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Two soliders

BY BERNEST HEWETT
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This week, as I was part of a program in Lumberton, I was asked about some of the NAACP members that helped shape Brunswick County during the early civil rights era and coordinate equality marches. As I spoke with her, she talked about the work of Mr. Jessie Bryant and how he worked to help, not only the people of Brunswick County, but the counties around Brunswick. It made me proud to know that I still talk with Mr. Bryant every now and then, though not enough and that the work he done really speaks for him. I am proud to be one who follows in his footsteps. He is one who was not been selfish and conceited.

He has worked tirelessly for jobs, equality, fairness, and justice for his people, and it has made a difference in Brunswick County. God bless you, Mr. Bryant. Your work has set you aside from others, and it has not gone unnoticed, I am proud to know that you set the tone for me.

She asked me about a man who taught her in school. She said that when she first saw this teacher, she thought he was tallest, most handsome

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STUDY: BLACKS STILL TARGETED BY TRAFFIC STOPS IN NC

BY CASH MICHAELS
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In the aftermath of the recent fatal police shooting of a Black motorist in North Charleston, S.C. comes a new study from a UNC-Chapel Hill researcher that conclusively documents how, for 12 years, North Carolina law enforcement have targeted African-American drivers disproportionately across this state in comparison to white drivers.

The author of the report tells *The Wilmington Journal* that the numbers are increasing.

Titled "Summary of Black-White Differences in Traffic Stops and Searches" the study, produced by Frank R. Baumgartner, Distinguished Professor of Political Science in UNC - Chapel Hill's Political Science Dept. along with two graduate students, began in 2011 and was presented to a state task force.

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Maya Angelou is the face of the newest forever stamp

BY JAZELLE HUNT
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Less than a year after her death, Maya Angelou has been further immortalized on a U.S. Postal Service commemorative Forever Stamp.

An all-star assembly gathered to witness the first-day-of-issue stamp unveiling ceremony, held at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C. The at-capacity audience included First Lady Michelle Obama, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, musician Roberta Flack; two of Malcolm X's daughters, Ilyasah and Qubilah Shabazz, and other notables.

Melissa Harris Perry, who first came under

Angelou's wing in the early 1990s as her intern at Wake Forest University, emceed the event. Former UN Ambassador Andrew Young gave the invocation. Singer Alyson Williams, who was introduced as Angelou's "personal songbird," performed the national anthem and the Black National Anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice."

"The truth is, this Forever Stamp registers the applause of tens of millions of readers over the world where the prose and poetry of Maya Angelou is translated in 17 languages and still counting," said author

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DR. JOSE V. "ZITO" SARTARELLI

Dr. Jose V. "Zito" Sartarelli named next Chancellor of UNCW

(April 10, 2015) - Dr. Jose V. "Zito" Sartarelli has been elected chancellor of the University of North Carolina Wilmington by the Board of Governors of the 17-campus University of North Carolina. UNC System President Tom Ross nominated Dr. Sartarelli during the Board of Governors' quarterly meeting held this morning at East Carolina University.

In nominating Sartarelli to the Board of Governors, Ross said: "Zito Sartarelli brings to the role of chancellor a rare combination of corporate and academic leadership experience, strategic thinking, and a truly global perspective. In senior positions with major international companies and as an academic administrator, he has proven himself to be a resourceful, collaborative leader who

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Racism and stress killing Black women

BY FREDDIE ALLEN
SENIOR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Racism and gender-bias is killing Black women - literally, according to scholars and health care advocates.

During an online discussion that capped a week-long series dedicated to raising the awareness about the many challenges Black women and girls face living in the United States, activists, scholars and stakeholders addressed the critical

need to improve the health outcomes of Black women.

"The myriad forms of marginalization that we experience on a daily basis take a toll on our health," said Kimberlé Crenshaw, the co-founder of the African American Policy Forum (AAPF), a think tank that advances racial justice, gender equality and human rights. "Racism and patriarchy are not just things we talk about, these are forces that are literally killing us."

Crenshaw, who is also the director of the Center

for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies at the Columbia Law School in New York City, said that an array of social factors from the stress associated with systemic racism to living in environmentally toxic neighborhoods and the consequences of culturally incompetent health care contribute to elevated death rates for Black

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women when it comes to dis-
eases like AIDS and some
forms of cancer.

Although White women
had a higher incidence rate of
breast cancer in 2011, Black
women were more likely to
die from it. The rate of new
HIV infections among Black
women in 2010 was 20 times
that of White women.

"Though anyone may expe-
rience stress, the stress that
Black women experience is
different. It's constant, it's
cumulative, it's often lifelong,
and it's often invisible," said
Janine Jackson, the program
director of Fairness and
Accuracy in Reporting
(FAIR), a national media
watchdog group.

Admitting that Black
women "are not okay" is not a
source of shame, said
Jackson, "It's a cause for
intervention."

Amani Nuru-Jeter, associ-
ate professor of epidemiology,
community health and
human development of the
School of Public Health at the
University of California-
Berkeley, said that the notion
that Black women are so
resilient and that they can
handle everything thrown
their way is incredibly harm-
ful, because that myth comes
at great cost.

"And that cost is the slow
deterioration of our bodies,"
said Nuru-Jeter. "One of the
unique aspects of Black
women's stress experiences
has to do with the caretaker
role they take on."

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chological distress, that was
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ences of family and close

friends, than their male coun-
terparts.

That lifestyle requires con-
stant psychological and bio-
logical adaption to stress and
learned responses to chronic
stress constantly erode the
ability for Black women to
cope mentally and for their
bodies to function normally.

Nuru-Jeter said that even
bracing for the stress associ-
ated with micro-aggressions
or "everyday racism" is
enough to activate the physi-
ological "flight or fight"
response in the body that can
lead to chronic inflammation
over time.

"This slow deterioration
may not be captured in a typ-
ical clinical encounter,
because doctors are not
measuring our stress hor-
mones or the level of inflam-
mation in our bodies," said
Nuru-Jeter. "So often this
sub-optimal functioning goes
unnoticed until it becomes a
chronic disease, such as the
diseases we see Black women
suffering from the most, like
diabetes, cardiovascular dis-
ease and hypertension."

According to the Centers
for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC), nearly 60
percent of Black women over
20 years old are obese com-
pared to roughly 34 percent of
White women and nearly 45
percent of Black women suf-
fer hypertension compared to
33.5 percent of White women.

A 2011 CDC report on
health disparities said that
37.9 percent of Black women
died of coronary heart dis-
ease before the age of 75 com-
pared to 19.4 percent of
White women. Black women
were also more than twice as
likely to die from strokes
before the age of 75 (39 per-
cent) than White women (17.3
percent).

Ladonna Redmond, the co-

founder of Campaign for
Food Justice Now, a member-
ship-based group that uses
race, class, and gender to
address injustices in the food
and agricultural industries,
said that when you live in a
community where many of
the food options are loaded
with sugar, fat or salt, those
public health outcomes are
likely to reflect the consump-
tion of those products.

According to a 2012 report
by the Agriculture
Department, 14.6 percent of
African American children
lived with "disrupted eating
patterns," didn't have an
enough food or were forced to
skip meals altogether. Almost
half of all households led by
a single mother lived in
poverty, according to Bread
for the World Institute, the
research arm for the
Christian group that battles
hunger in the United States
and abroad.

Redmond stressed the need
for community ownership in
developing cooperative mod-
els for grocery stores and
urban farm sites and warned
against creeping corporate
control of food resources in
communities of color.

"If we're not careful when
we're trying to create just
solutions, we will replicate
the systems of injustice that
have already harmed us and
continue to harm us," she
said. "We have to be increas-
ingly aware of how those sys-
tems come together."

Not only do Black women
have to develop solutions that
address the systems of injus-
tice, they are also forced to
navigate a landscape where
health care providers often
deliver services under the
influence of unconscious
bias.

Nuru-Jeter cited a study by
researchers at Georgetown

University who interviewed
more than 700 physicians and
reported that in a mock set-
ting, the doctors referred
Black women to heart spe-
cialists for cardiac catheteri-
zation only 40 percent of the
time when compared to refer-
rals for White males with the
same symptoms.

In a 2012 report published
in the American Journal of
Public Health, researchers
said that even though racial
bias may not be overt, it can
still have negative effects. In
that study, most of the
patients surveyed were mid-
dle-aged women and 80 per-
cent were Black. Nearly two-
thirds of the physicians were
women, almost half of them
were White.

A press release about the
report from "Medical News
Today" stated that, "Primary
care physicians who hold
unconscious racial biases tend
to dominate conversations
with African-American
patients during routine vis-
its, paying less attention to
patients' social and emotion-
al needs and making these
patients feel less involved in
decision making related to
their health, Johns Hopkins
researchers report. The
patients also reported
reduced trust in their doc-
tors, less respectful treat-
ment and a lower likelihood
of recommending the biased
doctor to a friend."

The press release said that
the findings reinforced the
idea that there may be a link
between racial biases and
stereotypes playing out in the
doctor-patient relationship
and the racial disparities in
the United States.

"Trust is the cornerstone
of provider-patient relation-
ships and equity in health,"
said Lorece Edwards, direc-
tor of community practice

and outreach health and out-
reach and associate professor
in Department of Behavioral
Health Sciences at School of
Community Health and
Policy Morgan State
University in Baltimore.
"Moving forward, physicians'
attitudes and investments in
patient relationships and
communication play a major
and central role for poorer
health outcomes of African
Americans."

Quality of care within the
health care system is a big
issue and just having health
insurance is not enough, said
Nuru-Jeter, adding that,
"[Black women] want access
to the same quality of care
across the board."

Redmond said that Blacks
suffer "post-traumatic slav-
ery syndrome," intergener-
ational trauma and the conse-
quences of centuries of slav-
ery and institutionalized
racism, that continues to ne-
gatively impact the health and
wellness of Black women
today.

"So it's not a 'him and her'
conversation it is a 'we and
us' conversation," said
Redmond. "And just because
we're talking about African
American women right now,
doesn't mean we're talking
about [them] at the exclusion
of any other group of peo-
ple."

Redmond continued: "It's
really about the compilation
of all of those systems and
generations and generations
of harm that are manifesting
themselves, right now. We
have to understand that his-
torical trauma is really some-
thing that we have to take
ownership of and we also
have to use that narrative as
a backdrop to understand
why life is not the way that it
should be for African
Americans."

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male teacher she had ever seen
and that he had the prettiest
smile she had ever seen. She
said that she learned more
from him during the two years
she attended his classes than
she did from any other teacher
she had in those days. She then
asked if I knew Mr. Kenneth
Bellamy and inquired about
his whereabouts. She said,
"Don't let the smile fool you. He
was a serious educator and a
very effective one. Well, again I
was proud to tell her about his
being one of my leaders
behind whom I came and one
who worked tirelessly with the
community and the NAACP to
promote education, commu-
nity help, justice, and equality
for all people. He still calls me
and still pays his dues with the
NAACP and Black Leadership
Caucus. He is still doing what
he can to shape the future of
Brunswick County. There are

more people in Brunswick
County about whom I would
say the same kinds of things
because they fought the evils of
racism, injustice, unjust and
Jim Crow laws because there
are many who fought. She
asked me about these two pio-
neers, and it made me proud to
be able to talk about people in
my County who are still alive
and whose work has no bound-
aries.

Mr. Bryant, and Mr. Bellamy,
you are true soldiers. You have
stood the test of time, and your
experience is more valuable
than gold. Thank you for shar-
ing with me every now and
again. Both men are NAACP
life members and leaders by
their work and actions. Let us
follow their lead, Brunswick
County! Don't stop! Do what
you can. We are people, both
Blacks and Whites, who
believe in justice, freedom, and
equality for all people!

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

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and educator, Eleanor
Traylor, just before reading a
passage from I Know Why the
Caged Bird Sings.

Traylor was on a short list
of featured speakers at the
ceremony, which included
Oprah Winfrey, journalist,
Sophia A. Nelson, and Nikki
Giovanni and Sonia Sanchez,
who each recited original
poetry.

"On this past Saturday, her
birthday April 4th, it
would've been her 87th birth-
day," Winfrey said, adding
that she had spent the day
reading Angelou's poetry in
commemoration. "I miss her
so. I'm honored to be here, to
stand as her daughter sister-
friend at the unveiling of the
Maya forever, Forever
Stamp."

In the middle of her trib-
ute, an area-wide power out-
age cut electricity to the the-
ater, but Winfrey powered
through a recitation of
"Phenomenal Woman," with-
out the microphone.

The image featured on the
stamp is a reprint of the oil
painting portrait by Ross
Rossin on display at the
National Portrait Gallery in
Washington. The portrait's
unveiling, held the day after
Angelou's 86th birthday last
year, was her final public
appearance.

"Today, this new Forever
Stamp serves as a tribute to
Angelou's humanity, and con-
tribution to our nation," said
Megan J. Brennan, postmas-
ter general and CEO of the
USPS. "You will notice that
there's some other words on
her stamp: forever and USA.
It is the postal service's way
of honoring and remember-

ing those who left an endur-
ing and indelible mark on
our society, and who repre-
sent the best of America."

The featured words on the
stamp, however—"A bird does-
n't sing because it has an
answer, it sings because it
has a song"—have caused a bit
of controversy. Although
Angelou has used the line in
her travels and has become
widely associated with it as a
result, the quote actually
originated with another
writer.

