.*

## HBCUs

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doesn't include all LGBTs  
and Black women). And in  
2016 the police have killed  
193 black men.Their press release goes on  
to state that on "Tuesday,  
Keith Lamont Scott, a 43 year  
old black man was murdered  
by the police in Charlotte  
who mistook his book for a  
gun. When did reading a  
book warrant a death for  
black people?"Since that killing,  
Governor McCrory has  
called in the National Guard  
and declared North Carolina  
under a state of emergency  
because of the violence that  
has erupted in Charlotte. On  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
nights Charlotte police officers  
have been injured and one  
civilian has been shot (by  
another civilian, according to  
police reports) and is on life  
support."Terence Crutcher, a 40  
year old black man was murdered  
by the police in Tulsa  
Oklahoma because he was  
having car trouble and called  
on his public servants to help  
him; when did car troublewarrant death for black people?," the release further  
states."Trye King, a 13 year old  
baby boy was murdered by  
the police for playing with a  
bb gun. When did a child  
playing with a bb gun warrant  
a death for black people?"We the students understand  
that there is a war on Black  
America and refuse to allow  
the devalue of black life  
continue. We stand with the  
resistance of the people in  
Charlotte as they fight  
back against the police state.We are also aware that they  
are not isolated incidents and  
police violence is a national  
epidemic. Black people have  
died at the hands of the  
Durham Police Department,  
the Raleigh Police  
Department and so many  
more and they are not held  
accountable We say no more,  
we charge Genocide. We say  
stop the war on Black  
America. Stop the war on  
HBCU's.We are demanding that our  
institutions administration  
speak out against the war on  
Black America.We are demanding that our  
campus police speak out  
against the deplorable acts  
their peers are committing

across this country.

Join our HBCU students  
across the state as we stand  
in solidarity with the family  
of Keith Lamont Scott"Participating HBCUs  
included North Carolina  
A&T State University,  
Bennett College, North  
Carolina Central University,  
Elizabeth City State  
University, Shaw University,  
Winston Salem State  
University, and Fayetteville  
State University.ACLU CALLS FOR  
RELEASE OF VIDEOThe American Civil  
Liberties Union (ACLU) of  
NC Wednesday called on the  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg  
Police Department to release  
any body or dash cam footage  
that captured yesterday's  
police shooting of Keith  
Lamont Scott, the 194th Black  
person killed by U.S. police  
this year. Police say Mr. Scott  
was shot and killed while  
officers were trying to execute  
an arrest warrant for a  
different person.A new North Carolina law,  
HB 972, will prevent law  
enforcement agencies from  
releasing body camera  
footage in the public interest  
without a court order, but the  
law does not take effect untilOctober 1. All Charlotte-  
Mecklenburg police officers  
are supposed to be equipped  
with body cameras while on  
patrol and the cameras  
should be in use any time an  
arrest is made, according to  
department policy.And in Oklahoma, ACLU of  
Oklahoma has called for  
criminal charges to be placed  
against Tulsa police officers  
in the murder of Terence  
CrutcherNEW HANOVER COUNTY  
AND BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY BLM LEADERS  
SPEAK OUTLocal Black Lives Matters  
leaders, Sonya Patrick and  
Cameron Parker issued the following statement: *The recent  
slayings of Terrence Crutcher in  
Tulsa, OK and Keith Lamont  
Scott of Charlotte, NC have been  
devastating to the Wilmington  
community. We stand in support  
with our brothers and sisters  
during this troubling time. Mr.  
Crutcher in Tulsa was clearly  
unarmed with his hands up,  
but somehow deemed a "threat"  
to law enforcement. For some  
reason they saw fit after tasing  
him to shoot him in cold blood.  
There are still more details to*Please see **HBCUs/Page 3**

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community, have helped over  
100 kids for Christmas over the  
past three years.Makyn'ze will have her  
lemonade stand set up throughout  
October to help Angela  
Redd, "Biscuit, and her mother;  
Dishawn Redd, in commemoration  
of Breast Cancer Month. Pink  
candy apples, cookies and  
lemonade will be available for  
sale, or donations will be  
accepted and appreciated.

## ANGELA REDD

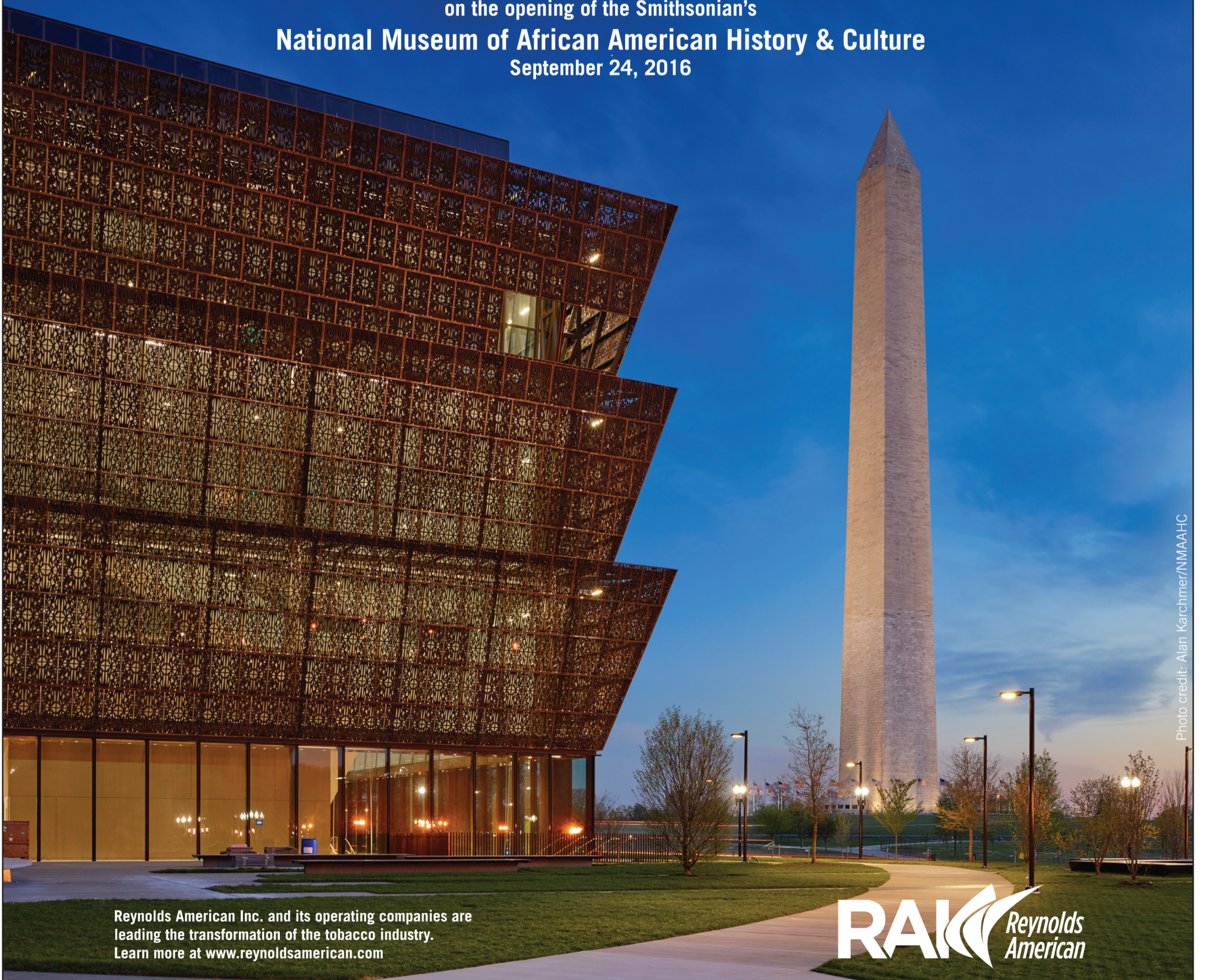
Angela Redd, also known as  
"Biscuit," is the definition of a  
living testimony!! Angela is the  
six year old twin daughter of  
Dishawn Redd. She was born  
in Las Vegas, Nevada. Angela  
and her mother now reside in  
Wilmington, North Carolina.When Angela was almost  
three years old, she started  
experiencing pain and began  
complaining that her body washurting. Because she was only  
two, she was unable to explain  
what was wrong with her.During that time, Angela was  
taken to the doctor numerous  
times and discovered she had a  
heart disease called Cardio-  
myopathy. Cardiomyopathy is  
a form of heart disease that  
happens when the heart muscle  
does not function well, and,  
as a result, the heart cannot  
pump enough blood for the  
body.Doctors came to the conclusion  
that Angela needed a heart  
transplant. Not only that,  
but her brother needed a liver.  
Angela was put on a waiting  
list and was number fifty-two.  
During this time, she lost her  
twin brother, who passed away  
in his sleep. At that time  
Angela's mom was told that  
Angela would live only a matter  
of weeks. Her mother was also  
informed that her twin  
brother's heart was good  
enough to transfer to Angela.Three days later they gave  
Angela a heart transplant.During this tough time of  
tragedy, one could hardly begin  
to imagine what her mom was  
going through. While having a  
hard time understanding it all,  
her mom believed God had  
given her both of them, and, in  
a way, her son, Angel, was still  
living through Angela. One  
would think that a Mother  
couldn't experience anything  
worse, but she did. The twins'  
father took her to court to ask  
the judge to remove Angela off  
life support. Thanks to the  
judge for ruling in her favor,  
Angela had woke up from life  
support 6 months later.Though Angela has been  
through so much, she has  
never given up. She is also deaf  
in her right ear, but it doesn't  
stop her from being an entertainer.  
Angela has been participating  
in pageants since she was  
18 months old. She has been  
featured in numerous TV  
shows, such as "Toddlers andTiaras" and commercials. She  
will also be on the Ellen Show  
within the next few months.  
Angela recently participated in  
the N. C. Spot's Festival  
Pageant, where she placed as  
the first runner up. She also  
has a love for cheering and  
tumbling. Although she has  
only been active in tumble for a  
year and, though, when she  
started she could barely do a  
cartwheel, now Angela is in at  
level 3 in tumbling. Angela  
started off at Cheer Infinity  
All-Stars, but she now attends  
Rock Star Sneads Ferry.Angela's mom is her number  
one fan. She always looks  
at Angela with so much  
happiness. She sees her with the  
muscles she never had. She  
always says, "Angela has a  
body to die for." Her mom also  
suffers from stage 3 brain  
cancer. Angela gives her  
mom faith and the will to  
fight and stay strong and, furthermore,  
so many reasons to be proud.

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**VIOLENT PROTESTS AFTER CHARLOTTE POLICE KILL MOTORIST**  
 [CHARLOTTE] Ten officers and two demonstrators were injured after protesters clashed with police Tuesday evening in the aftermath of a fatal police shooting. Police officials say Keith Lamont Scott, 43, was fatally shot after he exited his car with a weapon after officers approached his vehicle. His daughter says Scott had no



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with a weapon after officers approached his vehicle. His daughter says Scott had no

weapon, and was in his car waiting for the school bus to drop off a child. Authorities say they have recovered the alleged weapon that Scott brandished. A large crowd closed down I-85 as police tried to disperse them.

**TRUMP, CLINTON TIED IN NORTH CAROLINA IN LATEST ELON UNIVERSITY POLL**

[DURHAM] With less than two months to go in the presidential campaign, Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump are virtually tied for the lead in North Carolina, according to

the latest Elon University poll. Trump has 44 percent of likely voters, while Clinton is holding on at 43 percent. The poll has four points plus or minus differential. Of those polled, many see Trump as helping whites, the rich and males, while Clinton, if elected, is seen as helping the poor; people of color and women. North Carolina is considered a key battleground swing state.