The Washington Post was
the first major outlet to point
this out. It also reported that
USPS spokesman, Mark
Saunders responded via
email: "Had we known about
this issue beforehand, we
would have used one of
[Angelou's] many other
works. The sentence held
great meaning for her and
she is publicly identified

with its popularity."

Currently, the USPS has no
plans to alter the quote.
Angelou's stamp is a com-
memorative one - as such, it
will only be issued once and
for a limited time. If the
USPS does cease production
and reissue the stamps with
a different quote, this single
batch will become an even
more valuable collector's
item.

After the actual unveiling,
her son, author Guy Johnson
delivered an original ode to
his mother.

"I point to the life of a little
Black girl from Stamps
[Arkansas], whose words and
actions we honor here today.
With heart in hand she
stepped out on His word and
believed. She spoke out in
clarion tones for justice and
truth-and look at what the lit-
tle Black girl from Stamps
achieved."

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2015 HURRICANE SEASON WILL BE MILD, SAYS NCSU RESEARCHER



STATE BRIEFS

[RALEIGH] A researcher at NC State University says expect there to be less hurricanes stirring up the Atlantic Ocean this year, which will be good news for those living along the North Carolina coast. That doesn't mean the state's coastal

region still can't be hit by a massive storm, but rather with a predicted six storms instead of the average eleven per season, the prospect is less likely, says Lian Xie, NCSU professor of marine, earth and atmospheric science. Indeed, of that six, only one to three may actually grow to become hurricanes, Prof. Xie says. Hurricane season in the Atlantic is from June 1 to Nov. 30th.

NO CHANGE, MORE PROTESTS PROMISES NC NAACP

[RALEIGH] Circle April

29th on your calendars as the day the NC NAACP promises to return with hundreds, if not thousands of protesters from across the state, to the state Legislature to continue massive demonstrations to put pressure on lawmakers to pay attention to "a people's agenda." NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber told reporters this week that Republican policies continue to hurt the poor and needy of North Carolina, and the Moral Monday movement, where approximately 1,000 demonstrators have been arrested for civil disobedi-

ence at the Legislature since 2013, will dutifully expose those policies until they change. Barber said the NCNAACP are pushing for Medicaid expansion and a hike in the minimum wage.

SUSPECT IN WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHOOTING DUE BACK IN NC

[GOLDSBORO] The 20-year-old man authorities say shot the print shop manager at Wayne Community College to death on Monday is expected to be extradited from Florida, where he fled to after

the shooting, back to North Carolina shortly. The suspect, Kenneth Morgan Stancil III, is suspected of being white supremacist, authorities say. He alleged in a Florida courtroom this week that he fatally shot Ron Lane because the man was gay and a molester. Police are still looking for the gun Stancil used in the crime.

US EDUCATION SECRETARY TO DELIVER NCCU COMMENCEMENT

[DURHAM] Arne Duncan, the US Secretary of Education, will deliver the

commencement address during North Carolina Central University's Spring Graduation exercises on Saturday May 9 at O'Kelly - Riddick Stadium in Durham. Sec. Duncan has served in the Obama Administration since 2009, having previously served as superintendent of the Chicago Publics School System for eight years. Over 650 undergraduate degrees are scheduled to be awarded during the commencement.

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That initial report found that Blacks across the state were 77 percent more likely to be stopped and searched by law enforcement than whites. Amazingly, prior to that report, while the NC Dept. of Justice and state Attorney General's Office had been dutifully been collecting tons of data on traffic stops, as mandated by law in 1999 (the Highway Patrol began the practice in January 2000, followed by local police departments in 2002), no analysis had ever been done until Prof. Baumgartner had approached state officials for permission and cooperation in doing so.

"And then we decided that

we needed to look city-by-city at police agencies one at a time, so we've been rolling out a series of reports one city at a time," Prof. Baumgartner says. "And we're also looking at Hispanic - white comparisons, because that's a different pattern."

Based on the numbers in Baumgartner's studies, every North Carolina city from which he was able to glean statistics from (minimum populations 10,000), the following is clear - when it comes to traffic stops, Blacks are disproportionately searched more than whites, young Black males are especially targeted more than young white males, but Black females, while searched more than white women, are dramatically less likely to be

pulled over.

Baumgartner says the reports are important because they document how the racial disparity further erodes the relationship between African-Americans and law enforcement, and could help fuel the need for better discussions. It needs to happen, he says, because disparities are increasing.

Baumgartner says despite the increasing numbers, he doesn't know why.

In Wilmington, out of almost 143,000 traffic stops by officers in the port city, Black drivers, according to the UNC study, had a rate of search 134 percent higher than whites - the second largest racial disparity statewide recorded by the study (Jacksonville had the highest at 174 percent) - and for Black males it was

even greater - 143 percent higher than comparable white male drivers. For Black female motorists, the likelihood of a search by a police officer was 24 percent greater than white females.

In Raleigh during that period, out of over 719,000 traffic stops, African-American drivers had a 62 percent more likelihood of being stopped and searched than whites. For Black male drivers, they were over 125 percent more likely than white male drivers. Black female drivers - 62 percent over white females.

Charlotte, out of more than 1.3 million traffic stops between 2002 and 2013, the study shows that the search rate for Blacks is double that of whites, with Black males at 136 percent more than

white males, and Black females just 13 percent more than their white counterparts.

And in Durham, the first city to receive the study's scrutiny and where Blacks comprise just 39 percent of the county population per the US Census 2013 figures, based on over 239,000 traffic stops over the 13-year period, African-Americans in Durham "have a 105 percent greater likelihood of being searched than whites..." and are "...57 percent of those stopped overall (whites were 39 percent), but their numbers exceed the average for investigations...regulatory, seat belt and equipment issues," the report on Durham says. The study continues that in Durham, the traffic stops by law enforcement "...appear to be more discretionary, as com-

pared to violations such as speeding or driving while impaired, where an officer may have a clear visual cue that the behavior merits investigation."

The result is that those who happen to live in areas deemed "high crime" are more likely to get pulled over. In the overwhelming number of these cases, the Black drivers have committed no crime, Baumgartner says.

The reports overall also pinpoint which officers statistically are targeting the most Black drivers per police agency. Their names are not revealed, but they are identified by a reference number, and Prof. Baumgartner says the respective police chiefs know who they are, and can address them specifically when needed.

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raises the bar, expects nothing short of excellence, and leads by example. He also has earned a reputation for great integrity, sound judgment, and a strong commitment to stu-

dent success and community engagement. I am convinced that Zito Sartarelli has the expertise, skills, experience and vision needed to be a truly great chancellor for UNC Wilmington."

Chancellor-Elect Sartarelli will take office on July 1, 2015 succeeding William A. Sederburg, who has served as interim chancellor since June 2014.

Chancellor-Elect Sartarelli currently serves as chief global officer and dean of the College of Business and

Economics at West Virginia University.

"It is with great pleasure that I welcome Dr. Sartarelli as the Chancellor-Elect of UNCW," said Chancellor William A. Sederburg. "Dr. Sartarelli has an outstanding record in leadership positions overseeing the development and success of numerous programs at West Virginia University. Zito's energy and professional background are an ideal fit for the university, particularly during this time of great growth and momentum. The campus community is fortunate to gain a leader with Dr. Sartarelli's wealth of knowledge, passion for higher education and commitment to providing students with global opportunities to learn and flourish."

Chancellor-Elect Sartarelli has been the Milan Puskar Dean of the College of Business and Economics at WVU since 2010 and was named the university's first chief global officer in 2013. As dean, he leads a college that enrolls more than 2,700 students and has been ranked by Businessweek as one of the top 100 undergraduate business programs in the country. Chancellor-Elect Sartarelli is credited with improving the academic profile of the college's students, faculty and staff, while setting all-time records in enrollment and fundraising. Under his watch, the college has partnered with other WVU units to create six joint degree programs; launched a Ph.D. program in business administration and a fully online executive master of business administration

(EMBA); established three new centers; and expanded its community, state and global engagement. In its rankings of online MBA programs, U.S. News & World Report ranks the EMBA 25th nationally.

"This was a broad-based search process that involved the UNCW campus and community on many levels," said Michael Shivar, UNCW Board of Trustee Chair and Co-Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee. "Given UNCW's outstanding reputation, the search committee had the opportunity to meet many candidates with leadership abilities, and Dr. Sartarelli impressed all of us. I have no doubt that he will guide UNCW toward a new level of success that will benefit the entire region."

Wendy Murphy, UNCW Board of Trustee member and Co-Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee said, "Dr. Sartarelli impressed me with his passion for making a difference, both at UNCW and in the community. Higher education is changing in many ways on many levels, but I am confident that he is ready to guide the university through challenging times to a future filled with possibilities for students, faculty, staff, alumni and communities across Southeastern North Carolina. These are exciting times for UNCW, and I look forward to seeing all that the university will accomplish in the years ahead."

As WVU's chief global officer, Sartarelli is charged with expanding the university's global footprint. In that role, he has strategically focused international recruiting

efforts and achieved double-digit increases in international undergraduate applications. Under this leadership, WVU also has forged new partnerships and signed student exchange agreements with top universities and colleges in Germany, China, Israel, and Brazil, among others.

A native of Brazil, Sartarelli received a bachelor of business administration in marketing (1973) from the São Paulo School of Business Administration (Fundação Getulio Vargas) in São Paulo, Brazil. He then attended Michigan State University as a Fulbright Scholar, earning an MBA in marketing (1975) and a doctorate in business administration (1979).

Before transitioning into higher education, Sartarelli spent three decades in marketing and management for the international pharmaceutical industry. He began his career with Eli Lilly and Co. (1980-1997), where he held senior positions with increasing levels of responsibility for company operations in the United States, Latin America, and Asia-Pacific. Over the course of his tenure with Lilly, he managed pharmaceutical operations in Brazil and Chile, directed international market planning activities, and oversaw Asia-Pacific operations, based in Singapore.

Sartarelli joined Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. in 1997 as senior vice president of franchise management, business analysis and planning and was later named president of two international medicines groups (1998-2001).

From 2001-2010, Sartarelli worked for Johnson & Johnson as pharmaceutical group chairman for Asia-Pacific, Japan and Latin America. In that role, he oversaw a business with \$3 billion in annual sales and more than 9,000 employees spread over more than 50 countries. Upon leaving the company in 2010, he became dean at WVU.

Sartarelli is a former board member of the Council of the Americas. In addition, he has held leadership positions in professional organizations in numerous countries and is a past chair of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America International Steering Committee. He currently serves on the board of the West Virginia United Health System and sits on its Finance Committee.

Sartarelli and his wife, Katherine Ann "Kathy" Sartarelli, met as graduate students at Michigan State, where she earned a master's degree in biophysics. She has been an active volunteer in civic and community organizations.

Located in Morgantown, WV, West Virginia University is a public land-grant research institution that enrolls roughly 32,000 students from every U.S. state and more than 110 other countries. Its 15 colleges and schools offer more than 190 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in fields including agriculture, natural resources, the arts and sciences, business and economics, education, engineering, journalism, law, public health, and medicine, nursing, and pharmacy.



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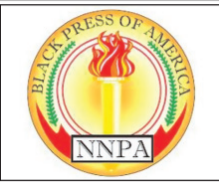
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Part II - 'First you cry': Jim Clingman, his family, their faith and their fight

It was the perfect plan. After living in his native Cincinnati, Ohio for all of their 22 years of marriage, Sylvia and Jim



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Clingman were preparing to move to another state and start a new life. Mrs. Clingman, a neonatal intensive care nurse manager, had accepted a new job at the Greenville Memorial Hospital in Greenville, S.C., one of the nation's best cities for retirees, according to AARP. In the comfort of their new home in a beautiful quiet subdivision, Jim would continue writing his national "Blackonomics" column for weekly Black newspapers and serve as a consultant to his clients while also enjoying bicycling, one of his favorite pastimes, along the rolling hills of Greenville.

Kiah, their only child, was independent and away at college most of the time. The popular student leader and graduating senior at Howard University was focused on her career in advertising and marketing.

"My goal was that we would enjoy a place where I'd anticipated, number one, starting a new life," recalls Mrs. Clingman. "A warmer place, where I would take up some cycling with him, where we would start our cycling together. Where we would grow old and start our downhill retirement at least enjoy being here together."

Having met Jim, who is 19 years older, more than two decades ago at a reception in her native city of Chicago, Sylvia was smitten by this distinguished gentleman. Even now, she seems to blush when she speaks of how debonair he is in a suit. "Jim is the only man to me who looks just fabulous and handsome in a suit. No one can wear a suit like Jim."

Though they only spoke a few minutes at that event where they met, he was obviously equally impressed. A few weeks later, he called her at the hospital where she worked and the rest is history. They married on Dec. 15, 1991, and were now preparing to start a new season in their lives.

But, that dream took a sudden and traumatic turn 18 months ago when Jim Clingman was diagnosed with ALS, so-called "Lou Gehrig's disease". It is the neurological illness in which the normal prognosis is that the patient gradually becomes paralyzed and then dies within two to five years, although some have lived much longer and some patients have even seen their symptoms stop, according to the ALS Association.

While Mrs. Clingman had moved ahead to start the new job as her husband prepared to join her, his weakened left foot and calf continued to grow worse despite surgery and batteries of tests. Finally, there came the devastating diagnosis August 23, 2013.