**REPEAL OF CONTROVERSIAL HB 2 LAW NOW "UNLIKELY," MCCRORY SAYS.**

[RALEIGH] With hopes of a special session of the legisla-

ture to repeal HB 2 now down the tubes, Gov. Pat McCrory says despite the tremendous damage done to the state, it will now be left up to the courts what happens next. McCrory and Republican leadership in the NC General Assembly said they would convene a special session to repeal the law that prohibits transgender people from using the public bathroom facilities of their choice, only if the Charlotte City Council first repeals their anti-discrimination ordinance. The mayor of Charlotte refused. Thus far, the NCAA, the ACC and the NBA have all canceled championship and special

events in North Carolina as long as HB 2 is on the books.

**GAS SUPPLIES EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NORMAL BY FRIDAY**

[RALEIGH] A rupture in a gas fuel line in Alabama last weekend has caused many stations throughout Wake County and the state to experience fuel shortages that have had motorists in long lines at the pump. Many stations ran out of gas before mid-week. State officials say the rupture to the pipeline has been repaired, and gasoline should start flowing again in North Carolina by

this weekend.

**WAKE TEACHERS USE CROWDFUNDING TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL BOOKS**

[RALEIGH] Over 150 Wake County teachers are using a crowdfunding website called www.Donorschoose.org to raise money for school supplies for their students that otherwise isn't covered in their budgets. Last year the website raised over \$364,000 for roughly 500 school projects. This year, at least 150 projects are being funded.

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**PRESIDENT**

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America's first Black president.

Looking around the audience of thousands, Obama seized the opportunity to thank those who had elected him twice, despite staunch racism against him.

"We do want to take this opportunity just to say thank you - say thank you for your support over the years - to say thank you for your friendship, to say thank you for your prayers," he said to applause. "As I just look across this auditorium, there are so many people here who lifted us up, who steadied us when things got tough."

**HBCUs**

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come regarding Mr. Scott in Charlotte. However, if he had a gun that does not give police officers the right to kill. We have just witnessed a terrorist get in a shootout with officers and live to face judgement, yet time after time we are gunned down and slaughtered like cattle. The system has to change! This further shows the need for a citizens review board throughout cities

Noting that he was glad that he was not just a symbol, but substance, he listed a number of successes of his administration:

- Together, we fought our way back from the worst recession in 80 years, turned an economy that was in free fall.
- Helped our businesses create more than 15 million new jobs.
- Declared that health care is not a privilege for a few, but a right for everybody, secured coverage for another 20 million Americans, including three million African Americans.
- Our high school graduation rate is at an all-time high, including for African-American students.
- More African-Americans are graduating from college

than ever before.

• Begun to work on reforming our criminal justice system by reducing the federal prison population, ending the use of solitary confinement for juveniles, banning the box for federal employers, reinvigorating the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, pushing to make sure police and communities are working together to make sure that our streets are safe and that our law is applied equally.

• And just this week, we learned that last year, across every race and age group in America, incomes rose and

poverty fell.

• Folks' typical household incomes rose by about \$2,800 - which is the fastest growth rate on record. Lifted 3.5 million people out of poverty, including one million children - the largest one-year drop in almost 50 years.

The audience applauded wildly as he ticked off the successes, which he said have not been quick nor easy. He added that much of it is unfinished.

Earlier, Clinton had spoken to the same audience warning the audience against the devices of "prejudice ad paranoia".

"We need ideas, not insults, real plans to help struggling Americans in communities that have been left out and left behind, not prejudice and paranoia," she said. "We can't let Barack Obama's legacy fall into the hands of someone who doesn't understand that, whose dangerous and divisive vision for our country will drag us backwards"

Pushing to continue his legacy, Obama said voter turnout will be key:

"If we are going to advance the cause of justice and equality and of prosperity and freedom, then we also have to

acknowledge that even if we eliminated every restriction on voting, we would still have one of the lowest voting rates among free peoples. That's not good. That is on us," he said. "And I am reminded of all those folks who had to count bubbles in a bar of soap, beaten trying to register voters in Mississippi, risked everything so that they could pull that lever. So if I hear anybody saying their vote does not matter, that it doesn't matter who we elect - read up on your history. It matters. We've got to get people to vote."

in NC and beyond. There needs to be accountability. Too often we are reminded again how little value our lives have. All Lives Matter includes Black Lives. Until our public officials can all say the words Black Lives Matter and show it in action we will continue to scream it from the rooftops. In October, date TBA, we will be holding a vigil in honor of the lives lost to police violence here in Wilmington, NC. Details forthcoming. No Justice, No Peace!

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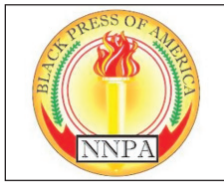
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## Our destiny is in our hands

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Adam Clayton Powell's famous 1967 speech, "What's in your hand?" pointed out a very important and relevant truth that still applies today. He said, "You've got in your hand the power to use your vote and to use even those 'few cents' you get from welfare, to spend them only where you want to spend them."

The question and its answer ring clear when it comes to the critical economic and political issues of our time. A major component related to Powell's question is the reality of another idiom: "A little goes a long way." That's the philosophy of THE One Million Conscious and Conscientious Black Contributors and Voters. We know that relatively small amounts of money from individuals can create a collective tsunami of cash flow for our businesses and organizations.

Powell's question must be reinvestigated today, at least among those of us who are both conscious and conscientious about Black economic empowerment. Why? The answer is quite simple. Too often many of us find excuses for not doing the things that are necessary to achieve our economic independence, instead of looking for reasons why we should. Many of us look at what we don't have and get stuck there, instead of looking at and using what we do have to move forward. And, many of us say things like, "We all need to come together" and "until all Black people get on the same page," instead of realizing that a relative small portion of Blacks can make significant change in our economic and political status in this country.

"All" Black people will never do anything together, and to wait for that to happen is futile and a monumental waste of valuable time. Our forebears did not wait for all Blacks to join them in their efforts. They sought and found those of like mind and went ahead with their work. They understood that with a critical mass of critical thinkers their movement would take on a life of its own and move forward under its own steam. Even though they had very little in their hands they knew they could achieve a collective goal by pooling what they had and using it to build their own economy.

So, what's in our hands today, brothers and sisters? We like to brag about how much income or "spending power" we have, but we should be bragging about how we are using it to empower ourselves. We proudly stand before our people and brag about how important our votes are, instead of being able to brag about what our votes, over these many decades, have provided us in return. We brag about being here since this nation began and even before, but we can only brag about what we collectively built prior to integration, i.e. Black towns, but not what we have built since that time.

Admittedly, many Black folks have built strong competitive businesses that have reached the multi-million and even the billion dollar plateau, and they must be commended. By and large, however, those businesses pale in comparison to our percentage of population and our aggregate annual income. We must do better with the tremendous amount of financial and intellectual resources we have in our hands. We must also do much better with the votes we have at our disposal—we must be smarter and we must leverage them rather than just give them away without getting something in return.

Adam Clayton Powell and other stalwarts would be proud of us for following their sage advice. Let's make this personal. What's in YOUR hand? Aside from your vote, do you have a "few cents" to spend with a black business? Are you willing to put your "few cents" together with others of like mind and create more conscious Black millionaires? Are you committed to supporting those who support you?

Each of us should do an assessment from time to time to determine if we truly are in alignment with the principles we espouse. Talk is easy; following through is what counts. Look and see what's in your hand and put some of it on the line for yourself and your people. Don't wait for everybody else to do it; you do it, and become a positive example for others to follow. Don't put it off, because one thing we don't have in our hands is time.

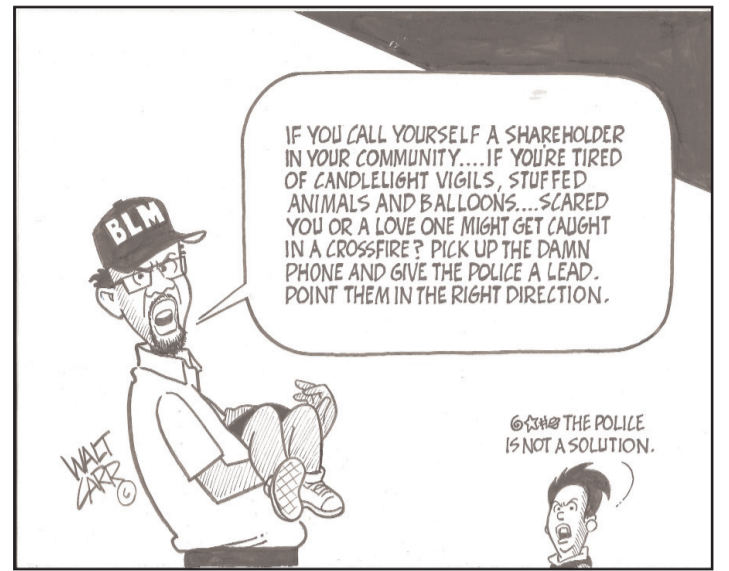
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### TO BE EQUAL

## Connecticut education ruling is endorsement for Main Street Marshall Plan

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"A spending scheme really can't be said to be aimed at elementary and secondary school education when the state doesn't even enforce a coherent idea of what these words mean. The state's definition of what it means to have a secondary education is like a sugar-cube boat. It dissolves before it's half launched." - Connecticut Superior Court Judge Thomas Moukawsher

**Marc Morial**

Connecticut Superior Court last week didn't just tell the state to fix its broken funding system - it essentially relegated the system to the ash heap of history. Instead of trying to even out the funding gap, Judge Thomas Moukawsher told the General Assembly to figure out how to even out the achievement gap, then fund that.

Moukawsher's ruling echoes the education plan of the National Urban League's Main Street Marshall Plan, which calls for increased federal funding to local school districts to help eliminate resource equity gaps. Moukawsher's ruling also endorsed universal high-quality preschool, another plank in the Plan.

In Bridgeport, one of Connecticut's poorest cities, the graduation rate is 63 percent. Many fifth-graders read at a kindergarten level and some high-schoolers arrive reading at a third-grade level. The district cannot afford school buses. While Bridgeport spends about 88% of what neighboring wealthy Fairfield spends per-pupil, the funding gap is not enough to explain the achievement gap.

What Moukawsher's ruling means is legislators should not focus on raising Bridgeport's per-pupil spending to Fairfield's level, but raising Bridgeport's student outcomes to Fairfield's level.

The ruling has implications for the entire country, where disparities are even greater than in Connecticut. A recent analysis found that

sixth-graders in the nation's wealthiest school districts read at a level four full grade levels above those in the poorest districts.

In a well-known illustration that has become a symbol for the plaintiff in this case, Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding, three children of differing heights are depicted standing on boxes of equal height, trying to peek over a fence. Only the tallest child is able. The caption: "Equality." In the second panel, children of differing heights are depicted standing on boxes of varying heights, each lifted enough to see over the fence. The caption: "Equality."

Judge Moukawsher essentially told the General Assembly is, don't consider simply the size of the boxes, but whether the boxes are boosting the children high enough.

The Urban League Movement has been focused on the issue of equity in education for many decades. Last year's State of Black America included a state-level education equality index. Our research found reading proficiency gaps among children

of color that ranged from 80% in Hawaii - where 100% represents parity with white students - to 19% in the District of Columbia. Only 14% of Black fourth-graders in D.C. tested at or above proficient in reading. Math proficiency gaps ranged from 69% in West Virginia to 21% in Wisconsin. The relatively small gap in West Virginia, however, is due to lower achievement among students of all races. Only 35.6% of white West Virginia fourth-graders tested at or above proficient in math, compared with 24.7% of Black fourth-graders.

In addition to increased federal funding to address educational inequities, the Main Street Marshall Plan also calls for universal early childhood education. But policies have to address other socioeconomic barriers to achievement as well. Check out the full Main Street Marshall Plan at [www.stateofblackamerica.org](http://www.stateofblackamerica.org), and urge your elected representatives to support it.

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## Stop the payday loan department trap

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Between the unemployment rate report that was released in early September, and the Census report on income and poverty that was released on September 13, President

Obama and his team got great news about the economic status of the average worker: Incomes are up a whopping 5.2 percent between 2014 and 2015; the first time incomes have increased since 2007. The poverty rate dropped 1.2 percentage points, to 13.5 percent, which translates into 3.5 million fewer people living in poverty. While the poverty rate is still higher than it was in 2007, this sharp decrease in the poverty rate is significant. Between the unemployment rate report, which shows an unemployment rate at 4.9 percent, and the income and poverty report, which shows a 2.4 million increase in the number of workers, the Obama economic team can rightly assert that economic recovery has trickled down.

Still, poverty rates are way too high - almost one in four (24.1 percent) African American households lives in poverty. The number of African American children in poverty, though falling, remains too high (31.6 percent). And the number of people in "extreme poverty" (with incomes at less than half the poverty line) is alarming - more than ten percent of African Americans (and 6 percent of the total population) live in extreme poverty.

The persistence of poverty, even in the face of good news, provides opportunities for those whose riches come from the exploitation of poor people. Those who provide payday loans are among the worst, because they set up a debt trap that it is almost impossible for poor people to escape from. Indeed, these predators treat the poor as profit centers and enrich themselves from other people's misery. Even as we celebrate the economic progress of the past year, we must ensure that usurious payday lenders are curtailed by regulators who can restrict their ability to extract interest rates in excess of 300 percent from the very poor.

This is how it works - payday lenders provide "emergency" loans for those people who have more month than money, and who simply can't make ends meet. They provide small loans for a fee of something like \$15 per \$100 for 7 to 14 days. The loan may be secured by a paycheck, a pre-dated check, or an automobile title. If the loan is not paid back on time, a borrower may negotiate an "extension", which requires more fees. Repeated payday loans result in \$3.5 billion in fees

each year. The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (CFPB) is considering regulations to protect consumers from exploitation and usury from short-term loans and auto title loans. A coalition of faith leaders, is hoping that those who have been affected by the exploitive practices of payday loans. They've asked people who have been affected by payday loans to comment on their website, [FaithforFairLending.org](http://FaithforFairLending.org), hoping that the CFPB will be influenced by the experiences that many have had with payday lending.

Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, who leads faith initiatives for the Center for Responsible Lending, says that faith leaders have mobilized because they expect that the payday lending industry will fight any regulations to curtail their activity. The CFPB will be accepting comments about payday lending until October 7, and the Center for Responsible Lending ([ResponsibleLending.org](http://ResponsibleLending.org)) hopes that people will share letters and comments encouraging CFPB to curtail payday.

While it is important to curtail payday lending so that low-income borrowers can avoid the debt trap, the longer term solution to the debt trap is better pay for people who could access traditional credit options, or avoid debt altogether, if they earned reasonable pay. The working families' agenda that some in Congress have

embraced (which includes an increase in the minimum wage, among other provisions to assist those on the bottom) is a step in the right direction. The fight for \$15, which would provide families at the bottom with incomes of about \$31,000 a year, would also alleviate poverty and make it easier for people to make ends meet.

It is important that those of us who care about economic justice make our voices heard before October 7. To stop the payday loan debt trap and encourage the CFPB to issue regulations that will protect those who are so easily exploited, comment online at [FaithforFairLending.org](http://FaithforFairLending.org), or send your comment to The Center for Responsible Lending, Faith and Credit Roundtable, 302 W. Main Street, Durham, NC 27701.

Tackling the payday lending issue, however, is only a small step toward economic justice. Those who want economic justice must also be committed to electing those who will implement a working families' agenda. The economic good news that was released early this month does not mean that we are out of the woods around poverty issues.

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REALITY CHECK

Two European Americans telling nothing but the truth

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

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. Peter Bailey

a flyer 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 mili-

tary 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

Teaching for success: Welcoming and respecting every child

Teaching children may be the highest way to seek God. It is, however; also the most daunting way, in the sense of the greatest responsibility.--Gabriela Mistral, Chilean Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature

As a new school year begins, how do we teach Black and other non-White children and youths and all those who are poor or have special needs to ensure their successful readiness for the future?

How do educators and all those with primary responsibilities for preparing children for the future understand that every child is sacred and deserves fair treatment? How do we create a pedagogy that respects the unique gifts of our diverse child population and nation of many colors and faiths and become a beacon for our multi-racial multicultural world?

Dr. Terrell L. Strayhorn, the youngest full professor at The Ohio State University and Director of its Center for Higher Education, reminds teachers they must begin by making sure all children know they belong and are valued. He

explained: "All of us as educators are about trying to inspire students to reach their highest potential to be innovative, to be creative, to move outside the borders, to imagine and connect the dots that aren't even connected yet. They can't get there without first satisfying dysfunction around belonging. That's how central and important it is. How do you start to build it? ... The first thing you can start to do is accept students for who they are. Short, tall, skinny, thick, real hair, fake hair. Clean clothes or dirty clothes. Smell like you and don't smell like you. We have to, first of all, love them, embrace them; that is, we accept them - because they can't possibly be free in a place that starts to treat them as different, as outcasts, as outsiders."

Dr. Christopher Emdin, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology at Teachers College, Columbia University points out that many teachers didn't have all the right role models in school themselves: "There's so many educators who feel like they're doing the right thing and doing the right work for the right reasons, but they have not yet done the deep internal work of healing from the trauma of their own experiences in schools. What happens is when you go into a school and you have a tough day, guess who you become? The teacher who did violence on you." He encourages young teachers today to take the time to think about what might have been broken in their own school experience - and embrace the opportunity to reimagine what they want school to feel like for their students.

Drs. Emdin and Strayhorn discussed these crucial thorny issues during this year's Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® training dedicated to stopping summer learning loss, creating a love of reading, and empowering children to make a difference in their schools and communities. Dr. Emdin, the author of the bestseller *For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood... and the Rest of Y'all Too* and *Urban Science Education for the Hip-Hop Generation*, has spent much of his career focused on how to make science and math education engaging and relevant, and how to appreciate the cultural backgrounds and community traditions students bring to the table. Dr. Strayhorn has conducted extensive research on belonging. And while CDF Freedom Schools primarily serve poor children and those of color left behind, many of the ideas these two brilliant educators share ultimately transcend color and income to get at the root of the work all educators and others who work with children need to do to help all children succeed and fall in love with learning.

Dr. Strayhorn shared a personal story. He had always excelled at math until his senior year in high school, when a teacher's ugly comment on an exam changed everything: "Miss Pitts gave me my test back, and I had made a mistake. . . . She circled it and said 'stupid move.' A teacher called me 'stupid' in twelfth grade. I went home and told my mother. Long story short, before you know it - my grades started slipping in math. Before you know it - I had always planned to go to [the University of Virginia] to major in math; I went to UVA and majored in music and religious studies. But it wasn't until I got in my doctoral program in a stats class years later that I realized, 'Oh, my gosh, I like math.' And then I said, 'Well, wait a second. I always liked math. When did I stop liking math?' It was when Miss Pitts told me I was dumb at math." He warns that words really matter.

He reminded our young teachers and college servant leaders that teaching is a calling: "Carter G. Woodson once wrote that the mere imparting of information is not education. So if you're going to be about the business of teaching, you are an educator; and how you prepare for that moment is to realize that what you're about to do is in fact more than impartation of information. It is actually a calling. It is a vocation ... there are young people in this country who need you. . . . Every single day, you've got to wake up to that call, and you've got to be present in the moment about that call."

Dr. Emdin stressed that one of the highest parts of that calling is to create joy - for both children and teachers: "You know for me, it's about whatever it is that you can create in a classroom to allow joy to be present. . . . I always tell classes this too: I do hip-hop, hip-hop science, hip-hop STEM not for my students, but for me, because I needed to heal and bring back up who I wanted to be." He added: "It's a battle for you to keep your spirit alive every day. . . . and once you do that, they will learn, because joy is the key to learning." He emphasized that too often students are penalized for their behavior in settings that "are killing the joy before it can happen": "We blame them for not being able to actively engage because of the structure of the classroom, when in reality, we are doing the violence on them. . . . Joy first. Anything else second. That's the work."

These are messages many thousands of excellent teachers around the country already carry in their hearts and implement in their actions every day. Let's celebrate and encourage all of them as they start a new school year prepared to recognize and nurture the best in every child, appreciate the gifts each one brings to the classroom, and cultivate the joy and love for learning that so many of our students desperately need. And let us say to those who see teaching as just a job and who do not love and respect every child and aren't committed to ensuring their success to please go do something else.

You can have the best curriculum in the world and as many degrees as you can pay for - from the best schools but the foundation for building strong children is respecting and remembering the specialness of every individual child. Educating each of our children is a sacred trust and a noble undertaking. I am so grateful to all those who go into school buildings across our nation every day to build strong educated citizens to ensure the competitiveness and security of our nation. 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). Mrs. Edelman's Child Watch Column also appears each week on The Huffington Post. Sign-up to receive CDF President Marian Wright Edelman's weekly Child Watch Column. - See more at: <http://www.childrensdefense.org/newsroom/child-watch-columns/child-watch-documents/Teachingforsuccess.html#sthash.6yrsSdH0.dpuf>

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Deplorables?

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**DEPLORABLE** (adj) - Causing or being a subject for censure, reproach, or disapproval; wretched; very bad. (Dictionary.com)

If you accept television pundit opinions, Hillary Clinton did a very bad thing. She called a portion of Donald Trump supporters "DEPLORABLES!" More accurately, she said, "To be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump supporters into what I call the 'Basket of Deplorables.' Right? The racists, sexists, homophobic, xenophobic, islamophobic, you name it..."

She went on to add, "And unfortunately, there are people like that and he (Donald Trump) has lifted them up. He has given voice to their websites that used to only have 11,000 people, now have 11 million. He tweets and retweets offensive, hateful, mean-spirited rhetoric." Trump supporters also participated in their own criticism of Secretary Clinton's statement through staged



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and unscripted protest.

Certainly, before the statement, she knew it would be met with disagreement and controversy-especially from those who fit the description! Unlike her critics, I find little upsetting. I would only find it objectionable if it were based on falsehoods instead of truth. With examination of facts, her statement can be justified.

Before moving on, her statement presents a well-needed wakeup call to all who are ambivalent about the election or who cling to "The Bern" over all others. I, for one, am situated so that, short of nuclear holocaust or African American genocide, I could probably endure a Trump administration. My concern is for millions of people of color who cling precariously to survival. Beyond Trump's threat to (abolish) the Federal minimum wage, whether he wins or loses, the social unrest generated by his campaign foreshadows racial unrest beyond Election Day.