"We put her on speaker phone," he recalls. "She just lost it. I immediately got in the car and drove down there and just spent a couple of days so we could both be together and just

accept it." "Accept it?" How does one "accept" a prognosis like that of ALS? According to Jim Clingman, "First you cry." But, then what?

Contemplating the question, he speaks slowly, thoughtfully, a man who has never even spent a night in a hospital, now trying to wrap his mind around what has become the spiritual test of his lifetime. Miraculously, he has found blessings, even in the midst of this tragedy.

"It's a day to day thing. I have to put it like that," he explains. "I try to look at the positives like the fact that it started in my foot instead of in my face. It can start in arms, hands, etc. The doctor told me that, 'If there's anything good about this it's where it started in you because it started in your foot and has to work its way up.'"

Jim's faith in God's will for his life has been his rock. "If I didn't have that, Hazel, I'd be a wreck. I know it...If it weren't for that, I'd be a basket case."

It also helps that he is not physically alone in this journey. In addition to Sylvia, Kiah and extended family members, the popular columnist, speaker and author of four books has scores of friends and thousands of fans. They include His lifelong pastor and his new pastor in Greenville. Both marvel at how Jim Clingman is handling this.

"I remember when Jim decided to give his life to God. It was on a Mother's Day," recalls Richard A. Rose, Sr., then pastor of Gray Road Church of Christ in Cincinnati. "He came down that aisle at church and never looked back." Rose recalls that moment 17 years ago. "He became a teacher, he even delivered sermons in my absence. Wherever he was needed, he was ready. There was no job too big or too small. So, he's the leader in that family when it comes down to the faith. His faith will help Sylvia and help Kiah."

While leaning on God for his future, the blessing is also in the life that he has lived and continues to live, says Rev. Rose. "Everybody in Cincinnati knew who Jim Clingman was. He did so much for so many people. And, so when the doctor's first told him that he had ALS, it kind of set him back a little bit...But, God is greater than any doctor, than any degrees, and if it is not his will to deliver you from it, he will give you the strength to take you through it."

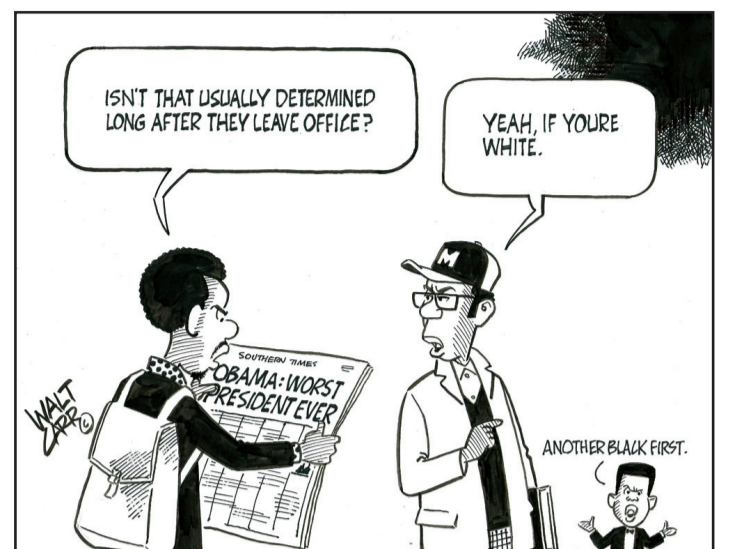
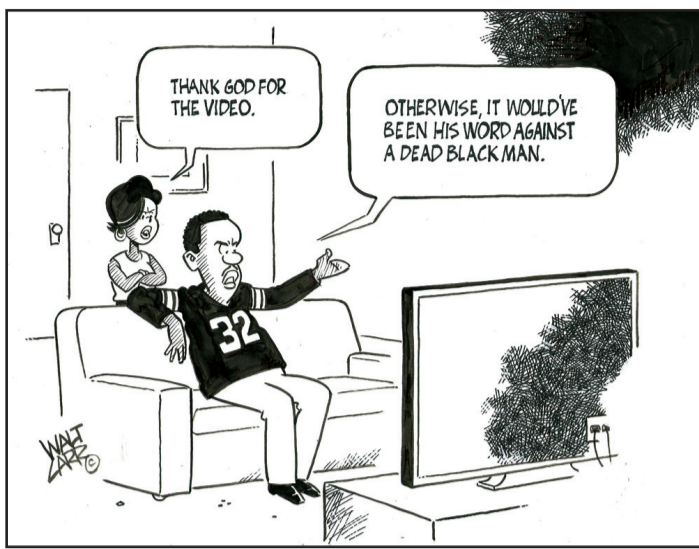
Now attending Grace View Church of Christ in Anderson, S.C., Clingman has remained steadfast in service.

"He's not wavered in his faith at all," says Grace View pastor, Bryan Jones. Clingman even preached at his church earlier this year.

Seated in the pulpit, he encouraged the congregation with the message titled, "Tickets Please". From Hebrews 9:10, it was about "how Christ died once for all. Everybody has a free ticket," Clingman recounts.

"There's been some challenging times in which I would see him high and see him low," says Jones. He calls Clingman his "hero" because of his thoughts of others in the midst of his own trials. "Every time I

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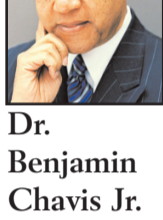


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Matters of Opinion

Attacking economic racism

Despite ill-intended efforts to do it for us, Black Americans have a responsibility to define our own reality. It is a fundamental human right recognized and respected by the United Nations. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to define, without apology, the deadly and debilitating manifestation of racial discrimination and injustice as "economic racism."



Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

Why are so many Black Americans still mired down in

intergenerational poverty, lack of health care, inadequate education, raging unemployment, disproportionate imprisonment, the highest rate of housing foreclosures and housing discrimination, the lowest rate of bank lending and overall exclusion from access to sustainable wealth generation in every region of the nation?

How is it mathematically possible for Black Americans to spend more than \$1.2 trillion annually in the United States, and yet the overwhelming majority of the companies that make huge profits from the annual spending of Black Americans do nothing more than invest far less than 1 percent of their profits back into Black-owned businesses and grassroots organizations

throughout the country? Why does the American economy remain racially segregated in 2015? Why are Black Americans consigned to poverty and economic inequality?

The answer is amazingly simple: It is the reality of economic racism, defined as the intentional racial discrimination against Black Americans and other people of color to prevent economic equality, justice, parity, advancement, and empowerment; it is the systematic racial exclusion of Black Americans and other people of color from economic policy-making at local, state and national levels in both corporate and governmental entities; and, it is economic institutionalization of racial oppression, stereotyping, and profiling cou-

pled with the ignorance of racial prejudice and hatred.

Yes, this is an admittedly complex definition of economic racism. The matrix of complexity concerning economic racism, however, does not make it impossible to challenge and to overcome. No one is born a racist. We can and will eventually liberate ourselves from all forms of racial oppression and economic racism.

We have not concentrated on economic racism as much as we should have because of the overemphasis on politics. But we eventually had to recognize that even our political system is controlled by economics and

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Why the former South Carolina cop may walk in Scott shooting

Former North Charleston Police officer Michael Thomas Slager has been charged with murder in the shooting death of Walter Scott. At first glance, it seems a virtual slam dunk to nail Slager on the charge.



Earl Ofari Hutchinson

There's the clear as a bell video shot in broad daylight which shows Scott in full flight not toward but away from Slager. There's Slager clearly drilling him as he flees. There's the unequivocal, even outraged retort by North Charleston police chief Eddie Driggers that he was "sickened" at seeing the video. North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey and Driggers visited the slain man's family and commiserated with their "suffering." To top it off, Slager was jailed with no bond immediately set.

But that doesn't mean that he'll be convicted of murder, or for that matter any other charge in the Scott killing. The reason for that tells much about the way the over use of deadly force by officers is treated within the criminal justice system. Even in the rare cases, such as Slager, where cops are hauled into a court docket for overuse of deadly force, they

routinely walk free. Their defense lawyers are top guns, with lots of experience defending police officers accused of misconduct. Police unions bankroll their defense and spare no expense. Slager is the even more rare exception in that he was actually fired and jailed. They are usually placed on administrative (paid) leave pending the start or finish of a pro forma promised investigation. And when they do serve pre-trial jail time, they are quickly released on ridiculously low bail. We'll watch closely to see what Slager's bail is set at.

When the cops are tried by a jury, police defense attorneys seek to get as many middle class people, whites and even blacks and Latinos, on the jury as possible. The presumption is that they are much more likely to believe the testimony of police and police defense witnesses than black witnesses, defendants, or even the victims. It's a presumption that has been borne out in police misconduct trials time and again. George Zimmerman even got the benefit of that presumption when he walked in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

It's an uphill battle for prosecutors to overcome both pro-police attitudes and negative racial stereotypes. Stanford University researchers recently found that even when many whites are presented with evi-

dence that the criminal justice system is loaded with racial bias toward blacks they are more likely to support tough, draconian laws such as three strikes, tough sentencing and increased incarceration. Scott is a near textbook example of that problem. Before the video surfaced, the press had a field day, happily playing up Scott's criminal record. The implications always being that he was a bad guy who got what he deserved and that the officer was the put upon victim that had no choice but to use deadly force.

The negative perceptions of blacks, especially black males, by much of the public are not the only problem in effecting effective legal measures against police violence. There is no ironclad standard of what is or isn't an acceptable use of force in police misconduct cases. It often comes down to a judgment call by the officer. In the Rodney King beating case in 1992 in which four LAPD officers stood trial, defense attorneys painted King as the aggressor and claimed that the level of force used against him was justified. This pattern has been evident in a number of celebrated cases since then. Police claim that they feared for their lives in confronting civilians and they use deadly force solely in self-defense.

Then there's the supposedly smoking gun video that will

prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Slager overused deadly force. The King case proved this to be bunkum. The attorneys twisted, turned, dissected, redissected, analyzed and reanalyzed it from every earthly angle. They claimed it didn't show what led up to the King beating, didn't fully show King's resistance, didn't show the officers giving instructions to him to comply, and was too limited in the angle that it was shot. The jury bought the claim. This tact has been used repeatedly in other instances where videos and cell phone footage catches a cop committing an abuse against an unarmed non resisting citizen. It's still a matter of what you see is really not what you see in these cases.

Slager may indeed wind up being the very rare case of a cop convicted of murdering in cold-blood an unarmed black man. If past history is any guide, though, just don't bet on it yet.

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saw him have a weak moment, it was never because of his own personal illness or health. Any time he's ever been down, it's always because of the pain he has because of his family having to deal with it. Not himself."

A major part of that pain has been his concern for their beloved Kiah. Always a daddy's girl, she too was naturally devastated by the diagnosis. "My Dad actually tried to hide it from me for a while," Kiah recalls. She was about to leave for London for an educational endeavor in the fall of 2013 when she found out from a relative who mistakenly let it slip out during Thanksgiving break.

"I didn't want to go anymore," she recalls. "After I read the diagnosis two to five years

to live immediately what was going through my mind was he's had these symptoms for two years now so how long does he have left? That was the only thing on my mind."

Fast forward through the tears, her parents convinced her to go to London. Eighteen months since the diagnosis, his faith has indeed encouraged the entire family.

"I guess my Dad has actually been the reason I've been able to keep going, keep fighting, his resilience, his drive," says Kiah. "My Mom and I have no choice but to be strong for him and sometimes it feels like we have ALS. But, his drive to keep going every day is what keeps us going."

Like her father, Kiah is also a fighter. When the Veteran's Administration turned him down for assistance, she persisted, searching the Internet and making phone calls until

she found someone who would listen.

Finally, Clingman, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, was informed that he would receive full benefits.

That moment was part of an answer to his prayers that his wife would never be saddled with debt because of his illness. His other greatest concern is still in the works.

Now, his heart's desire is to "Get Kiah off into her adult life and to be there when she graduates" Saturday, May 9, 2015. "I'm praying that my strength lasts at least until then because I don't want to be there so debilitated that the focus is on me rather than her and her achievements. Then, I want to see her on firm footing as she moves into adulthood."

Meanwhile, America is to hear much more from Jim Clingman. He has just complet-

ed his fifth book, "Black Dollars Matter! - Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense." And he continues to write his Black press column, "Blackonomics", which he also posts on his website, Blackonomics.com.

No matter what the doctors say, this family still has hope. "The doctor gave me a death sentence, but God has already given me a 'Life Sentence,' and eternal life sentence," Clingman said.

"I never refer to it as false hope because God can do anything," says Rose. "There is hope, the hope in God. Any hope that you have is not in science, but in God."

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Facing 'officer friendly' while Black

Without the video, North Charleston, S.C. police officer Michael T. Slager would likely have gotten away with murder.

Without the video, we wouldn't see Officer Michael T. Slager have the, shall we say, presence of mind, to quickly retrieve what appears to be his Taser and plant it beside the lifeless body of Walter Lamar Scott.

Without the video, Officer Michael T. Slager would no doubt have quickly been coached on the techniques of making himself appear in news media interviews the victim of the lethal encounter with the Black man he killed, 50-year-old Walter Lamar Scott.

Without the video, the conservative punditocracy and talk-show jockeys would be raging that the dead man's action again proved that Black and Brown civilians are "waging war" on police.

But we have the video - one of the technological innovations that increasingly have helped suggest what people of color face from an alarming number of White cops - and the first-degree murder

indictment of Officer Michael T. Slager.

And so we are faced with a long list of powerful questions: Why did Slager pull over Walter Lamar Scott's vehicle? Was it really for a broken taillight? Or, was it because Slager, feeding off the power of his badge, wanted to show some Black person - any Black person - who's boss? What, then, was going through Slager's mind that led him to not give chase to the unarmed, slow-footed Scott when he ran, but quickly and calmly pull his gun and fire eight times at the fleeing man?

I think some part of the answer to these questions and the many others that must be asked can be found in a recent instance of a police encounter with Black teenagers that did not escalate to violence but was nonetheless revealing.

That incident - captured on a police car camera - occurred in Minneapolis March 18. Four Black teens of Somali descent, having just finished playing basketball at the YMCA, were driving home when they were pulled over by the police for making a U-turn. The police ordered the youths out of the car at gunpoint and handcuffed them, while they searched the car and ran background checks on the car to see if it was stolen and on the youths to see if any had criminal

records. They found nothing. None of the youths had a criminal record, and they were subsequently not charged.

But at the beginning of this hour-long ordeal, a police camera captured this exchange between one of the police officers and one of the youths he was handcuffing: "Plain and simple," the officer says, "If you [profanity] with me, I'm going to break your leg before you get the chance to run."

The youth responds, "I never said I was going to run."

The officer answers back, "I'm just giving you a heads up. Just trying to be officer friendly right now."

"Can you tell me," the youth persists, "Why I'm being arrested?"

The officer responds, "Because I feel like arresting you."

Is that it: that some White cops' need to show these "colored people" a White man can control their freedom whenever he "feels like" it? Is that the attitude that explains why Officer Michael T. Slager pulled over the vehicle driven by Walter Lamar Scott? In the aftermath of Scott's murder, some Black North Charleston residents have said that police constantly racially profile Black drivers there. Comedian Chris Rock's recent social-media posting of his being repeatedly stopped

by police while driving near his suburban New Jersey home suggests that, for Black and Brown drivers, that otherwise legitimate police duty remains laced with racist intent.

Further, we can go down the long, long list of just recent, controversial White cop-black or brown civilian encounters and ask is that why so many of them have a palpable undertone of menace: Is it because the White cops are acting on their "feelings"?

A final question: How often does a Black or brown person's chance of surviving an encounter with a White cops come down to whether that officer or those officers have decided to be or not be "Officer Friendly" at that moment?

To put that another way: How often does it come down to whether the police officer or officers have decided at that moment to be a public servant of integrity, or a criminal?

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

Controversy over videotaping cops

F eidin Santana, the young Dominican immigrant who videotaped North Charleston, S.C. police officer Michael Slager firing his gun eight times, killing Walter Scott, an unarmed Black man who was fleeing, was a hero. His quick decision to videotape the unfolding action on his telephone led to the arrest of Slager for murder.

However, in some states, instead of being hailed as a hero, Santana would be the one behind bars.

Illinois, Maryland and Massachusetts have used their wiretapping laws to prevent videotaping police in public places. Some states are moving in that direction.

But, as we can now see, videotape can be a game changer.

This was vividly illustrated in 1991 with the brutal beating of Rodney King in Los Angeles. More recently, the July 17 choking death of Eric Garner in New York City was captured on video as he pleaded, "I can't breathe."

Thanks to a passerby, we also saw the July 1 video of a California Highway Patrol Officer Daniel Andrew straddling Marlene Pinnock, a 51-year-old Black woman near a Santa Monica freeway and punching her 10-15 times. She reached an out-of-court settlement that required a \$1.5 million payment and the resignation of Andrew.

Although no one can creditably deny the value of citizens being able to videotape on-duty police officers operating in public spaces, courts are sharply divided on whether that's protected under the First Amendment.

In an article titled, "The Legal Right to Videotape Police Isn't Actually All That Clear," the Atlantic Citylab noted, "... The truth is that courts have not uniformly recognized that a right to record police actually exists. Though the U.S. Department of Justice has expressed its support for the right to record, only four federal appeals courts have ruled that such a right exists; others have either not ruled at all or narrowly rules that no right had been 'clearly established.'"

I am not a lawyer and I don't play one on TV. But the best available legal advice seems to be that generally speaking, it's legal under the First Amendment to videotape on-duty police officers as long as it is on public property and you are not interfering with them performing their official duties. As noted above, some state laws ban such recordings.

One legal site, findlaw.com, recommends that you:

- Tell police you are recording them;
- Comply with their requests to step back or identify yourself;
- Keep your camera out of the way (low and close to your body); and
- If need be, calmly remind them of your right to film them.

Another site, reasons.com, lists seven rules for recording police, including knowing your state's law and passcode protecting your cellphone.

Given recent success, you can expect police unions around the nation to push for legislation that would bar citizens from videotaping such incidents involving police.

Even before the recent spree of police killing African Americans, there was strong resistance. A woman in Rochester, N.Y., for example, was arrested and charged with obstructing governmental administration in 2011 after videotaping three White police officers interrogating a Black man from her front yard. Charges were later dropped against the woman, Emily Good, 28.

What would have happened to Officer Slager in South Carolina had there been no videotape?

In a word - nothing.

In fact, the officer had radioed, "Shots fired... Subject is down. He grabbed my Taser," a charge not supported by the videotape. Instead, what we see in the video is Slager dropping the Taser near Scott's motionless body. The cover-up was underway before Scott's body could be moved to the morgue.

The local newspaper reported the next day:

"A statement released by North Charleston police spokesman Spencer Pryor said a man ran on foot from the traffic stop and an officer deployed his department-issued Taser in an attempt to stop him.

"That did not work, police said, and an altercation ensued as the men struggled over the device. Police allege that during the struggle the man gained control of the Taser and attempted to use it against the officer.

"The officer then resorted to his service weapon and shot him, police alleged."

Of course, that was a lie.

According to the Washington Post, Victoria Middleton, executive director for the ACLU of South Carolina, said: "... I think one of the concerns that immediately comes to mind is the discrepancy between the initial story, the kind of rush to judgment, the rush to say that procedures were followed and this was justified, and then when the video surfaced that quickly unraveled. That could raise concerns about other incidents in which we have been assured that nothing was out of order and the officer acted completely properly but there were no witnesses or video documentation to dispute that."

And that's why we must resist all efforts to prevent citizens from freely videotaping police while they are supposedly acting in a lawful manner.

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politicians tend to be more responsive to those who support their campaigns economically.

The economic liberation of Black America will require establishing more internal unity and more external coalition-building and partnering with those who stand for freedom, justice and equality with their money, words and deeds. Organizing and mobilizing an effective movement to challenge and overcome economic racism is long overdue.

The perpetrators of racial injustice and discrimination are always reluctant to confess or acknowledge the reality of these centuries-old phenomena. In the United States, in particular, there is a historic and contemporary denial of how race plays a determinative role in all aspects of society. As for

mer U.S. Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ) was fond of saying, "Slavery was America's original sin, and racism remains its unresolved dilemma."

And we see that racism manifested in so many ways.

Today, it now appears that the only way to get people to acknowledge racially-motivated police misconduct against Black Americans and other people of color is to have a video tape of the transgression. Thank God for the recent videotape of the police murder of unarmed Walter Scott in North Charleston, S.C. Sometimes, as was the case with Eric Gardner in New York City we can have videotape and rouge cops still escape punishment.

Racism in all of its oppressive manifestations must not only be consistently called out and challenged, but also we must be vigilant and diligent to make sure that we are effective

in the elimination of the undergirding factors that cause racism to exist and persist in the first place.

In my home state of North Carolina more than 32 years ago, while helping to lead civil rights protests against the digging of a massive toxic waste landfill in predominantly African American Warren County, I coined the term "environmental racism." Warren County was also the place where Congress of Racial Equality Chairman Floyd B. McKissick Sr. the first African American to receive a law degree from the University of North Carolina, attempted to build Soul City as an economic empowerment zone and a new city for Black Americans and others who considered themselves progressive.

Environmental racism is the intentional racial discrimination in the deliberate targeting of ethnic and minority

communities for exposure to toxic and hazardous waste sites and facilities, coupled with the systematic exclusion of racial minorities in environmental policy making, enforcement, and remediation. As a result of the definitive work that we did on this issue back in the 1980s, today there are effective and transformative environmental justice movements and organizations across America and throughout the world.

One day, I hope we'll be able to look back and say the same about economic racism.

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TO BE EQUAL

The state of Black America: Part 3--Justice

I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states... Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963



Marc Morial

What is the state of Black America in 2015? In short, and on many fronts, Black America remains in crisis - and we see justice challenged at every turn.

A few weeks before the launch of the 39th annual 2015 State of Black America® report - "Save our Cities: Education, Jobs + Justice," the U.S. Department of Justice released a scathing, and perhaps for some, startling report on the systemic racial bias inflicted upon the African-American citizens of Ferguson, Mo. by the city's police department. The report's tragic catalyst was - and sadly remains - an all-too-familiar story in Black and Brown communities dotted across our nation: an unarmed black male was approached by an armed police officer and lost his life in the encounter.

League's analysis of the relevant data told much the same story: the Ferguson narrative could be the narrative of so many U.S. towns, but within that dark cloud we discovered strands of silver linings.

Today, fewer African Americans are the victims of violent crimes, there are more Black lawmakers in Congress than ever and the U.S. Department of Justice is actively working to confront police misconduct and improve police-community relations. Yet, we cannot easily forget the images of anger and despair we have seen in communities rocked by protests over the killings of unarmed Black males at the hands of law enforcement.

These encouraging and necessary strides in our struggle for equality in justice are overshadowed by justice miscarried, with outrage spilling onto our streets as a seemingly endless parade of police officers are not held accountable by grand juries for their actions. We are also witnessing a continual assault upon our voting rights, as several states prepare to pass legislation that would erode access to the ballot box for people of color.

The state of justice in Black and Brown communities is very often a shameful tale of injustice and clear racial disparities in the implementation of the law.

The tragedy of Mike Brown's death in Ferguson, Eric Garner's death in New York, and the deaths of so many others, should under-

score a difficult truth that should not sit well with any American: law enforcement, in too many cases, provides neither equal protection nor equal justice in far too many communities of color. And this is no blanket indictment of police officers. There are, and will always be, good police officers who put their lives on the line to keep law-abiding citizens safe. As the heated debates and protests continue, we know that police officers have become victims of violence, most notably the two officers in New York City late last year and police officers in Ferguson this year. But this should not - and cannot - silence our call to action in communities besieged by police officers who treat the people they are intended to serve and protect as presumptively guilty.

The exoneration of the police officers in those deaths of unarmed men by grand juries signaled that police accountability for the taking of Black and Brown lives was reaching a modern-day low. Attorney Benjamin Crump, who represents the family of Mike Brown, penned an essay in the 2015 State of Black America® report: "It's Time to Pass the Grand Jury Reform Act of 2014." The bill calls for judges to determine if the State should bring criminal charges against police officers who fatally use deadly force and calls for governors to appoint special prosecutors for those hearings. Deciding whether or not to indict would be a judge's decision, not a grand jury's,

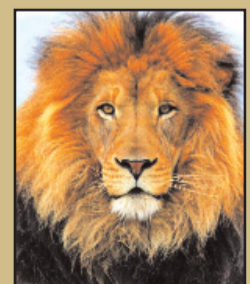
and the proceeding would remain open to the public, unlike grand juries that are, by law, secret proceedings.

Following the Supreme Court's 2013 decision to strip preclearance from the Voting Rights Act, allowing states to bypass federal approval before changing their voting rules, 40 states are now in line to codify into law new ways to make it difficult for people to vote-laws that would disproportionately affect communities of color. Voting is a powerful tool for any individual or group in a democracy to influence their government and create change. Without this right, you have no voice. The National Urban League and others will continue to press Congress to pass the bipartisan Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2014. This legislative fix would create new rules to determine which states require federal approval before making any changes their voting rules. Truth be told, we cannot maintain our commitment to democracy as a nation while, at the same time, deny the ballot box to so many of our citizens.

There are tremendous challenges ahead of us in what should be our national fight for equality under the law, because to deny justice to one is threaten justice to all, and as long as justice is challenged on any front, we must as a nation - keep pushing on every front.

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

"If the lions do not write their own history,



then the hunters will get all the credit."
-AN AFRICAN PROVERB

2015 Rocame Jamboree Brunswick County

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
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ROCAME held its annual Brunswick County jamboree on March 21, 2015, at North Brunswick High School. Four middle schools and three high schools (approximately 150 students, teachers, and volunteers) participated in the math and science events.