The racist elements of Trump's supporters/campaign are indisputable. Klan leader and Louisiana US Senate candidate, David Duke, has endorsed his candidacy and admonished whites that voting for someone other than Trump, "is

really treason to (their) heritage." A local Richmond, VA Klan member, identified only as "Imperial Wizard" stated, "The reason a lot of Klan members like Donald Trump is because a lot of what he believes in, we believe in."

Richard Spencer, president of white nationalist think tank, National Policy Institute, Peter Brimelow of the anti-immigrant site VDARE and Jared Taylor, eugenicist and editor of the white supremacist site American Renaissance held a press conference at the Willard Hotel praising Trump for providing them a platform for national exposure. Indisputable is that Trump's campaign HAS motivated/instigated/given "voice" and exposure to all manner of hatred and intolerance.

But I digress! This is about The Deplorables who believe in Trump and that which motivates their thinking!

- 31% "strongly agree" that "social policies, such as affirmative action, discriminate unfairly against white people."
- 32% placed whites closer to the top level of "intelligence" than Blacks.
- 65% believe President Obama is a Muslim.
- 59% believe President Obama was not US born.
- 31% support banning Muslims from entering the US.

- 62% support establishing a Muslim database.
- 33% think practicing Islam should be made illegal
- 40% support shutting down all mosques in the US.

A 2016 (March - June) Reuter's/Ipsos opinion poll determined Trump supporters more likely to describe African Americans as "criminal," "unintelligent," "lazy" and "violent" than supporters of Hillary Clinton.

In his Salon article, writer Chauncey DeVega sums it up, "Trump is not an outlier...he perfectly embodies the racist attitudes and beliefs of the Republican Party in the post civil rights era...Trump's supporters have enthusiastically embraced the Republican Party's racism towards people of color, in general, and against black Americans, in particular."

It's deplorable for a presidential candidate to foment the vitriol of the Trump candidacy. It's deplorable for large numbers of Americans to be possessed of the hatred and intolerance demonstrated by Trump followers.

Restating Forrest Gump, **DEPLORABLE IS WHAT DEPLORABLES DO!**

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RAINBOW COALITION

Republican Party rejects Black voters

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Are Black voters so loyal to Democrats that their issues are ignored? Donald Trump suggests as much, arguing that blacks had "nothing to lose" by voting for him. Now a column by Farai Chideya at FiveThirtyEight cites academics who make a similar argument.

In recent elections, about 90 percent of the black vote has gone to Democrats.

Chideya cites Professor Paul Frymer of Princeton, who argues that politicians focus their appeals on swing voters, particularly "moderate, disaffected whites in the middle - whether you call them soccer moms or NASCAR dads."

Chideya also cites two recent studies on how well black interests are represented in government. A 2015 report from the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies concluded that "black voices are less equal than others when it comes to policy." And a 2015 law review article by Professor Nicholas Stephanopoulos of the University of Chicago Law School "found that black support for Congressional



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

legislation actually decreased its chances of passage."

Are blacks voting against their own interests? Are they a "captured group" who would be better off if they weren't so pro-Democrat?

African-American voters are neither fools nor inherently Democratic partisans. When Lincoln Republicans were leading the fight for the freedom amendments after the Civil War - the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments - African-Americans voted overwhelmingly with Republicans. Blacks began voting Democratic when FDR launched the New Deal and stood with poor and working people in the Great Depression. When Democratic Dixiecrats fought to sustain legal segregation, many African-Americans in the South voted Republican. Dr. Martin Luther King's father was a Republican.

But then, after Lyndon Johnson pushed through the Voting Rights Act and the Great Society, Republicans - beginning with Richard Nixon's Southern strategy and continuing with Ronald Reagan and beyond - used racial dog-whistle politics to consolidate their party in the white South. The party of Lincoln became the party of Jefferson Davis.

Now African-Americans vote overwhelmingly for Democrats not because we

reject the Republican Party but because the Republican Party rejects us. If we vote our interests, we have little choice but to vote against a party that has systematically tried to undermine and constrict the right to vote, that votes against affordable housing, against expanding Social Security and against poverty programs.

Republicans have led the fight against a living wage. They oppose efforts to curb gun violence in our cities by blocking background checks and repealing the ban on assault weapons. They vocally undermine enforcement of equal employment laws and anti-discrimination measures. Their Supreme Court nominees gutted the Voting Rights Act, and their legislators have blocked efforts to restore it. They have consistently voted against any plan to rebuild our cities, reinvest in infrastructure and put people to work. They oppose efforts to ease the student loan debt that burdens too many African-Americans.

Blacks vote against Republicans in overwhelming numbers because Republicans are overwhelmingly campaigning against our core interests. Republicans can appeal to black voters but only if they reach out and change their policy positions. As former New Orleans Mayor Mark Morial told Chideya, "A

chicken can't root for Colonel Sanders."

Arguably, the real "captured group" of voters are the poor and working-class white voters who vote Republican. That vote is surely against their economic interests. Republicans have won their votes by appeals to race, to religion and to conservative social issues, but they never deliver. Liberal social movements for equality - the civil rights movement, the women's movement and the gay rights movement - continue to make progress. And working and poor white people continue to lose ground economically. Now polls suggest that they favor Donald Trump for president, someone who opposes lifting the minimum wage, opposes empowering workers to organize, opposes expanding Social Security, wants to repeal health care reform and vows to cut taxes on the rich and corporations.

African-Americans aren't a captured bloc of voters. We are people who are voting our interests - and looking for allies. Republicans have to decide if they want to continue to push off against us or begin to reach out to us.

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# Black unemployment rate falls to 8.1 percent in August

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The unemployment rate for Black workers improved from 8.4 percent in July to 8.1 percent in August, according to the latest jobs report from the Labor Department. Even though the Black jobless rate has decreased more than a percentage point since last year (9.4 percent in August 2015), it is still nearly double the White unemployment rate (4.4 percent).

Nationally, the economy added 151,000 jobs in August, but the unemployment rate remained steady at 4.9 percent, the same mark set in July and June.

The labor force participation rate, which measures the share of workers that are employed

or looking for jobs, was 61.9 percent for Black workers in August, an increase from 61.2 percent in July and only a slight uptick from the Black labor force rate last year (61.7 percent in August 2015). The participation rate for White workers was 62.9 percent in August, July and June and has only edged up slightly since last August (62.6 percent).

The unemployment rate for White workers was 4.4 percent in August, the same mark set in August 2015, and a slight increase from the 4.3 percent rate recorded in July.

The unemployment rate for Black men over 20 years-old was 7.6 percent in August, an improvement from 8.2 percent in July. The jobless rate for Black women over 20 years-old was 7.1 percent in August, which was a step forward from

the 7.3 percent rate a month ago.

The unemployment rate for White men over 20 years-old was 4.1 percent in August, the same as July. The participation rate, which was 72 percent in July showed no improvement. The unemployment rate for White women was 3.9 percent in August slightly higher than the 3.7 percent mark set in July.

The unemployment rate for Hispanic workers was 5.6 percent in August 2016 a step back from the 5.4 percent rate set in July.

According to The Hamilton Project, an economic policy think tank at the Brookings Institution, the economy would need to add 204,000 jobs every month until May 2017 to reach pre-recession employment levels.

In a statement about the

August jobs report, Main Street Alliance, a national network of small business coalitions, noted that growth in the retail and restaurant sectors signaled "increased consumer confidence and spending heading into the holiday shopping season."

The Alliance also reported that Washington state led the nation in small business job growth and Seattle topped the list of metropolitan areas.

"With job creation and small business success widely attributed to consumer confidence and spending, it is hard to ignore Seattle's rising minimum wage and the role boosting the wages of the lowest-level earners played in earning them the top spot on the list," the Alliance statement said.

The Labor Department also reported upward trends in sev-

eral service industries, including food services and drinking places.

Bill Spriggs, the chief economist for the AFL-CIO, a national group of 56 unions that represents more than 12 million workers, noted gains in fast food jobs and in health care in a series of tweets last Friday.

"Despite whining about minimum wage increases, fast food establishments gain 34,000 last month, 312,000 over the year," Spriggs tweeted.

Spriggs suggested that the Black unemployment rate likely decreased, "for right reasons," because the employment-population ratio, which is the share of the population that is currently employed, also improved from July (56.1 percent) to August (56.9 percent).

Spriggs also tweeted that

Black workers that earn associate degrees experience a 5.4 percent jobless rate, which is only slightly better than the unemployment rate for White high school dropouts (5.6 percent).

In a statement recognizing the importance of Labor Day, Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), said that although America has made significant strides toward an economic recovery in recent years, too many working people are still going without the basic necessities.

"It does not have to be this way," said Scott. "Ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to make a decent life for themselves and their families is the central challenge of our time. Whether we rise to meet that challenge will define us for generations to come."

## For-profit colleges: Valuing profits before student achievement

BY CHARLENE CROWELL  
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Higher education is supposed to be about opening doors to a promising future. Fortified by training, skills and credentials, a personal pathway to the middle class is the presumed goal.



Charlene Crowell

But in recent days, some higher education doors are closing, while others are writing checks for fines and refunds imposed by regulators. It's almost enough for some consumers to wonder, "What is really going on?"

If a for-profit college is involved, the answer is money. From a consumer perspective, dollars are dedicated and debts created in the name of higher education. Multiple for-profit institutions all too often relegate education and matriculation to advertising and recruitment geared towards selling

private loans.

In recent years, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has sued and levied large fines against a few of these large institutions. Although specific violations varied, the bottom line was that student borrowers were getting short shrift from the institutions that promised far more.

The latest unfortunate example came on September 12. CFPB charged the San Diego-based Bridgepoint Education, Inc., the parent institution for Ashford University and the University of the Rockies with engaging in "unfair, deceptive or abusive acts and practices". As a result, Bridgepoint will forgive and refund more than \$23.5 million to students, including principal and interest and additionally pay an \$8 million fine to the Bureau. According to its 2015 annual report, Bridgepoint enrolled a total of 49,159 students last year.

As early as 2009, Bridgepoint Education's students were told they would pay only \$25 a month for the institution's private loans. By telling students

the wrong monthly payment, Bridgepoint deceived its students and falsely advertised costs.

Another recent for-profit college development led to ITT Technical Institute having its accreditation reviewed, to a loss of new federal financial aid and then finally the September 6 closure of its 130 campuses across 38 states. The closure placed an estimated 40,000 students in disarray, along with more than 8,000 employees.

Under investigation by multiple jurisdictions, ITT Tech was overly dependent upon taxpayer dollars to keep its cash flowing. In 2015 alone, 68 percent of its students used federal grants and loans. To place that percentage in dollars and sense – yes, s-e-n-s-e – we're talking about \$580 million of ITT Tech's reported revenues of \$850 million, came courtesy of taxpayers. In effect, taxpayers were underwriting ITT Tech's profits.

ITT Tech was at risk of having its academic accreditation revoked, so the Department of

Education required the college to post a higher bond to be used in the event of campus closings. The funds would be used to reimburse Education for liabilities related to investigations such as student refunds, student loan cancellations and other expenses.

Additionally, Education banned ITT Tech from making any unusual expenditures without federal approval, and was forbidden from allocating paying raises, bonuses or severance packages to its executives.

In other words, the for-profit it was sinking and no golden parachutes were allowed. From a strictly business perspective, complete closure might have seemed to be the only financial recourse.

But what about the students and families who trusted these for-profit institutions? Consider the time and money invested. The families affected by ITT Tech's closure and Bridgepoint Education's refunds probably trusted the institutions, faculty and staff.

Unfortunately, a segment of higher education has changed

– and not for the better. These recent developments with ITT Tech and Bridgepoint follow a disturbing trend in the for-profit college market. Illinois' senior U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, recently weighed in on the mounting evidence of problematic for-profit colleges.

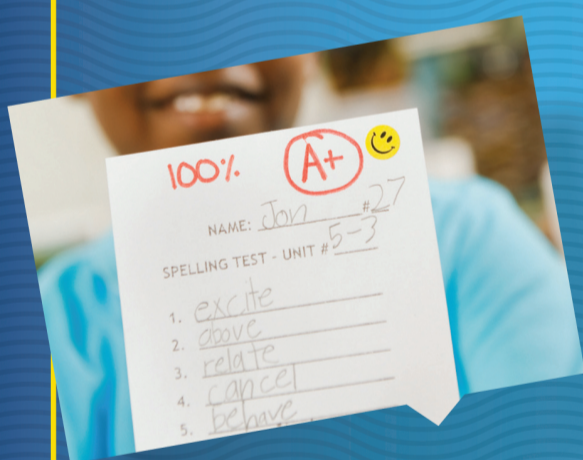
"When we pay taxes, it goes into the Federal Treasury," noted Durbin. "The money out of that Treasury is being loaned to these students to give to these schools. When the students default or if they are forgiven their loans, the Treasury is not paid back. Our tax dollars do not return to the Treasury to be loaned again."

"So the taxpayers are the ultimate losers," he continued. "It raises a very basic question. When is our Federal Government going to wake up to the fact that this for-profit college and university industry is causing great harm to a lot of innocent students across the United States and their families and ultimately to the taxpayers of this country?"

Nearly two years ago, CFPB sued Corinthian Colleges, Inc. – a now-defunct for-profit institution – for its deceptive and predatory practices. It took another year of legal tap dancing before a federal court issued a default judgement, ruling in part, "in order to continue receiving those [federal] funds, which was the main source of Corinthian's revenue, Corinthian burdened its students with this additional cost."

"Another day, another for-profit school that's been caught ripping off students," noted Whitney Barkley, a policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending who specializes in student lending. "Hopefully, for-profit colleges are beginning to realize that they cannot continue to provide subprime education at exorbitant prices and leave students and taxpayers holding the bag."

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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](mailto:info@lupusnc.org) or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit [www.lupusnc.org](http://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 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.

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.

Brunswick County

The City of Northwest will hold Northwest Parade and Fun Day October 1st at 10:00 a.m. the parade will line up on Perkins Rd. at 9:00 a.m.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

We cannot overlook what's happening around us daily

**A** National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will continue to move us forward together in a powerful way. Bernest Hewett, President of Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP, has made a very powerful statement: "At a time when this nation should be moving forward, there are people who would rather turn back the clock and reinstate former institutions of oppression and degradation, and, although most Blacks and minorities work hard to promote, prospect, and sustain our liberty, we cannot allow those who harbor



Verniece Stanley

racist views to destroy our freedom." The Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP 2016 Freedom Fund Banquet, which was held on Saturday, September 10, 2016, was very successful. With increasing membership, we are looking forward to more young people's memberships. In meetings around the country, there are large numbers of young people participating in religious activities. There are social activities, such as musical programs, art shows, drama productions, and many opportunities to exercise their skills in technology under proper supervision. These young people who associate with the NAACP usually have smiling faces because it is their first time in a meeting like this with so many adults. It is good to give them a smile and a pat

on the back and let them know they are very special and that we love them for being with us. This kind of greeting may have a longer lasting effect and help them find a pathway to better opportunities in life. Today, many of our young people have some knowledge of Black History. The NAACP's journey for justice and the American Journey for Justice started at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. It was organized by Kevin Myles to bring attention to the injustices, especially when it came to voting rights. Myles walked the entire 1,002 miles for 32 consecutive days from Selma to Washington, D. C. When the marchers moved into more rural areas of the Southern states, sometimes the route had to be redirected due to KKK members and others

who verbally and actively disagreed with the march and its purpose. People came from all over the USA, and they were of all races. They were most passionate about the movement. 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.

SENIOR MOMENTS

"Black lives do matter"

My Fellow Seniors:

Recently, in the Star News, a man asked, "Does Black life really matter?" He asked that question because a man had been killed in the Creekwood Community, and the people who were present did not cooperate with the police, who were investigating the crime. It that man had been there, I'm sure he would have reported everything he saw, but, then, his family would have been safe and secure.



Ruth Johnson

However, those people who live in the community could not speak up without putting their families in harm's way. This is not Chicago, not yet anyway, but now is the time to come together and decide how to protect the younger generation from what some of our major cities are going through. I still say the church is the center of the community. It is the gathering place in times of trouble, and that's where we should go to seek answers to some of the problems we are having. Most young people don't go to church these days. They drop out before they reach their teens. That's because other teenagers don't go. Therefore, it's up to the

church to do something that would draw them in. However, before we start thinking about what we are going to teach them, we need to get their attention. We need to create an atmosphere where they can learn to love and respect one another. We could have a variety of music, comedy, speaking contests or just give them the floor and let them tell us what they plan to do with their lives. If we decide to have a talent show, we could take up a collection for the winner. A few dollars would go along way towards bringing our young people back to the church. Those who want to show their talents would bring their families and their friends. They would

come from different churches, and the entire community would smile on them. We have many professional people who come to church and just sit because they have no role to play. Their reasons for coming are to support the church, and we thank God for their presence. But we are preaching to the choir. If these people had the freedom to do so, they could bring our young people back to church. They would come first to enjoy themselves and then to love one another. If they have love deep down inside, it will direct their paths and forever be their guide. Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

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**Mrs. Ruth S. Pierce**

Mrs. Ruth S. Pierce, entered peacefully into eternal rest in the early hours of the morning on August 26, 2016 at her home. Born October 24, 1915 in Brunswick County, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Rosa Ballard and Samuel Jinwright.

Ruth was a long-time member of St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Her membership began under the pastorate of The Reverend S. J. Howie. Ruth loved her church and found joy in serving the church with the Women's Home & Missionary Society and the Senior Choir in which she served before starting her family. She enjoyed special visits from her Class Leaders, Donna Boney and Cornelia Johnson. Ruth always looked forward to receiving Holy Communion from her Pastor and the Deaconesses.

Ruth was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Robert Pierce on September 8, 1945. They enjoyed 60 years of marriage until his death on November 13, 2005. To this union, two daughters were born - Ruth Marie and Barbara Jean. As soon as her girls were old enough she began helping them to develop a spiritual life by teaching them to pray; living by Scripture where the Golden Rule is found; and attending Sunday School and Church. Ruth loved her home and relished being a full-time, stay-at-home mom and smothering her girls and Robert with lots of love. She never missed a PTA meeting or any program or event involving her girls. Ruth was the niece of Olia Ballard Joyner, a very popular local seamstress. She would perform stitches by hand that her aunt could not do on a sewing machine. Ruth was proficient in dressmaking, and taught her girls to sew and other skills for homemaking.

Although she was a very shy person, Ruth always had a smile for everyone. She always responded to those who knew her and anyone she met in a sweet, warm, and caring way. Ruth loved people, especially children. Her home was "the house" for the children in the neighborhood when her girls were growing up. Sometimes Ruth would join the children in their fun and games, she especially liked playing jack rocks.

She leaves to cherish sweet memories of her life two loving daughters, Ruth Pierce Matthews of the home and Barbara Pierch Burns (Clarence) of Lexington, SC; adoring grandchildren, Jonathan Michael Burns of Lexington, SC and Emily Janelle Burns of Charlston, SC; sisters, Margaret Bryant of Wilmington, NC and Reatha Davis of Bronx, NY; several nieces and nephews, including a special doting niece - her "Little Bitty" - Beverly Smalls of Wilmington, NC and Beverly's sister, Sylvia Gee of Leland, NC and brother, Charles Smalls, of Wilmington, NC; devoted god-child, Elaine Dandridge (Lawrence), Lanham, MD and a host of loving friends and relatives including Barbara's mother-in-law, Pearl Burns of Statesboro, GA; and a devoted friend (BFF-Best friend Forever), Joyce

Williams(Harry). In addition to her mother and father, Ruth was preceded in death by her devoted and loving husband, who treated her like a queen, Robert Pierce; siblings Mary Joyce Jinwright, Louise Chiles, Mammie Eddie, Edith Brown, Annie Rea Smalls, James Jinwright and Anthony Jinwright. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**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. Funeral services were Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Enfield, NC.

Mrs. Sadie R. Spearman daughter of the late Mr. Emanuel and Mrs. Nettie Lynch Richardson was born in North Carolina of Native American ancestry. Upon moving to Baltimore Mrs. Sadie began a long relationship with Bugle Linen Service from 1948 to 1982. Also while employed by Bugle she attended Dunbar night school for a seamstress.

Mrs. Sadie accepted Christ at an early age. She really loved the Lord. You could find her in her most comfortable chair anytime reading her bible. She joined Zion Baptist Church in August, 1949. She became an Usher and remained in that position for many decades.

God looked around his garden and saw a empty space. He looked down on earth and saw her tire face. On September 9, 2016 He called her home to be with Him.

She was married to the late Mr. Kirby Spearman who was also a longtime member and usher at Zion.

She leaves to cherish her memories two devoted daughters, Belva Strater of Flint, Mich., Carolyn and devoted Son-In-Law James Servance, Jr. of Baltimore; one loving sister, Mrs. Ella Ree Evans of Lansing, Mich.; nine grand children, fourteen great grands and one great great granddaughter, Samari; one nephew and seven nieces. TWO VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS Mrs. Sarah Harlee and Mr. John Harlee of Baltimore. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Odessa Jane Gore Scott**

Odessa Jane Gore Scott passed away September 14, 2016. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home.

Odessa Jane Gore Scott was born to the late Joshua Gore, Sr. and Mattie Jane Gore, on January 4, 1926 in East Wilmington, North Carolina. She was the eldest of six children.

Early in life she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior. She attended Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church as

an active member for over forty years. Odessa loved children and spent a large part of her life babysitting, sewing, crocheting and cooking. She was indeed a home maker. Odessa attended the East Wilmington Public School and Williston Industrial High School.

On the morning of September 14, 2016, Odessa entered into eternal rest. Her "Pappy" as God was affectionately called by Odessa deemed it appropriate to call her home.

Odessa was a fond mother; grandmother; aunt, cousin and a friend to all.

Odessa was preceded in death by her mother; Mattie Jane Gore; her father; Joshua Gore, Sr.; daughter; Betty Swinson; sister; Delores Gore Heyward; brothers, Joshua Gore, Jr., Charles Wilbert Gore and Harold Harrison Gore.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, her sons, Richard Jerome Scott (Barbara), Gary Lee Scott (Phyllis) and Nathaniel Scott; daughters, Wanda Faye Scott, Natalie Yolanda Scott and Marva Kim Scott; sister, Mattie Remel Gore Holmes (Moses); grandchildren Dominic, Barry, Francesca, Shante', Carl, Rufus, Stacey - "A very special grandson", Tracey, Odessa Diana, Jalisa, Jeffrey and Mar'Kee; great grands, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends, who she loved dearly. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Joseph D. Boyer, Sr.**

Joseph D. Boyer, Sr., of Wilmington, passed away on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church of Wilmington.

Joseph David Boyer, Sr. was born to the late George Boyer and Juanita Primeaux Boyer on July 21, 1931 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and departed this life on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

Joseph was preceded in death by his wife of over 40 years, Thelma Burgess Boyer; two brothers, Raymond Boyer and Charles Boyer; two sisters, Trudy Boyer and Carol Walton; and his eldest son, Joseph David Boyer, Jr.