The winners of middle school events are: Write It Do It - Presley Cerrillo and Jocelyn Tapia, Shallotte Middle (SMS), first; Trissa Floyd and Donella Ball, Cedar Grove Middle (CGMS), second; Jose Casillas and Jessica Casillas, Waccamaw (WES), third; Metric Mastery - Felix Ruiz and Isiah Carroll, (CGMS), first; Sterling Page and Louisa Whalen, South Brunswick Middle (SBMS), second; Taliyah Daniels and Jaheim Lewis, WES, third; Road Scholar -Haleigh Hardee and Lexi Hanson, CGMS, first; Eva Real and Anthony Esquivel, SMS, second; Bethany Penland and Chandler Kurth, CGMS, third; Egg Drop - Jaheim Lewis and Draquan Pickett - WES, first; Destinee Stevens and Andromeda Windon, CGMS, second; Dyna Jeffries and Jessica Casillas, WES, third; Mystery Architecture - Tia Moss and Brea Depriest, SBMS, first; Zarrria Galloway and Jaden Hartfield, CGMS, second; Dayshon Lee and Antonio Bonificio, CGMS, third; Science Clue - Lexi Hanson and Haleigh Hardee, CGMS, first; Nija Bryant and Sterling Ragep, SBMS, second; Zumi Cuiji and Christina Lui, SMS, third; Science Project - Patience Childers, SMS, first; Pentathlon - Tyanna Fullwood, Antonio Bonfacion, Dayshon Lee, and Curtis Bryant, CGMS, first; Macaiah Robinson, Brea Depriest, Nija Bryant, and Marcus Moss, SBMS, second; Dylan Bryant,



North Brunswick won the high school championship.

Draquan Pickett, Alisha Gore, and Noel Yanez, WES, third; PowerPoint - Patience Childers, Deiona Stanley, and Eva Real, SMS, first; Kiliya Gore and Taliyah Daniels, WES, second; Donella Ball and Destinee Stevenson, CGMS, third; Oratory - Jamiere Green, WES, first; and Eva Real, SMS, second; Engineering (NACME) Test - Joselyn Tapia, Dolce Dominguez, Jose Perfecto, and Juan Bautista, SMS, first; Robotics - Felix Ruiz, Isiah Carroll, Marques William, and LaJuan Daniels, CGMS, first; Amanda Phillips, Marlena Clark, Juan Bautista, and Jose Valasquez, SMS, second; Samantha Washburn, Hannah Holloway, Tybrasia Collins, WES, third; ElectroGames - Kaitlyn Tolliver and Cheyenne Espinoza, CGMS, first; Chasity Terry and Tajiah Thomas, CGMS, second; Jaimere Green and Devonte Crawford, WES, third; Quiz Bowl - Isabelle James, Rory Bautista, Christina Liu, and Zumi Cuiji, SMS, first; Kelly Talvern-Thornon, Tiyanna Fullwood, Felix Ruiz, and River Bonifacio, CGMS, second; Taliyah Daniels, Alisha Gore, Draquan Pickett, and Dylan Bryant, WES, third. The

middle school championship trophy was won by Cedar Grove Middle School. Shallotte Middle and Waccamaw Elementary placed second and third, respectively. High school winners are: Write It Do It - Paris Lawas and T'Lia Bernard, South Brunswick (SBHS), first; Jordan Hall and Adria Black, North Brunswick (NBHS), second; Kierra Price and Aaliya Gore, West Brunswick (WBHS), third; Metric Mastery - Quashona Hooper and Darnell Brooks, NBHS, first; Myyah Brown and Ski Williams, WBHS, second; Tania Williams and Qu'mya Williams, WBHS, third; Road Scholar - Destiny King and Alliyah Simmons, WBHS, first; Oleah Gause and Bernesha Daniels, WBHS, second; Egg Drop - Jameshia Sapps and Lucaya Wise, WBHS, first; Ski Williams and Zikiyah Gause, WBHS, second; Tamiyah Spencer and Nikayla Ramsey, NBHS, third; Robotics - Derrick Wheeler, Raheim Green, and Darnell Brooks; Mystery Architecture - Quashona Hooper and Mariaelena Navarro, NBHS, first; Kiona Johnson and Darnell Brooks, NBHS, second; Aaliya Gore and Tania



Cedar Grove Middle School won the middle school championship.



Shallotte Middle placed second in the overall competition.

Williams, WBHS, third; Chemistry Clue - Paris Lawas, SBHS, first; Jalissa Freeman and Joshua White, NBHS, second; Myyah Brown and Kierra Price, WBHS, third; Pentathlon - Joshua White, Derrick Wheeler, Shakur Johnson, and Nikayla Ramsey, NBHS, first; Zikiyah Gause, Bernesha Daniels, Oleah Gause, and Destiny King, WBHS, second; ElectroGames - Mariaelena Navarro and Erick Wheeler, NBHS, first; Kiona Johnson and Daveion

Green, NBHS, second; Quiz Bowl - Myyah Brown, Ski Williams, Lucaya Wise, and Kierra Price, WBHS, first; Nikayla Ramsey, Darnel Brooks, Derrick Wheeler, and Quashona Hooper, NBHS, second; T'Lia Bernard and Acasia Stanley, SBHS, third; PowerPoint - Derrick Wheeler and Erick Wheeler, NBHS, first; Kierra Price, WBHS, second; Oratory - T'Lia Bernard, SBHS, first; Shannon McKoy, NBHS, second; Engineering (NACME) Test - Darnel

Brooks, Jr., Erick Wheeler, Jordan Hall, and Jakeem Williams, NBHS, first. The high school championship trophy was won by North Brunswick High School. West Brunswick and South Brunswick placed second and third, respectively. The jamboree sponsors were Food Lion (Leland), Harris Teeter (Leland), Wal-Mart (Leland), McDonald's (Brunswick Co.), and Archer Daniel Midland (ADM), Southport.

Wilmington EXPLODES to the Sounds of N.C. A&T University's Fellowship Gospel Choir

BY CYNTHIA BROWN
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On April 11, 2015 many citizens and visitors in the port city wondered if the azaleas would explode in colorful blooms and the rain clouds would stay away for the N.C. Azalea Festival Parade and festivities. However, another explosion occurred at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and it wasn't hampered by changing weather.

The Women's Day Committee of St. Stephen AME Church sponsored the Port City Gospel Explosion featuring the N.C. A & T University Fellowship Gospel Choir. The choir created an explosion of its own. The concert began with a powerful praise and worship session led by Acquinetta Beatty and Tyaun Bryant who were accompanied by Rev.

GaySharon Bell and Cornelius Hamilton. Master of Ceremonies Barry Smith introduced Dawn McClammy who welcomed an audience of more than 250 guests. Prayer was lifted by Leigha Birt and Rueben Crummy sang a solo. Florence Warren shared the history of the choir with the audience and as they were being introduced, choir members entered the sanctuary from both the north and south aisles, divinely dancing and singing their way to the choir loft.

40 choir members including musicians and a Mime ministry sang praises to God under the direction of Choir Director Ronald Jones. Following a spirit-rousing concert, members from the Wilmington, NC area introduced themselves and family members in attendance. Aggies in the audience were also recognized. Rev.



N.C. A & T UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP GOSPEL CHOIR

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Wayne A. Johnson, Sr. pastor of St. Stephen closed the event with pastoral remarks.

The mission of the N.C. A&T State University Fellowship Gospel Choir is to stimulate, promote and provide a socio-religious organiza-

tion that embraces the love of gospel music.

Steepled in history, this award-winning choir has participated in several competitions throughout the country winning numerous first place awards for its performances.

The choir's stellar reputation has afforded members the liberty to travel extensively and the opportunity to participate in several of the university's official ceremonies. During both the fall and the spring semesters, the Fellowship

Gospel Choir embarks upon a multi-city tour to show-case their extraordinary talents. They have opened concerts for gospel legends Kirk Franklin, Fred Hammond, Donald Lawrence, and Donnie McClurkin.

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Port City Golf Association John Frison Golf Tournament will be from Saturday, April 18th- Sunday, April 19th at Castle Bay, 107 Links Ct., Hampstead, NC. For more information contact Ernie Faison at 910-620-3580.

The Williston Class of 1966 is planning their 50th class reunion. We are reaching out to all who graduated, were supposed to graduate or started out with us, but may not have graduated. We consider all as members of our class. We need contact information to invite you and inform you of plans and to get your input. Please email contact info to justanothertiger@bellsouth.net. You may also contact our president, Abdul Shareef at 910-612-0983.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brunswick Islands and Beaches

Five barrier islands and beaches are in Brunswick County: Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, Holden Beach, Oak Island and Bald Head Island. The population is increasing in Brunswick County and some live here year 'round.

The beauty of nature is for everyone to enjoy with the feeling and peace of soul, handed down by generations. African Americans were allowed to fish from the pier. We were not welcomed in many places because we were Black. Blacks could be a maids or servants. We may walk in the sand and find shells of different sizes and colors. Some

could have been hidden in the sand a hundred years or more and picked up with a human hand for the first time. In the deep blue waters, we may see different colors of fish like the sea robin, sea urchin, and other marine animals like we have never seen for the first time.

Once we were taught there is more water than land, and I believe it's still true today. In the beginning of time, the land and sea were created along with plants and animals.

Human beings cannot live together peacefully today. There will be many meetings of small and large groups for hours with today's modern technology and still there will be many disagreements, involving the Republicans. The Democrats come closer to encompassing all people, promoting the best interest of all people, and practicing social

equality, not snobbishness.

The Democratic Party is one of the two major political parties in the United States. It owes its origin to a split in the Republican Party under Andrew Jackson in 1828.

There is a great need for African American adults to continue to build a powerful relationship with our children on a daily basis. We must make changes step by step with respect and love. We must provide some possible positive options for high school dropouts to continue their education. We might call it "A Boys' Camp." Spending money to keep our young folks in prison for years of brutality is not working. They are not all violent criminals, disrespectful, and unruly. They make very bad choices. The right kind of help is needed.

There are many times when we should stop and acknowl-

edge the good works others are doing over the years for the civil rights struggle. Together we can bring into reality the American dream of prosperity for everyone.

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.

TELL SOMEBODY

"True Worship"

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." John 4:24

Worship - Reverence, submissive respect; loving and admiring devotion

Idol - An image, or false representation of an object of worship

True worshippers are still being sought out by God the Father to offer unto him, the glory and honor that is due his high name. "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

As we are living in the last days, it is apparent that there are too many of God's people

that knew God at one time, but are now caught up in false worship/idolatry.

God is a divinely jealous God. Idolatry is forbidden by him, for he alone is worthy! "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;" Deu 11:16 "I am the Lord; that is my name and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images." Isaiah 42:8

"Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." I John 5:21

Idolatry is nothing new. It is a form of false worship when you worship anything or anybody, but God who created us for his glory! It is wrong to worship men. It is wrong to worship angels. It is wrong to worship any created being, instead of our wonderful and marvelous Creator!

It is a sin and an insult to a holy God when his people that knew him chose not to worship and give him glory. "Because

that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever Amen." Romans 1:21-25

It is the duty of every child of God to give him praise and glory by living a consecrated life for him! I Cor. 6:20, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." We are to also glorify God by good works. "Let your

light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Lastly, when we bear fruit, God is also glorified. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8 There must be a passion for God that causes one to humble himself and obey the True and Living God. "Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful." Psalm 116:5 "O Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 136:1 The search for True Worshipers continues, and to God be the glory! *Tell Somebody!!!*

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper; First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E.



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Ms. Brenda Diane Faulkner

Brenda Diane Faulkner, age 60, of Raleigh, North Carolina, departed this life Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Brenda was born September 15, 1954 in Wilmington, North Carolina to George Faulkner, Jr., (deceased) and Betty J. Faulkner. Her paternal grandfather; George Faulkner; maternal grandmother; Elaine Eason and paternal grandmother; Lucille McCants; her brother, Randy E. Faulkner; aunts, Ella Mae Cross, Norma Jean Eason and Elizabeth Boyd; and uncle, John Faulkner preceded her in death.

Brenda resided in Raleigh, North Carolina and was educated in the Philadelphia school system. She graduated from West Virginia State University. After completion of her education, Brenda joined the Navy and served twenty eight years. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in her church home, Holy Temple Church, Philadelphia, PA. Brenda enjoyed spending time with her family, being a devoted mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. Brenda enjoyed meeting people and giving to other when able.

Surviving to cherish fond memories, her son, Keith Faulkner (Maria) of Las Vegas, NV; two grandchildren, Imani Faulkner of Aurora CO and Jaden Faulkner of Las Vegas, NV; her mother, Betty J. Faulkner of Wilmington, NC; four brothers, George Faulkner, III of Wilmington, NC; Jerome Faulkner (Yolanda) of Austin, Texas; Michael B. Faulkner (Marilyn) of Philadelphia, PA and Kenneth W. Faulkner (Arlatha) of Massachusetts; four aunts, Ruby Williams of Massachusetts, Joann Walters and Agnes Eason of Wilmington, NC and Sherrill Cook (Ronald) of Philadelphia, PA; one uncle, Owen McCants of Massachusetts; two nieces, four nephews, great nieces, great nephews and a host of cousins. Brenda also leaves her best friend, Debra Overton-Wharton of Clementon, NJ and two good friends, Dennis Finken and Ed Enarnieri of Raleigh, NC. Arrangements by *Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Andre' Willie Howard

Andre' Willie Howard died April 1, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Andre' was born on September 8, 1957 in New York City, Harlem Hospital. He was the eldest of two children born to Willie Joe and Maggie Juanita Howard. As a young man he attended public and private schools in New York. He continued and completed his education in Springfield,

Massachusetts. Here he graduated from Commerce High School in the Class of 1975. He went on to attend American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts where he became the DJ of the college's popular radio station, using the signature name of Black Casper as his alias. Andre' loved living life to its fullest. During his lifetime he had many jobs, however, the job he loved most was working with the physically and mentally handicap. One of his dearest clients was named Dorman and even though Dorman would not communicate with most people, he did communicate with Andre'. He continued to love to care for others by working as a CNA in many nursing homes and providing private duty care. Andre's favorite thing was to create unit and love between family members. Everyone knew when Andre' was in good spirits because they were sure to get many, many inspiring text from him in the wee hours of the morning. Andre' spent the last 10 years of his life in Durham, North Carolina where he worked and played hard. Andre' touched many lives and Durham and built a significant NA Family. His brothers and sisters of NA in Durham were always excited to see Andre's chili hit the table. In January of 2015 Andre' moved to Wilmington, North Carolina to spend his final days with his sister, brother-in-law and mother.