Joseph was a marine engineer for over thirty years. This career allotted him and his wife the ability to travel many distant lands. Once he retired from the sea, he settled in Wilmington, NC with his wife and children until his passing.

He was a workaholic, and though retired, he continued to work as a Longshoreman and later as a security guard. He also gave many volunteer hours to local, state and national politics. He was a helper of struggling young men with whom he saw potential in. Joseph served on many local boards and sponsored several local children's sports teams, which were connected with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and the late Mr. William Murphy.

He has touched many lives throughout his own, left a lasting impression with all, and

will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his brother; George Nelson Boyer; six children, Rafaella Figueroa, Edwin Figueroa (Theresa), David, Ngui (Sade), Glenn and Linda. He also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Joseph wished to be cremated and his remains scattered at sea. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Frances E. Smith**

Frances Evelyn Smith was born in Brunswick County on October 19, 1945 to Gracie F. Baldwin. On September 15, 2016, God dispatched an angel to bring his daughter home.

Frances was reared in the Leland community and was educated in the Brunswick County school system. She was employed at France Neckwear for 20+ years. Her next employment was at The Kempton's where she retired in 2007.

Frances was a loyal and dedicated member of Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. She actively participated on the Missionary Board, was a member of the Choir and served on the Usher Board at one time as president. She sincerely loved her church family.

She was a loving and devoted mother; mother-in-law, grandmother; sister; sister-in-law, aunt and friend to all. She was blessed knowing and connecting with her newly found sisters. In her spare time, she liked to bake and travel. Her sense of humor was second to none. She enjoyed having fun and encouraged others to do the same.

Frances was affectionately called Mema, Auntie and Fran. She was truly loved and will

never be forgotten.

Frances was preceded in death by a grandson, Ethan and a sister-in-law, Donna (Dusty).

Left to rejoice in her memory are: her parents, Gracie L. and John Baldwin, Sr. of the home; a daughter; Ingrid (Michael) Oliver of Leland, NC; a son, Edgar (LaChawn) Smith of Leland, NC; four grandchildren, Brittney (Marecius) of Raleigh, NC, Grant, Eddie and Eli of Leland, NC; one great-granddaughter, Sage Ivy of Raleigh, NC; two sisters, Shelia Baldwin of Leland, NC and Doris (Fredrick) Smith of Waldorf, MD; five newly found sisters, Chnita (Jimmie) Monroe, Amanda (Randy), Josephine Smith, Marjorie Graham all of East Arcadia, NC, and Helen (Robert Marshall) of Wilmington, NC; five brothers, John L. Baldwin, Jr., Alton (Annie) Baldwin of Leland, NC, Marvin Baldwin and Timothy Baldwin of Charlotte, NC, and Steven Baldwin (Tammy) of Leland, NC; one newly found brother; Joe Nathan (Marie) Laceywell; two Godchildren, Chiwale Thomas and Hilda McKoy of Wilmington, NC; two aunts, Dorothy Jackson of Santiago, CA and Nancy Hewitt of Leland, NC; one uncle, Arthur Baldwin of Summers, NJ; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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**Infant Messiah Princeton Gilbert Pearce**

Infant Messiah Princeton Gilbert Pearce, passed away, Monday, September 12, 2016. Services will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. Please

keep his parents (Tyenika Pearce and Frederick Gilbert) and family in your thoughts and prayers. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Regina M. Brewington**

Regina M. Brewington, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, September 18, 2016. Services will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Willie A. Owens, Jr.**

Willie A. Owens, Jr. passed away, Sunday, September 18, 2016. Services will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Helen L. Fredlaw**

Helen L. Fredlaw, of Knightdale, passed away, Monday, September 19, 2016. Services will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

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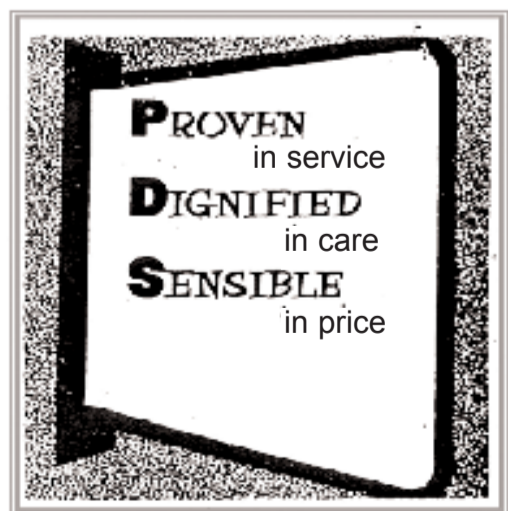


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Jennifer A. Terrell and Javoke S. Terrell



**New Hanover County**

**First Baptist Church Gospel Choir of Scotts Hill** will celebrate their 18th anniversary on Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 p.m. Various choirs and groups will be on the musical program.

**First Baptist Missionary Church**, 520 North 5th Ave., will hold their Annual Fall Revival on Wednesday, September 28th- Friday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. and devotion at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Gordon L. Griffen of Moore's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Currie, NC.

**Religious Briefs**

**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**, 3701 Princess Place Drive, will hold their Women's Conference and Women's Day "Rebuilding the Temple from the Inside Out", Friday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Penny Ziemer of Carr Memorial Disciples of Christ, Clinton, NC; Saturday, October 1st from 8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Morning Glory Prayer and Consecration and 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Words of Empowerment and on Sunday, October 2nd 7:45 and 11:00 a.m. the guest preacher will be Rev. Phyllis P. Jones of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Fayetteville, NC.

**St. Phillip AME Zion Church** on Saturday, September 24, 2016 the church will host its 3rd Annual Crab Fest from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Delivery will be available. For additional information, please call Sis. Ashley M. Hall at 910-540-4250, Sis. Aimee H. Brown at 910-368-3605 or Sis. Dentrail N. Boykin at 910-200-4953. Also Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon and the officers and members of St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church will celebrate their 145th Church Anniversary on September 25th at 3:30p.m. Dinner will be served after our morning 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. Michael Redd of New Pike Creek A.M.E. of Burgaw, NC along with his choir and congregation will be the special guest speaker. For more information, please call Sis. Dentrail N. Boykin at 910-200-4953, Sis. Linda Kelly at 718-483-3272 or Sis. Tonya Sprauve at 910-538-5443.

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*By Wilmington Journal Staff*

**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**Ready for a change?**

**BY SHEILA ROSS AND FANNIE ALLEN**  
*CONTRIBUTING WRITERS*

To God be the glory! We're back! This is the day that the Lord has made.

This is our first meeting since the summer, and it is good to see us all. The meeting was opened by our President Eloise Purdie, who welcomed all back. The devotional part of our meeting was led by our choir director, Brother George Hill. Our opening song was "Pass Me Not." The prayer was given by Brother Claude

Martin. Our speaker for today was Brother George Hill. His topic was "Ready for a Change." He said that self control is probably one of the hardest things to master. We have often been defeated by a bad habit, a lousy attitude, or a bad mindset. We make promises to improve. The question was asked, "Are you ready for a change?" You can change because God is in you. As you surrender control to Him, He will help you bear the fruit of His likeness. Galatians 22-23 teaches us, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self control, gentleness, and self control. against such, there is no law." God is not nearly as concerned with our ability as He is with our surrender.

We reviewed our summer activities and commented on them. We shared with each other news about sickness and deaths that have impacted us. Comments were given by our president and vice president. Minutes of the Executive Board meeting were read by our secretary. We had three visitors present, and we wel-

comed all. The Treasurer's Report was given by Sister Cynthia Sparrow. Then it was time for our Callers Report. There was a tie of 8 members present for each Sister Janice Gordon and Sister Gladys Taylor. Announcement and remarks were read. The Sick Report was given by Sister Anna Haskins.

Our circle was formed, and the closing prayer was given by Minister Henrietta McGlenn. our meeting was adjourned.

There were 41 members present.

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**"Jesus loves little children"**

*"Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14*

Children are an heritage of the Lord. God used us parents as vessals to carry and deliver them into the world, but their lives were given to us by the Lord. It was the



**Sylvia Hooper**

Lord's hand that formed them while they were yet in our womb. After their birth, he breathed his own breath into their nostrils and they became living, breathing, souls.

Sometimes, we as parents have to be reminded that we are only caretakers of our children and we do not own them body and soul. All souls belong to God. We are

instructed in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We are further instructed not to provoke our children to anger lest they be discouraged. God's Word tells us to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ours is not to abuse, neglect, or take our children for granted.... just because we birthed them into the world. In the fear of the Lord, we are to love, cherish, educate, and discipline them.

Jesus loves little children and they are precious in his sight. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The bible tells us that some kings and prophets were called and chosen by God

while they were children. The child Jesus, was found one day in the temple sitting in the midst of doctors, both hearing them and asking questions to the astonishment and amazement of his own parents. If we would take the time to listen , our children and grandchildren will amaze us with the words that come from their lips. If we watch and pray over our children, we can clearly see the hand of God upon their lives.

We don't always know the plans in store for our children, so let's just treat them as Jesus did. Above all, he loved them. If you love Jesus, you will also love your children.

"Father, Help me to be a loving and caring parent and to demonstrate your love for me as I love my children. In

Jesus' name, Amen."

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

**OBITUARIES**

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waiting angel on September 1, 2016 surrounded by her family who celebrated her life with songs and praise. Her funeral service was Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maggie Bell Whitlock and her nephews, Rondell Dailey and Donald Harrison. The ninth of ten children, Cathy was born March 14, 1963. She grew up in St. Andrew AME Zion Church, active in the Young Adult Choir and the Junior/Senior Usher boards. She later joined Warner Temple AME Zion Church, where she sang, danced, and shouted the victory every time she entered the doors. She loved the Lord. Cathy was educated in the New Hanover County Schools graduating in the New Hanover High School Class of 1981.

She received a degree as a Nursing Assistant from Miller-Motte College. Cathy was ferocious as a mother to her three heartbeats, Darius, Courtney and Antonio. A woman of faith, she loved the Lord and witnessed of God's Goodness in her life. She lived her life motto, "Keep it Moving."

He leaves to mourn: sons, TSgt. Darius McKoy (TSgt. Shameeka) of Goldsboro, NC, Cortney and Antonio McKoy of the city; sisters, Patricia Bruton, Delores Carr, Lynda Harrison and Mae Brown; brothers, Leon McKoy, John Carr (Rita), Ronald Whitlock, Sam Carr (Sarah), Freddy Lee McKoy, and Herbert Carr (Gwen); aunts, Amelia Batts, Louise McNeil, and Donnie Sykes; goddaughter, Adrinna Miller; grandchildren, Khalid, Shamar, Anaiah, Antonio, Jr., A'keira, Jeremiah and Mark; loving companion, Johnnie Smith; special friends, Tawanna Miller, Ginger Lee, Myra Burnett, Empowerment in Pink organization members, Bonnie Lewis, Sabrina Walker, Sheila Ross; Caregivers, Lynda Harrison, Delores Wilson, Charmaine Shannon, Amelia Thomas and Patricia Hankins; other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and Dash. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**James "Jimmy" Benjamin Holmes**

James "Jimmy" Benjamin Holmes, affectionately known

as "Juice" died September 2, 2016. His funeral service was Thursday, September 8, 2016. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

He was born October 4, 1952 in Wilmington, NC, son of the late James E. Holmes, Jr. and Fannie Davis Holmes. He received his education in the New Hanover County Public Schools System, graduating in the J. T. Hoggard High School in the Class of 1970. Jimmy was drafted into the US Army after high school and proudly served his country. Jimmy retired after 23 years of service. Jimmy began his civilian working career as a young teen delivering the Wilmington Journal faithfully to communities throughout the city. He continued by serving as a Circulation Department Manager with the Wilmington Star News. He worked with AAI Pharmaceuticals before retiring. Jimmy was a long-standing member of Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ. He served faithfully in various tasks: as an Ordained Deacon, Choir Member, Church Moderator, Trustee, and Assistant Moderator. He loved sports and athletics; from Little League Baseball to the Annual City League Turkey Bowl. He officiated football in the CIAA for over 20 years. He was a polished alto saxophone player with a warm tenor voice. His biggest love was his children and grandchildren.