He was preceded in death by one niece, Sakina Cooke. He wanted his last days to be filled with family. Andre' leaves to cherish his memory: his mother; Maggie Juanita Howard of Maxton, NC; sister, Roslyn Fleming (Willie) of Wilmington, NC; one beautiful daughter, Kishana Johnson; his grandchildren, Ki-sean and Kah'Sir; all of Springfield, MA; nieces and nephews, Reginald Barrett, Otis Barrett both of Greenville, NC, Andrea Brewhington (Kenneth), Roxann Dumas (Curtis) and Jessica McKoy all of Wilmington, NC; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and friends alike. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lillie Catherine McKoy Jenkins

Lillie Catherine McKoy Jenkins died Friday at Brunswick Cove. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the McLaurin-Jenkins Cemetery.

Lillie was born April 3, 1934 in Brunswick County to the late Benjamin and Carrie McKoy. She worked more than twenty years in the Brunswick County School System in child nutrition and was promoted to Assistant Manager in 1977, and later retired. She was a faithful member of Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Leland, NC and an active participant in Sunday school until her health declined. She was a loving person to everyone she came in contact with. She is now resting and at peace with God and will always be in the hearts of many.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: a loving husband, Luther; nine children, Luther, Jr., (Gloria) of Leland, NC, Pauline of Baltimore, MD, Chester, Alexander and Phillis (Kennis), all of Wilmington, NC, Betsy and Laura; eighteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Malinda of Leland, NC and Vivian (William) of Texas; one brother, Clarence McKoy (Marzella) of Leland, NC; sister-in-law, Carolyn Jenkins; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Herbert Junior Keaton

Herbert Junior Keaton died Friday at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Mt Zion Church Cemetery.

Deacon Herbert Junior Keaton, second son of the late Thomas Henry and Leila Hudson Keaton was born December 29, 1931, in Acme, North Carolina. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Thomas and Rufus Keaton. He grew up in the Sandyfield Community and received his formal education from Armour High School. Brother Keaton served in the United States Army, receiving a National Defense Service Medal. On February 11, 1955, he was released from Active Military Service and transferred to Army reserve to complete 8 years of service under Universal Military training and Service Act. At a young age, he heard the word, believed, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and was baptized at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. A faithful and dedicated member of the church, he served as Superintendent of Sunday School, Sunday School Teacher, Usher Board President, was a member of the Senior Choir, Community Choir and Male Chorus. He was ordained as a Deacon in Mt. Zion on September 19, 1982. He also sand with members of his family with the True Believers of Riegelwood.

Deacon Keaton was married to the late Mary Frances Graham Keaton who preceded him in death on February 11, 1979. They were blessed with one son, Garry Keaton. He later married Ophelia Bryant Keaton. They were married for thirty-five years. Together they housed foster children for several years. He was employed with Federal Paper Board/International Paper Company for many years, retiring in 1995. Retirement gave him more time to pursue his dreams of working to make his community a much better place through teamwork. The passage "be not weary in well doing for in due time you'll reap". In his community, being insightful in working to make the world just a little better than he found it, through hard work he attained an honor very few people experience. Deacon Keaton loved children, it wouldn't matter what age, what race, what creed or what color,

they would all bring a smile to his face and put joy in his heart. He had a special way of getting their sugar...A Pinch Under Their Neck. He was the first elected Mayor of the Town of Sandyfield in 1995, serving until 2003. Under his leadership, the following grants were secured in the Town of Sandyfield: the first Community Block Grant for housing; the first water system grant; scattered site housing grant; forty two acres for a wetland preserve and also started a tutorial program for students in the community called Youth for America's Future. Mayor Keaton was very active during his time in public office, serving on various political boards and committees; he was a member of the Southeastern Black Mayors Association, National Conference of Black Mayors, National League of Cities, North Carolina Black elected Municipal Officials, and North Carolina League of Municipalities. His son, following in his footsteps became Mayor of the Town of Sandyfield in 2009. Deacon Keaton, his proud father, was right there holding the Bible as he took the oath of office. Deacon Keaton was currently taking classes at Southeastern Community College, learning how to rebuild computers and setup computer network systems.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife, Ophelia Bryant Keaton of the home; Son, Garry (Selma) Keaton of Sandyfield, NC; grandson, Justin Chestnut of Sandyfield, NC; brother, Tyrone (Sandra) Graham of Wilmington, NC; sisters-in-law, Lila D. Bryant, Shirley (Freddie) Williamson and Louise Bryant, all of Leland, NC; brothers-in-law, George (Linda) Granger of castle Hayne, NC, James (Weebee) Bryant, Artis R. Bryant, David (Frances) Bryant all of Leland, NC, Wayne Bryant of New Orleans, LA, Steven Bryant of Leland, NC, Julian (Beth) Bryant of Maple Hill, NC, and Artis (Melotta) Hill, Fayetteville, NC; niece, Lara (Jeremy) Barber, Chadbourn, NC; nephews, Clarence (Deloris) Hayes and Gregory (Wanda) Hayes all of Wilmington, NC, Joseph Glenn (Catherine) Hayes and Arthur Jerome Allen all of Winston Salem, NC; aunt-in-law, Georgianna Smith; uncle-in-law, Rufus Granger both of Riegelwood, NC; special son and daughter, Richard and Wanda Graham; a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends, including a dear friend, Harry Graham. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

William Polk

William Polk died Friday, April 3, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Burial followed on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC.

William James Polk, son of the late Orlando and Mabel E. Polk was born January 25, 1943, in Allen, Maryland. He was the youngest of four children. William attended Salisbury High School prior to entering the Marine Corps in 1959. He

has served over the years in amphibious tractor battalions and in supply administrative and operations. A Vietnam veteran, he has also served in Okinawa, Hawaii, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, Camp Pendleton, CA, Quantico, VA, Camp Lejeune, NC and Parris Island, SC. In September 1962, he participated in the Cuban conflict. His decorations include Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and Navy Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with six stars, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Good Conduct Medal with Silver Star and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. He has also received two Meritorious Masts and a Certificate of Commendation. Gunnery Sgt. William J. Polk retired from the US Marine Corps after twenty four years of military service. William was married to the former Jannie McDuffie. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who loved and enjoyed life. He was previously a Bail Bondsman for New Hanover County. William will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter Sonya Polk and three grandchildren. He leaves to cherish precious memories: his wife, Jannie M. Polk of the home; his children, James L. Polk, Dainya Polk, Alison Polk, Clifford Waddell, Michelle Brown and Derrick Johnson; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two sisters, Georgianna P. Holden of Princess Ann, MD and Esther P. Perry of Salisbury, MD; one brother, Orlando P. Polk of Woodbridge, VA; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends, including his very special friends, James (Hazel) Wrisbon. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Edward "Rip" Laceywell

Edward "Rip" Laceywell died Monday, April 6, 2015 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Graham Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Riegelwood, NC. Burial followed in Graham Chapel Cemetery.

Edward Lonzo Laceywell "Rip" as he was affectionately known by all, was born April 10, 1950 in Wilmington, North Carolina. In his early years, he lived in East Arcadia where he attended school and worshipped at Graham Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church with his family. When his family moved to Wilmington, "Rip" attended school in New Hanover County and belonged to Mt. Olive A.M.E.

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Happy Birthday



Johnny W. Maultsby Jr.
Sunrise: April 12, 1948
Sunset: July 15, 2010

Now that you have gone to be with the Lord "leaving us behind" we as family and friends continue to fondly invoke warm thoughts and heartfelt remembrances of your short time here on earth with us.

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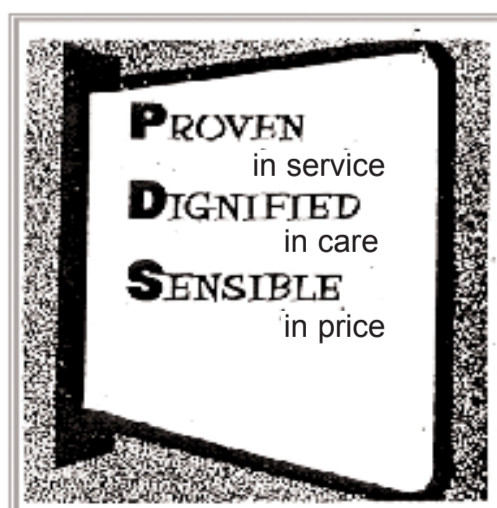
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New Hanover County

Gregory Congregational United Church Of Christ, 609 Nun St., will celebrate its 145th anniversary on April 19th, April 25th and April 26th. A pre-anniversary musical will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. On Saturday, April 25th authors, Bertha Todd, Carolyn Blanding and Wayne Moore will be featured and storyteller Madafó Lloyd Wilson. There will be a slide show and guided church tour. On Sunday, April 26th at 11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Edward Davis of Burlington. At 3:30 p.m. Bishop Joseph Garnett of Freedom's Way Ministries will be the guest speaker.



Ministry of Deliverance, 2162 Wrightsville Ave. will hold the initial sermon of Ernestine M. Washington on Sunday, April 19th at 4:00 p.m. For more contact E. Washington at 910-274-7067.

Religious Briefs

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 North Fifth Avenue, will hold a Sacrifice Rally Program on Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Jerry McKoy, his and church family of Pleasant Meadows Missionary Baptist Church of Lumberton will be the guest. For further information contact Brother Columbus Pridgen at 910-616-2519.

N.C. 2nd. Jurisdiction Women's Convention, "Unearthing the Treasure Within" will be held from Thursday, April 30th- Saturday, May 2nd at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1119 South 4th St. Services will be held 7:00 p.m. nightly. The speakers will be Supervisor Patricia Lofton on Thursday evening; Bishop Stenneth Powell on Friday evening and Pastor Eria Nesbitt on Saturday at 12:00 noon.

Praise and Deliverance AME Church, 3601 Princess Place Dr., will hold their Pastor's Appreciation Service for Reverend Sabrenia S. Moore on Sunday, April 19th. The 11:00 a.m. service speaker will be Reverend Beverly Harris of Raleigh. The 3:00 p.m. service will be under the leadership of Reverend Wayne Johnson of St. Stephens AME Church accompanied with choir and congregation.

St. Luke AME Zion Church, 709 Church St., will celebrate 150 years on Sunday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker at 10:00 a.m. will be Reverend Joseph C. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Dunn Lillington District. Bishop Dennis V. Procter of the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District will be the speaker at 4:00 p.m. Also the church is holding their free Enrichment Academy After School Tutoring Program i on Tuesdays until May. Elementary School students, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. and Middle and High School students, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Healthy snacks are served. For more information contact Dr. Diane Emerson at demerson609@icloud.com or the church office at 910-463-7876.

St. Matthew AME Church, 6809 Wrightsville Ave., will be held on Men's Day Celebration on Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. The guests will be Reverend Artie Odom, Jr., choir and congregation of St. James AME Church, Castle Hayne. Dinner will be served. For further information and or directions please call Reverend R.E. Davis at 910-352-4794.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Food Pantry "From His Table to Yours" will be open Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Individuals must have identification and transportation. There is no fee involved. Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South, Elizabethtown NC.

Brunswick County

Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church will hold their revival services from Tuesday, April 14th- Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m. nightly. Rendering services will be Reverend Dr. Terry Henry of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Wednesday, April 15th will be youth night.

Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church will present "Seasons" on Saturday, April 18th at 4:00 p.m. Contact Janice Waddell at 910-655-4664.

Pender County

Full Gospel Christian Church, 307 S. Vann St., Burgaw, NC will hold their revival from Thursday, April 16th- Sunday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Prophetess Jennifer Long will be ministering.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

Home sharing

My Fellow Seniors:

Last year, I spoke of home sharing as a way to lift our people up. I was thinking of senior citizens living in an "empty nest" as the ones most likely to share their homes, but the lady who did it was under fifty. She has two daughters. One of them has three children, and the other one has two.

This lady allowed both of

her daughters and their five children to move back home. She told them they had to save every dime of what they had paid for rent and utilities. As a senior citizen, I probably could not have survived under such crowded conditions, but this lady did, and now both of her daughters have homes of their own, and the mortgage is about what they were paying for rent. I realize it must have been rough going with so many people crowded into one house, but they survived. Now they are doing well.

I have seen the same thing happen with immigrants. They came to America as "boat peo-

ple" at the end of the Korean War: I don't know how many were living in the house next to me, but I heard a young girl say, "My mother gets five pay checks." She meant they were saving their income, so that they could spread out as soon as possible.