Surviving are; his children, Deshanda Holmes, LaQuantis Holmes, and Marquita Holmes (Carlton); granddaughters, Akiera Jones, Ja'Kira Holmes, Saniyah James, and Imoni James; siblings, Paula Greene (Gregory), Patricia Sansbury and Sadie Davenport (Herman) and John Holmes (Pamela); aunt, Marilyn Holmes; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, church members and three special women in his life who continued to love and care for him during his illness, Ms. Barbara Green, Ms. Yoland Holmes, and Mrs. Everlena Mitchell. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Ruth Hall Davis**

Ruth Hall Davis died Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC.

After her mother, Ruth Vaught passed away at an early age, she was raised by her Aunt Hattie and Uncle Harlee

Moore. At an early age, Annie accepted the Lord as her personal savior; where she became a member of Christian Chapel AME Zion Church in Winnabow, NC. She was employed by Timme Corporation for many years. In addition to her parents, Annie was preceded in death by two sons, Michael Buck, Curtis Jenkins, and husband of many years, David Lee Jenkins, Sr. She was joined in Holy Matrimony to Alexander James in April 1997.

She leaves to cherish her memory, children, David Jenkins, Jr. (Mary), Daniel Jenkins, Conell Jenkins (Cathelene), Majorie Hansley (Curtis), LaWanda Granger (Willie), Bonita Jenkins, and Danette Baggett (Jerome) all residing in Brunswick County; grandchildren, Carmesha Jenkins, Kenyatta Buck (Felicia), Catrel Holmes (Virgil), Veronica Price (Carlton), David Jenkins III, Antoine Jenkins, Jasmine Jenkins, Kimaya Bryant, Brittany Jenkins, Jaleel Bryant, Maranda Hansley, Anitra Jenkins, Keyshawn Jenkins, Zy'Ada Hansley, Kiara Grainger, Curtis Hansley, Jr., Issa Baggett, Nami Baggett, Kouli Baggett, Yayoi Baggett, Shogun Baggett, and Sachi Baggett; great-grandchildren, Cyiree Randolph (Myisha), Vy'Heem Holmes, Tiasia Hardy, Jasmine Buck, Naomi Balcomb, Qur'an Holmes, Arielle Price, Jahsir JHenkins, Sani Jenkins, Kenyen Buck, Trinity Jenkins, Ameliana Price, Angenisia Buck; great-great grandchildren, Zayden Randolph & Amari Randolph; sisters-in-law, Carrie Mae Pugh & Elizabeth Sharpless; sisters, Elize Bell Knight & Gloria Patton; daughter-in-law Carnethia Jenkins; godson, Rashawn Holden; special friends, Carrie Mae Pugh, Steve Bradford, Eva Bell, Louise Burst, Quilla Holden, Mary Baggett, Joanne Williams, Annie Mae McMillan, Brenda Young, Anita Oliver-Smith, Vernie Edge, Louise Hemingway, Phyllis Oliver. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Akima Seshah Howard**

Akima Seshah Howard son of Lonnie and Dentrail Howard was born on December 17, 1973 in Brooklyn, NY. Akima departed his earthly life on September 1, 2016. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, 2016.

Akima, who was nicknamed "Poops" as a baby, returned to Wilmington, NC with his fami-

ly around the age of one. Akima was a very active and smart child who enjoyed football, basketball and playing outside with his friends. Anyone who knew "Kima" as a young child knew he never "acted" his age. "Kima" was wise beyond his years. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He graduated from New Hanover High School in 1992.

Akima leaves to cherish his memory; son, Darius Howard; daughters, U'neqa McCrimmon, and Makima Chambers; grandson, King Rouse; parents, Lonnie and Dentrail Howard; sisters, Latonya Coggins and Latasha "Candi" Howard ("Raymond Mott, Fiance"); brother, Antwan Dixon; uncles, Anthony (Denise) Howard, Thomas Tyrone Addison, Apostle John Gary (Maggie) Howard, Toney (Cynthia) Addison and Charles (Renee) Howard; aunts, Betty Howard Simmons and Beverly Addison; great aunt, Madeline Crumdy; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Bessie E. Lewis**

Bessie E. Lewis entered into eternal rest on Sunday, September 4, 2016. She was born August 12, 1929. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Summerville AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the Summerville AME Zion Church Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by two sons, George Lynwood Lewis and James Lewis, and a daughter, Ethel Lee Lewis. She leaves to cherish fond memories; daughters, Mary Mosley (James) and Mable Lewis of Leland, NC; two sons, Clarence Lewis of Goldsboro, NC and Reginald Lewis of Fayetteville, NC; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; one brother, Robert Everette (Irene); two sisters, Geraldine Fields and Ella Everette; special friends, Geneva Ballard and Carol Weatherby; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Leroy Haynes**

Leroy Haynes was called to celestial peace in Christ. Born July 5, 1941 to the late Arthur and Lillie Mae Haynes, he died Friday, September 2, 2016. His funeral was Saturday, September 10, 2016 at St. Mark FWB Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

He was a member of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Leroy was a successful entrepreneur; Haynes Concrete Company; With a love of motorcycle riding, he became a member of the Port City Wheelers Motorcycle Club. He was a devoted member of the United National Masons Eureka Lodge #006. He was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Betty Jean Haynes and three brothers, Authur Haynes, Jr., James Haynes and Thomas Haynes. Though Leroy helped raise several children, he fathered three; Carolyn Yeoman (Chris) of Leland, NC, Leroy Haynes, Jr. of Tabor City, NC and Gregory McKinnis of Whiteville, NC. He had a host of loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Leroy has left several others to celebrate his life; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Robert Earl Williams**

Robert Earl Williams was born April 30, 1928 to the late Robert and Sarah Louise Williams. He departed this life on September 7, 2016. His funeral was held Sunday at Mt. Ararat AME Church. Burial followed in the Mt. Ararat Church Cemetery.

Robert, affectionately known as "Cap", was one of 12 children born to this union. He was educated in the New Hanover County public school system. As a young man, he moved to New York, joined the Army and was honorably discharged. He married his first wife, Etta Williams. From this union were born 3 children, Barbara, Gloria (Peaches) and Denise. Later, he moved to New Jersey and married Louise Evans and from this union 2 children, Kenneth (Pete) and Anthony (Tish) Williams (deceased) were born. Robert moved back to Wilmington and rejoined his childhood church, St. John AME Church, then moved his membership to Mt. Ararat AME Church, where he served for forty-five years. After retirement from the docks, he opened a successful lawn mower repair business. He leaves to cherish his memories; his wife, Louise Williams; 4 children, Barbara (Elden) Williams, Gloria Lewis, Denise (James) George, Kenneth (Gloria) Williams; nine grandchildren, Karen, Elden Robert (Maureen), Nakia, Kenneth Jr., Jessica, Daniel, Wellington, Antoinette, and

Shytonia Louise; thirteen great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; 2 siblings, Esther Penny and George (Annabelle) Williams; sister-in-law, Mildred Spencer; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; preceded in death by 9 siblings, Celia, Verna, Iola Mae, James, Mary Catherine, Willie Delores, Pembroke, and 2 siblings who died at childbirth. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Chester Odell Wiggins, Jr.**

Chester Odell Wiggins, Jr. was born September 6, 1940 to the late Inez Campbell-Wiggins and Chester Odell Wiggins, Sr. He departed this life, September 7, 2016.

Chester was educated in the New Hanover County School System. After graduation, he enlisted in United States Army. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Chester began his stewardship with children in the community. At St. Mary's Catholic Church, he and Father Jones started the sporting program, beginning with basketball. He was a commissioner in the boxing league and led a young Handicapped Boy Scout Troops. Chester was a mentor to all under his care. His other hobbies were all sports, volunteering, and fishing with his wife of 53 years, who put the bait on the hooks for him. His early education was at St. Thomas, and now the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary.

He leaves to cherish fond memories; his wife, E. Delores H. Wiggins of the home; two children, Jacueline Wiggins and Michael (Jerusher) Wiggins of Georgia; 5 grandchildren, Mathew Chandler, Adam Chandler, Maria Chandler, Evan Wiggins, and Caleb Wiggins; 2 brothers, Kent (Yvette) Wiggins and Keith (Carmen)Wiggins; two in-laws, Andrew Hands and Alfred Hands; one aunt, Agnes Wiggins Spicer; a special cousin, Forest Ray Spicer; two god-daughters, Xiquena Marie DeVega and Christina Lamb; one godson, Kenneth Gattison; childhood friend, Jack Dixon; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends, including Robert (Eleanor) Davis, George Williams, Irene VanTravis, Disable American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 11 members and members of Chapter 1074 Knights of Columbus. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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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

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **Marvin H. Congleton**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of September, 2016

Marvin Howard Congleton II and Thomas Ray Congleton, Executors of the Estate of Marvin H. Congleton  
221 Williams Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Janice McCoy**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of September, 2016

Darin McCoy, Administrator  
5113 Gate Post Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28412

September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Beulah Roberts**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of September, 2016

Frankie A. Roberts, Collector  
121 Hargrove Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28411

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### LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Affidavit Collector of the Estate of **Brian Houck** (15-E-1309), late of 3921 Sondey 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  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Darrel Smith**, late of 4507 Split Rail Drive, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, on or before the **8th day of December, 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 8th day of September, 2016.

Barbara A. Fitzsimmons, Personal Representative of the Estate of Darrel Smith, deceased  
By and through her undersigned counsel:  
Russell D. Nugent  
The Humphries Law Firm, P.C.  
616 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-332-0721 xt 4

September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016

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

Having qualified as Affidavit Collector of the Estate of **Lillian Ross** (15-E-1074), late of 7006 Daybreak Lane, 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 9, 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, Affidavit Collector of the Estate of Lillian Ross  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

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#### 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, Affidavit Collector of the Estate of Brian Houck  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

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#### Notice of Sale

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September 15, 22, 29, 2016

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS IP TELEPHONY SYSTEM

Brunswick County Government is seeking an experienced firm to provide a solution for an IP telephony system. Sealed proposals must be received on or before 3:00 PM EST October 7, 2016. Details of the proposal requirements and contact information can be obtained from the Brunswick County website at <http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/info/bid/> or by contacting Deborah Isenhour at [deborah.isenhour@brunswick-countync.gov](mailto:deborah.isenhour@brunswick-countync.gov).

September 8, 15, 22, 2016

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **David Marion Kimble**, late of 4816 Norwich Road, Wilmington, 28405, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **December 14, 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 9th day of September, 2016.

Cynthia Stevens  
Melissa Kidd  
Co-Executrices of the Estate of David Marion Kimble  
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS PA  
509 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Helen Pershia McRae**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of September, 2016

Helena Berkley, Collector  
1415 Stanley St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

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#### Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified DBE firms for Contract DA00308-Sidewalk and Drainage Structure Repairs on US 17 in Pasquotank Co. bidding on 10/5/16. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 p.m. on Monday 9/26/16 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?lettype+1>. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

September 22, 2016

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF MONTPELIER PARTNERS, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to 57D-6-11 of the North Carolina General Statutes, Montpelier Partners, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (the "Company") has elected to dissolve and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the North Carolina Secretary of State.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED THAT if you have a claim against the Company, you present it to the Company in accordance with the terms of this notice as follows:

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John Gussenhoven  
277 Beach Road N.  
Wilmington, NC 28411
3. UNLESS A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THE CLAIM IS COMMENCED WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR CLAIM WILL BE BARRED BY LAW.

September 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 183

IN THE MATTER OF:  
E.K.W. (DOB: 2/18/2011)

**TO: RESPONDENT:**  
**ROBERT K. WILLIAMS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA KENYA M. JOHNSON**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **September 22, 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.

Attorney Ryanne Drogos has been appointed to represent you and may she may be contacted at 105 N. Sixth Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 (910) 251-9213 and [rdrogos@boyettelaw.com](mailto:rdrogos@boyettelaw.com).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016**, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the case may be heard at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 22nd day of September, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.  
of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
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(910) 798-3611  
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September 22, 29, October 6, 2016

### LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Wanda Brendette Coston**, 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 **22nd 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 22nd day of September, 2016

Sheryl Aleta Coston, Administrator  
208 S. 7th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF **EMILY WEEKS BAREFOOT**, late of the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, I, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1, hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to present them to the undersigned by the **21st day of December, 2016**, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of September, 2016.

NAPOLEON B. BAREFOOT, JR., EXECUTOR  
811 Frederick Trail  
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September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 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 152

IN THE MATTER OF:  
.M. (DOB: 6/2/2015)

**TO: UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO AMANDA CONNER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **September 22, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, November 14, 2016** AT 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 22nd day of September, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.  
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### LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Stacy Colleen Smaltz**, 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 **22nd 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 22nd day of September, 2016

Dickson Boyton Balridge,  
Administrator  
117 Keaton Ave.  
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September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2016

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

Having qualified as Affidavit Collector of the Estate of **Jay Duane Angstadt**, late of 4103 Buffington Place, Wilmington, NC 28409, 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 9, 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 22nd day of September, 2016

Douglas James Buchheit, Executor of the Estate of Jay Duane Angstadt  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **John William Walton, 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 **22nd 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 22nd day of September, 2016

James David Walton and Mary Ann Walton, Co-Executors of the Estate of John William Walton, Jr.  
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LEGAL NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NEW HANOVER COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA FILE NO. 15-SP-41

Pursuant to an Order entered by the Clerk of Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina on July 25, 2016, in that certain Special Proceeding entitled "In the Matter of PALMER WATSON," the undersigned gives notice that Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator for the Estate of Palmer Watson, will expose for public sale at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on September 28, 2016 at 11:15 am, at the usual place of sale in the New Hanover County Judicial Building in Wilmington, North Carolina, the following property (including any improvements thereon) located in New Hanover County, North Carolina:

Tract 1: BEGINNING at a point in the eastern line of Tract 38 of Rock Hill Plantation as the same is shown on a plan of the Plantation known as Rock Hill, dated September 25, 1890, prepared by H. A. Colvin and L. D. Cherry, a copy of which is recorded in Book 29 at Page 623 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, said beginning point being also the northeastern corner of that tract of land conveyed by Katie B. Grady to Palmer Watson and Annie Owens by deed dated June 10, 1969, and recorded in Deed Book 893 at Page 714 in the New Hanover County Registry, and running thence from said beginning point westwardly and parallel with the southern line of said tract 38 and along said Palmer Watson and Annie Owens northern line, 145 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of said Palmer Watson and Annie Owens lot, which point is also the northeast corner of a lot conveyed to Rufus James by deed dated September 4, 1968, and recorded in Book 840 at Page 436 in the New Hanover County Registry; thence running northwardly and parallel with the southern line of said tract 38, 145 feet, more or less, to a point in the eastern line of said tract 38; thence southwardly along the eastern line of said tract 38; 105 feet to the point of beginning. Map No. being 1000-2511-004-005. For a more particular description, see Deed from Katie B. Grady, a widow, to Palmer Watson and Annie Owens, recorded in Deed Book 907, Page 923, in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County.

Tract 2: BEGINNING at a point in the southern line of Tract Number 38 of Rock Hill Plantation as the same is shown on a plan of the Plantation known as Rock Hill dated September 1890, prepared by a H. A. Colvin and L. D. Cherry, a copy of which is recorded in Book 29 at Page 623 in the New Hanover County Registry, said point in said southern line being 315 feet easterly as measured along said southern line from the southwest corner of said Tract Number 38 as shown on said map, said beginning point being also the southeastern corner of that tract of land conveyed by Katie B. Grady to Rufus James and wife, Queen Ester James dated September 4, 1968, and recorded in Book 840 at Page 436 in said Registry, running thence from said beginning point northwardly and along said Rufus James' eastern line and parallel with the western line of the aforementioned Tract Number 38, 105 feet to the Rufus James northeast corner, running thence eastwardly and parallel with the eastern line of said Tract Number 38, 145 feet more or less to the eastern line of said Tract Number 38, running thence westwardly along the southern line of said Tract Number 38, 145 feet more or less, to the point of beginning. The same being the southeastern corner of said Tract Number 38 of the Rock Hill Plantation. Being the same property as identified by the official tax maps maintained at the New Hanover County Tax Office Map Number being R02511-004-006-000. For a more particular description, see deed from Katie B. Grady, a widow to Palmer Watson and Annie Owens, recorded in Deed Book 893 at Page 714 in said Registry and being the same lands described in the deed recorded in Book 2955 at Page 50 in said Registry.

Being the identical property conveyed to Palmer Watson, Widower by deed recorded in the New Hanover County Registry in Book 5333 at Page 1975.

The above-described property will be sold for cash, "AS IS, WHERE IS," and subject to any and all superior mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, restrictions, and other matters of record. There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, or relating to the property being offered for sale.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon the conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. If for any reason the Trustee does not tender a deed for the property, the successful bidder's sole remedy shall be a return of the deposit.

All taxes then constituting a lien upon the Subject Real Property and all special assessments or installments thereof then due, and the tax liens and special assessments shall be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale before the proceeds are disbursed pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 105-385.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Palmer Watson  
 Craige & Fox, PLLC  
 N. C. State Bar No. 32678  
 701 Market Street  
 Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
 Telephone: (910) 815-0085  
 Facsimile: (910) 815-1095

September 15, 22, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NEW HANOVER COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA FILE NO. 15-SP-557

Pursuant to an Order entered by the Clerk of Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina on July 25, 2016, in that certain Special Proceeding entitled "In the Matter of BETTY F. SCAVELLA," the undersigned gives notice that Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator for the Estate of Betty F. Scavella, will expose for public sale at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on September 28, 2016 at 11:00 am, at the usual place of sale in the New Hanover County Judicial Building in Wilmington, North Carolina:

BEGINNING at a point in the Eastern line Tenth Street where it intersects with the Northern line of Wright Street, runs thence Northwardly along the Eastern line of Tenth Street Thirty-Three (33) feet, thence Eastwardly and parallel with Wright Street Eighty-Five (85) feet, thence Southwardly and parallel with Tenth Street Thirty-three (33) feet to the Northern line of Wright Street, thence along the said Northern line of Wright Street Eighty-five (85) feet to the point of BEGINNING, the same being part of Lot No. 6 Block No. 40 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Being the identical property conveyed to Betty Foy Scavella, Widow by deed recorded in the New Hanover County Registry in Deed Book 3705 at Page 616.

The above-described property will be sold for cash, "AS IS, WHERE IS," and subject to any and all superior mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, restrictions, and other matters of record. There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, or relating to the property being offered for sale.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon the conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. If for any reason the Trustee does not tender a deed for the property, the successful bidder's sole remedy shall be a return of the deposit.

All taxes then constituting a lien upon the Subject Real Property and all special assessments or installments thereof then due, and the tax liens and special assessments shall be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale before the proceeds are disbursed pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 105-385.

This the 2nd day of September, 2016.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Betty F. Scavella  
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September 15, 22, 2016

ENTERTAINMENT

Cash in the Apple



By Cash Michaels

DANNY GLOVER

Last Friday, I had the honor and rare opportunity to spend some time with one of the most versatile actors and artists in the entertainment business - Danny Glover. Yes, THAT Danny Glover, star of the wildly success "Lethal Weapon" films along with Mel Gibson, costar of "Lonesome Dove," and "Dream Girls," and countless other great productions.

Glover was in Raleigh Friday to perform in, "An Evening with Martin and Langston," a two-man performance also starring gifted actor Felix Justice as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Danny Glover portrayed legendary African-American poet Langston Hughes.

The two were performing at NC State University as part of the "Experiencing King" weekend of activities there, presented by the NCSU Libraries, NC State LIVE, the African-American Cultural Center, and the NC State Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, and it's chairman, Professor W. Jason Miller, author of the bestselling book, "Origins of the Dream," which chronicles the close inspirational relationship Dr. King and Langston Hughes had during the 1960s, and the height of the civil rights movement.

As you know, I am an associate producer on the upcoming documentary based on the book, which is being directed and co-produced by Rebecca Cerese ["February One: The Story of the Greensboro Four"], and Professor Miller.

During the months I was out sick, Jason and Rebecca scheduled getting both Glover and Justice on camera to talk about their show, and why the words of both Dr. King and Langston Hughes are so relevant today.

Needless to say, I was in the best of health Friday

when that interview was taped right before curtain time. Having only seen Mr. Glover in the movies, on television and in photographs, I was surprised when I met him as to how tall and lanky he is. Even though he is much older and greyer now, the raspy, yet smooth voice, and the great humor that has been a trademark of Mr. Glover were all still there.

But what was also there was Glover's tremendous grasp of history and commitment to social justice. As you know, Glover was a huge supporter of Sen. Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign, and has a long history of social activism, not just in the United States, but around the world. That is some that burns through when you meet him, and her him speak.

What also grabbed me is right after the brilliant performances of both men, how they not only embraced the audiences during the Q and A session, but also afterwards at the reception. Danny Glover, in particular, hugged virtually everyone he saw, took time to talk and take pictures. With everyone who came up to him or gathered around, Glover took the time until every demand of his time was met. It was gratifying to see.

Rebecca told me that Danny Glover considered himself a "citizen of the world." Of this there can be no doubt But he is also an extraordinary performing artist, proud black man, and committed social activist who takes the time to be with the people, and speak out for justice.

I'm proud of the time he and I had to speak, and to share.

*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.*

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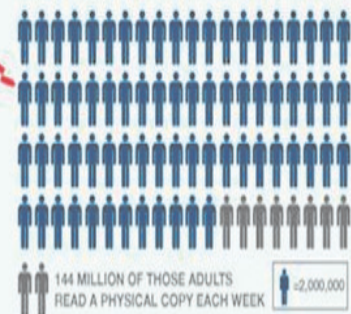
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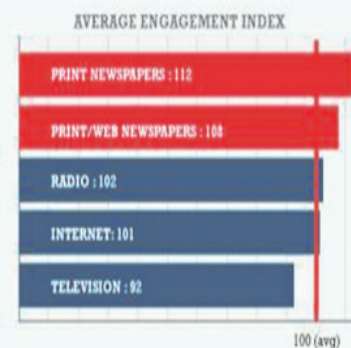
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