So why can't our people do the same? We would be moving from renters to home owners in just a short while. I know we value our privacy, but we are strong people. We have seen some hard times. We can do this. Some young people move out as soon as they start working. They will be paying rent for years before they even

think of buying a home. The problem is that they will be living from one pay check to the next, making it impossible to save anything.

However people are living longer these days, and the government is already paying out more for social security than they are taking in, not to mention the baby boomers that will be coming of age.

We must speak to our young people about their plans for the future. If they live long enough, they are going to get old. The only alternative is to die young.

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

Minister Charity Williams to speak at Greater Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

The youth department of the Greater Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church will be sponsoring a service on April 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The speaker for this service will be Minister Charity Williams. Minister Williams is a thirteen year old servant of God almighty. She accepted the call to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ at the age of six. Her desire to serve the Lord was manifested on June 1, 2008 when she delivered her initial public sermon under the leadership of Bishop F.C. Barnes. Minister Williams was

ordained as Elder on July 5, 2014. Please come out and hear this dynamic young Lady of God.

Minister Williams is a member of Greater Saint Paul Holy Church, Maple Hill, NC, Pastor Tyrone Owens. She is a faithful member and has faithfully served in the Young People Holy Association, the youth and mass choirs, and on the dance team. She is also a member of the teen singing group Next Generation 4. Additionally, she currently serves in ministry under the United Holy Church of America, Southern District Convocation, under the leader-

ship of Bishop Ralph E. Love, Sr. She is the youngest ordained Minister in the United Holy Church of America.

During her initial sermon when asked if she thought preaching would make her an adult, she declared, "No I am not gonna be an adult, but a child of God".

Minister Williams is an 8th grader at Wayne School of Engineering in Goldsboro, North Carolina. She excels academically. She and her sister Destiny, 14 years old, love to sing to the glory and honor of God.

She is a bold soldier in the



MIN. CHARITY WILLIAMS

army of the Lord and is not ashamed of her salvation.

Please come out and hear this dynamic young Lady of God.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

A warfare prayer to start the day

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! Bless the Lord, oh my soul! This is the day the Lord has made! What a beautiful day! Brother George Hill opened our meeting by directing the choir to sing "Oh How I Love Jesus." "It tells me of His precious blood, the sinners perfect plea. Oh how I love Jesus because He first loved me." Prayer was delivered by Sister Delma Brown. It followed by the hymn, "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow." What a wonderful devotional service! Thanks to all.

Our speaker for today was Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow. Her topic was "A Warfare Prayer to Start the Day." She prayed

such a prayer: "Heavenly Father, I bow in worship and praise before you, I cover myself with the blood of Jesus Christ and claim the protection of the blood for my family, my finances, my home, my spirit, soul and body. I surrender myself completely in every area of my life to you. I break and smash the stronghold of Satan formed against my emotions today and give my emotions to you, Lord Jesus. I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, with thanksgiving, and I welcome all the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Amen! Praise the Lord! Glory!"

Thank you so much, Mrs. Sparrow. What an uplifting message! To God be the glory! Remarks and comments were made. Mrs. Eloise Purdie

gave some encouraging remarks and information. Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone who attended her cousin, Ms. Mary G. Haywood's homegoing. It was a beautiful service. To God be the glory!

Ministers were read by our secretary, Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Thanks once again for such a wonderful job. Mrs. Gladys Taylor presented Mrs. Doris McNeil a card from the senior group on the passing of her sister, Mrs. Janie Bell McKoy Davis. Her homegoing theme "The Measure of a Woman." Mrs. Doris McNeil thanked the senior group.

It was then time for our "Callers." Mrs. Rosella Bellamy had the most present. Thanks to all the callers and members who were present. The Senior Citizens'

Fellowship group will be worshipping on May 17, 2015 at Bowens Chapel on Carolina Beach Road. We hope to see your face in the place.

The Sick Report was given by our wonderful Sister Anna Haskins. Thank you for all you do. Sister Shirley Drye gave a short and interesting report of her trip to the holy land. Thank you. Remarks and announcements were given.

"Smiles" were given by Ms. Cherry Pearson. Our circle was formed. Prayer was delivered by Minister Doris McQuillian. The meeting was adjourned.

Thought for today: Those who go out bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy (Psalm 126:6). There were forty-seven present.

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Zion Church. He graduated from Williston High School in 1968 and joined the US Navy, serving honorably for two years. After his time in the service, "Rip" attended Fayetteville State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree and was a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He went on to have a career in public education, sitting at the helm of Head Start of New Hanover County as the Executive Director for many years, working tirelessly to ensure that preschoolers from families with limited means got the jump start they needed to succeed in school. "Rip" was fun-loving with a ready smile. He liked to joke, watch football and spend time with family and friends. He believed in giving a helping hand and caring for others. In later adult hood, he returned to his roots at Graham Chapel and attended until his illness no longer allowed him to do so, remaining a member until his death.

"Rip" was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ethel Lacey Lamb; sister, Marion Delored Laceywell and his maternal grandparents, Moses and Callie Laceywell. He leaves to cherish his memory: three daughters, Amy M. Franks of Durham, NC, Susan T. Franks (Vontell) of Whiteville, NC and Conza Gilliard (Stephen) of Raleigh, NC; five grandchildren, Nyemah McLaurin, Ayejah Powell, Cahyim Hamilton, Eeva Gilliard, and Leeya Gilliard; one great-grandchild, Jairus Williams; two brothers, William Laceywell (Florisa) of Fuquay Varina, NC, and Joseph Lamb of Wilmington, NC; aunts, Barbara Laceywell of

Roswell, GA and Agatha Lyons of Chesapeake, VA; a special cousin, Kim Stevenson (Don) of East Arcadia, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Joyce Barnhill

Joyce Barnhill died Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 12, 2015 in Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Joyce, age 61, daughter of Ethel Van and adopted parents, the late Fred "Fuddy" James and Mattie James was born on November 28, 1953, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Joyce was a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. She was a dedicated worker at Victaulic of Leland, North Carolina, from which she retired. In earlier years she worked as a Professional Hair Stylist. In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her brother, Tahamadge Pierce.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Harry Lee Barnhill of the home; one daughter, Crystal Elaine James; four brothers and three sisters, Ina Foy (her special sister and best friend), Carolyn Thomas (Jesse), Peggy Clarkson, Jackie Warren, James Lee James, Austin Clarkson, and Nathan Smith; one grandson, Malik James; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and friends, including two beautiful best friends, Linda Tinch and Anne Mae Lots. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

George "Toot" Granger

George "Toot" Granger died Thursday, April 9, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, North Carolina. Burial followed in the church's cemetery.

George Granger, son of David and Mary Bryant, was born July 31, 1947. He grew up in the Acme Community in Leland, North Carolina. Very early in his life, he accepted Christ as his personal savior and depended on that relationship to lead and guide him throughout his entire life. George had a passion for entrepreneurship. In 1980 and achieved his goal of owning his own business and operated Granger's Trucking Company for thirty years. As the result of three different cancer diagnoses, George became an advocate for cancer prevention. He encouraged and informed others of the benefits of preventive screenings as well as sharing his own experiences as the result of colorectal, bone, and lung cancers.

George is survived by his devoted wife of thirty-five years, Linda Rhodes Granger; sons who honored him; Eric Fields Sr.(Carlisa), Mark Smith (Sholanda), George Granger Jr.(Kimberly), daughters who honored him; Sheril Granger, Angela Granger; Dejuan Fields, Lanita Jones (Dax), Jessica Jacobs(Arric), and Zanetta Granger; loving siblings; Louise Bryant, Artis Bryant, David Bryant (Frances), Ophelia Keaton, Shirley Williamson (Freddie), and Wayne Bryant; mother-in-law, Georgia Rhodes, sister-in-laws; Lila Bryant, Sacaree Rhodes Jones (Benjamin), Carolyn Rhodes Welton (Ronald); a very special aunt, Georgianna Smith and uncle, Rufus Grainger Sr.; friends

indeed; Phil Walker and Frank Ballard; twenty-nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren; and an extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. George leaves as his legacy an example of an individual gaining independence by taking advantage of every opportunity to earn a dollar, save a dollar, and invest a dollar. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Shirley Hines

Shirley Hines died Wednesday, April 8th at her residence. Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the International House of Prayer. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lorraine Ramsey

Lorraine Ramsey died Wednesday, April 8th in Rowlett, TX. Visitation is 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16th. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 17th at St. Mary MB Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James A. Keeling

James A. Keeling died Sunday, April 12th at his residence. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16th at St. James AME Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be on Friday, April 17th at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Sarah Lizzie Coatney Monroe

Sarah Lizzie Coatney Monroe, 63, of Winnabow died Wednesday, April 1st. Funeral services were held 1 pm Tuesday, April 7th at Rutland Chapel AME, Burial followed in Rutland Chapel AME Cemetery, www.frenchidavisfuneral-home.net.

In her loving memory she leaves to cherish: her husband of forty four years, Roosevelt "RJ", Sr.; her loving boys, Roosevelt Jeron Monroe, Jr. (Michelle) and Kevin Nathaniel Monroe (Tabitha), both of Greensboro, NC; two special grandsons, Malcolm Monroe and NJ of Greensboro, NC; her mother, Sarah Beatrice Coatney, Bolivia, NC; four sisters, Alfreda C. Bellamy, Supply, NC, Ginger Coatney, Bolivia, NC, Angela Coatney (Willie McRae), Southport, NC, and Andrea Coatney, Greenville, NC; one brother, George D. Coatney, Jr. (Barbara), Waveland, MS; one sister-in-law, Irene Kelly, New Haven, CT; three brothers-in-law, John Ervin Monroe, Bolivia, NC, Robert Monroe, Augusta, GA, and Norfolk Monroe, Germany; five aunts, Mary Graham and Eunice Blanks, both of East Arcadia, NC, Ruby DeVane, Wilmington, NC, Margaret McCoy, Council, NC, and Elizabeth Coatney, San Francisco, CA; two goddaughters, Veronica Fisher, Mebane, NC and Trimeice Bellamy, Supply, NC. Special friends: Nancy Bellamy, Coreen Williams, and Rev. Mary Palmore. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Louise Waddell

Louise Waddell, 84, of Leland, died Saturday, April

4th. Funeral services were held on April 10th. Burial followed in Haw Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneral-home.net.

Louise leaves to cherish her fond memories: four daughters; Brenda Waddell of Wilmington, NC, Sandra Fields of Leland, NC, Chranda Waddell of Tampa, FL and Shelia (David) Sanchez of Okinawa, Japan; nine sons; Alexander (Debra) Waddell of Bolton, NC, James (Frances) Jones of Leland, NC, Robert (Cheryl) Waddell of Tampa, FL, David (Shirley) Waddell of Leland, NC, Daryl Waddell of Leland, NC; Gregory "Jo" Waddell of Leland, NC, Anthony (Cindy) Waddell of Rocky Point, NC, Samuel (Michelle) Waddell of Durham, NC, and Tyrone (Patricia) Waddell of Wilmington, NC.; twenty-eight grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren; a caring neighbor Helen Denkins; a host of other relatives and friends. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Mary Emma Haywood

Mary Emma Haywood, 86, of Wilmington, NC died Saturday, April 4th. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 10th at United House of Prayer for All People. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A DavisFuneral Home service.

Robert Leonard Chadwick

Robert Leonard Chadwick, 70, of Wilmington, NC died Saturday, April 11th. A Memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 18th at Davis Funeral Home, 910 S. 5th Ave. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

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The undersigned, John A. Jenks, Jr., having qualified on the **18th day of March, 2015**, as Executor of the Estate of Sarah Hatfield Jenks, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **1st day of July, 2015**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 18th day of March, 2014.

John A. Jenks, Jr., Executor
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March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James C. Dougall, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina 15-E-0369, gives notice to all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Alan M. Solana, Solana, Theriault & Goss, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, 1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC 28403 on or before the **19th day of June, 2015**, 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 January, 2015.

Jay Conan Dougall, Executor
c/o Alan M. Solana, Attorney at Law
Solana, Theriault & Goss, PLLC
1650 Military Cutoff Rd., Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lloyd Franklin Herring, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Bennie Louise Sharpless, Executor
4310 Bona Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27604

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **James Lawrence Greene**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of March, 2015

Ursula Denise Whitfield,
Administratrix
4503 Greentree Rd. Apt. A
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Joyce D. Barnes**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of March, 2015

Mary Ann Huffman, Executor
3727-2nd St. NW
Rochester, NY 55901

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Millie Botesky**, late of 201 Victoria Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401 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 PO Box 641, Wilmington, NC 28402, on or before the **9th day of July, 2014**, 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 undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2014.

John B. West, Jr.
Executor of the Estate of Millie Botesky
James D. Smith, Attorney at Law
PO Box 641
Wilmington, NC 28402

April 9,16, 23, 30, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Martha Ann Colie**, late of 4537 West Cascade Road, Wilmington, NC 28412, 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 PO Box 641, Wilmington, NC 28402, on or before the **9th day of July, 2015**, 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 undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015.

Jerry L. Hankins
Executor of the Estate of Martha Ann Colie
James D. Smith, Attorney at Law
PO Box 641
Wilmington, NC 28402

April 9,16, 23, 30, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Louise E. McCoy, AKA Eleanor Louise McCoy**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **9th day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of April, 2015

Denise McCoy Williams,
Administratrix
6140 Carolina Beach Rd. #48
Wilmington, NC 28412

April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015

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

Having qualified as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of **Mabel Bass Halterman**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Barbara H. Wilson, Co- Executrix
1908 Hawthorne Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403
Jenny Halterman Fritz, Co-Executrix
2305 Cowden Court
Raleigh, NC 27612

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Donald Fred Sorensen**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of April, 2015

Lori Covington Sorensen, Executor
322 Pemberton Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Charles N. Spencer**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Charles R. Spencer, Executor
32 Burton Rd.
Southport, NC 28461

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Doris F. Yarborough Rogers**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Michael Francis Yarborough,
Executor
3102 Eton Road
Raleigh, NC 27608

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **George W. Jones, 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 **5th day of June, 2015**, 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 9th day of April, 2015

Elizabeth Jones Cole, Executrix of the Estate of George W. Jones, Jr.
320 Bristol Road
Wilmington, NC 28409
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Joseph Donald Henson, Sr.**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this notice is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said decedent, Joseph Donald Henson, Sr., to present any such claims to the undersigned on or before the **June 26, 2015**, at PO Box 464, Hampstead, NC 28443 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of March, 2015

Charles Wayne Merritt, Executor
Po Box 464
Hampstead, NC 28443

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Caitlin Lee Muehlenkamp,
Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Caitlin Lee Muehlenkamp**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **July 20, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of April, 2015.

Michelle D. Muehlenkamp
Administrator of the Estate of
Caitlin Lee Muehlenkamp
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
15 E 337**

The undersigned having duly qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **DOROTHY BELL SCOTT**, late of Wilmington, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **30th day of June, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of March, 2015.

Auley McRae Crouch, III, Co-Executor
Estate of Dorothy Bell Scott
Dorothy Crouch Benz, Co-Executor
Estate of Dorothy Bell Scott
Jeffrey P. Keeter
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Geraldine Cathey Taylor**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 24th day of March, 2015

Scott M. Taylor, Executor
501 Weaver Mine Trail
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Kenneth R. Hutchins, II, Attorney
Costner Law Office, PLLC
1442 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 26
Wilmington, NC 28403
910-239-5914

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Frances Lyons Lefstead**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of March, 2015

Clifton L. Lefstead, Co- Executor
6117 Cedar Croft Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28226
Sharon L. Spence, Co-Executor
130 Tanbridge Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Ernest Hill**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of March, 2015

Valeria H. Davis, Administratrix
1002 North 8th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

The Edgecombe County Public School System is soliciting bids for Ipads (IPS bid #180-01040815) and Swivl Robotic Cameraman (IPS bid #180-02040815). Invitations to Bid are posted at www.ips.state.nc.us/ips or may be obtained by contacting Wendy Rountree, Edgecombe County Public Schools at 252-641-2607 or wrountree@ecps.us. Bids are due by 04/20/15 at 3:00 p.m. This project will be financed with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act/Race to the Top funds.

April 16, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Pursuant to 55-14-03 of the North Carolina General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned corporation has executed Articles of Dissolution by affirmative vote of the stockholders and such Articles of Dissolution were filed with the Secretary of State of North Carolina. Claims against the corporation will be barred unless proceedings to enforce such claims are brought within five years of publication of this notice. Claims may be presented to the corporation at the following address:
Branch Ice, Inc.
114 Old Camp Road
Wilmington, NC 28409
ATTN: William J. Branch
Any claims presented for payment shall include the name and address of the claimant (or agent) and a statement of the nature and amount of the claim.

BRANCH ICE, INC.
By: James M. Branch, President

April 16, 2015

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
SOLICITATION NO.:
CFP13.04
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
REPLACEMENT OF 122
GROUND SOURCE HEAT
PUMPS
AT HILLCREST
DEVELOPMENT**

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina until date and time noted on our website; please visit our website at www.wha.net, Business Opportunities, Invitation for Bids for detailed information and specs or contact the Procurement Manager at l.corbyons@wha.net.

Pre-Bid Conference and Tour will begin at the Central Office on April 21, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.; bids will be publicly opened and recorded.

Laurette J. Corbyons
Procurement Department

April 16, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
15 CVD 1025**

**LESLIE B. LAFOREST, PLAINTIFF
V.
ANTHONY W. GIBSON, DEFENDANT**

**TO: ANTHONY W. GIBSON,
DEFENDANTS**

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Plaintiff seeks legal and physical custody of the parties two minor children.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than **May 12, 2015**, which is forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, 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 IN THIS MATTER IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13, 2015 AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, Courtroom 300, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

BLOCK, CROUCH, KEETER, BEHM
7 SAYED, L.L.P.
Linda B. Sayed
N.C. State Bar No. 25616
310 North Front Street
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402
Telephone: 910-763-2727
Telecopier: 910-762-6429
Attorneys for Plaintiff

April 2, 9, 16, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 3:00pm in the Lord Spencer Compton Conference Room (1st Floor), City Hall, 102 N. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning
Organization

April 16, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 13 JT 215, 216**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
G.A.E. (DOB: 3/17/2011)
S.I.A. (DOB: 11/1/2009)**

TO: RESPONDENTS: MOHAMED ISMAIL ABDELMEGIED AND ELSAYED ALI ELMELIGY KNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHERS AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHERS OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO ADRIANE ELSHAHAT

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following April 16, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR June 15, 2015, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

Attorney Ashley Michael, has been appointed to represent Mohamed Abdelmegied and she can be reached at 910-815-0085, 701 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or amichael@craigeandfox.com.

Attorney Ryanne Drogos, has been appointed to represent Elsayed Elmeligy and she can be reached at (910) 251-9213, 105 N. Sixth Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or RDrogos@boyettelaw.com.

This the 16th day of April, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New
Hanover Co. Dept.
of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

April 16, 23, 30, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
15-SP-136**

**In the Matter of the
Foreclosure of the Deed of
Trust of MW4, LLC, Grantor,
TO: Joseph C. Hearne II,
Substitute Trustee,**

(i) As recorded in Book 5320, Page 332 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (the "Registry"), as modified in Book 5642, Page 1258 of the Registry.

(i) Substitution of Trustee recorded in Book 5867, Page 1396 of the Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that Deed of Trust Securing Future Advances and from the above-named Grantor to the above-named Trustee dated June 2, 2008, and recorded on June 4, 2008, in Book 5320, Page 332 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds, as assigned by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust dated May 7, 2012, and recorded on May 22, 2012, in Book 5642, Page 1258 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (as amended, the "Deed of Trust"), and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will expose for sale at public auction on the 20th day of April, 2015, at 3:00 P.M. at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC, the real property located in New Hanover County, North Carolina more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (including any improvements thereon) (the "Property"). Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.8, the sale may be made by whole or by tract in the discretion of the Substitute Trustee; further, the Substitute Trustee may offer the Property for sale by each method and sell the Property by the method which produces the highest price. The Substitute Trustee may sell any and all personal property located on the Property in which the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has a security interest in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 25-9-604, 25-9-610 and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items, or together with the real property and improvements as the Substitute Trustee in his sole discretion determines is appropriate.

The sale will be made subject to all prior and superior deeds of trust, liens, unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, assessments, leases, and other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the above described Deed of Trust; provided, however, that the inclusion of this clause in this Notice of Sale shall not be deemed to validate or otherwise give effect to any such matter or other right which, as a matter of law, does not survive the foreclosure.

All items of real and personal property are to be sold "as is." Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health, or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the Property, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions expressly are disclaimed.

The buyer shall be responsible for the payment of any excise or transfer stamps required by law. The record owner of the Property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice of Sale was MW4, LLC.

This sale is conducted pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.30, and this Notice of Sale is intended to comply with the requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 25-9-604 and 25-9-613 providing for disposition of personal property in connection with the foreclosure of real property. The Grantor is entitled to and may request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of an amount not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred and fifty dollars

(\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the Property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, the bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided for in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.30(d) and (e).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

This the 24th day of March, 2015. J.C. Hearne, II
N.C. State Bar No. 17875
J.C. Hearne, II Attorney at Law
265 Racine Drive, Suite 104
Wilmington, NC 28403
Telephone: 910-313-3336
Facsimile: 910-798-9294
Email: jch@jchearnelaw.com
Substitute Trustee

Exhibit A
The following property commonly known as 4022 Market St., Wilmington, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT ONE: BEGINNING at a concrete stone in the northern right of way line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad track known as the Dummy Line or the City Belt Line at a point in said right of way line 1225 feet westwardly from the point of frog (the intersection of the northern rail of the said Dummy Line track with the southwestern rail of the New Bern Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad) and from said beginning runs North 10 deg. 20 min. East 437 feet to a stone in the southwestern right of way line of the New Bern Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; thence Southeastwardly with the said right of way line of the said New Bern Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad 632 feet to its intersection with the northern right of way line of the said Dummy Line Railroad; thence westwardly with the northern right of way line of the said Dummy Line Railroad 752 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

TRACT TWO: BEGINNING at a concrete stone in the northwest corner of the Pearsall & Co.'s tract as recorded in Book 157 at Page 598 in the Office of the New Hanover County Registry, said beginning point being in the southern right of way line of the A.C.L. Railroad, New Bern Branch, (65.0 feet from its centerline) and located South 63 deg. 07 min. East 106.3 feet from the northeastern intersection of the right of way of the loop (25.0 feet from its centerline) with the southern right of way line of the said A.C.L. Railroad New Bern Branch, said Loop connects the said New Bern Branch with the A.C.L. Railroad Dummy Line; running thence from said beginning point and along the southern right of way line of said A.C.L. Railroad, New Bern Branch North 63 deg. 07 min. West 106.3 feet to a point, the aforementioned intersection of said Loop with the New Bern Branch right of way; running thence Southwardly and along the eastern right of way of said Loop and along a curve to the right to a point in the northern right of way line of the A.C.L. Railroad Dummy Line, said point being South 03 deg. 34 min. West 486.0 feet from the preceding point; thence running Eastwardly and along the northern right of way line of said Dummy Line and along a curve to the right to a point, the centerline of a dirt road, said point being North 63 deg. 20 min. East 48.6 feet from the preceding point; running thence along the centerline of said dirt road South 00 deg. 25 min. West 13.6 feet to a concrete stone, the southwest corner of aforementioned Pearsall & Co. Tract, said stone being in the northern right of way of said Dummy Line and 50.0 feet from its centerline; running thence Northwardly and along the western property line of said Pearsall & Co.'s tract North 10 deg. 46 min. East 437.0 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 0.4 acres, more or less.

TRACT THREE: A tract of land 30 feet in width extending 15 feet each side of its centerline which is described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the southern line of the Old Market Street Road, now State Highway No. 30, located 1092.1 feet Eastwardly from the Western line of the Oscar Pearsall Estate land (when said 1092.1 feet is measured along the southern line of said highway, assuming the width to be 60 feet); and runs thence from said Beginning South 11 deg. 23 min. East, 655.4 feet; thence South 04 deg. 57 min. East 182.4 feet; thence South 02 deg. 55 min. West 175 feet; thence South 18 deg. 50 min. West 330 feet to the main entrance of the Fertilizer Factory. Being the same property described in deed from John F. Crossley, acting as Receiver to Pearsall & Company recorded in the New Hanover County Registry in Book 1218 at Page 1454 of the New Hanover County Registry.

April 9, 16, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **James Winslow Harrington, Jr.**, late of 911 North 6th Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **July 16, 2015**, 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 14th day of April, 2015

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator
Estate of James Winslow Harrington, Jr.
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on the 5th day of May, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at 19 South 11th Street, 719 North 5th Avenue and 1003 South 11th Street and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street, 2nd floor during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7873.

Steve L. Harrell
Community Services Director

The City of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs or activities.

All requests for appropriate auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability or need for a non-English-speaking interpreter, must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing or meeting.

April 16, 23, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT
DIVISION
FILE NO. 15 CV 227**

**KATRINA L. PIGFORD
VS.
JAMES D. FLEMING, JR.
TO: JAMES D. FLEMING, JR.**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: KATRINA L. PIGFORD is seeking the court to grant her an Absolute Divorce and equitable distribution from JAMES D. FLEMMING, JR.

Your are required to make defense to such pleadings no later than FORTY(40) days from April 16, 2015 and upon your failure to do so. The party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 9th day of April 2015.

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Confronting an alcoholic friend

Dear Alma,
I have a dear friend who is the sweetest, kindest person you could ever hope to know. She remembers everything you've ever told her, and always follows up to find out how things went. But, she's a drinker. The last time we met for brunch, there was unlimited champagne, and she had seven or eight glasses. When we go out for dinner, she always has multiple glasses of wine. There is no way I can keep up with her, so I just nurse my drink so she doesn't feel like she's drinking alone.

The drinking doesn't change her personality, she basically stays the same, not louder or sadder or sillier. I've never once seen her out of control. What concerns me most is when she drives home after we go out. I usually try to drive, so she can feel comfortable if she wants to drink, but once in a while she insists on driving because she feels like she should share it. Then, I'm petrified for both of us. I know I should be ordering cabs, but I don't want to offend her.

I know she's unhappy in her job and she's living far from her family, although she is so upbeat that you would never know if she had anything on her mind. I have never said anything about her drinking to her, but I'm wondering if maybe I should. If I did, what would I say? Or should I just not bring it up?

I'm so glad you're pondering this. Oh yes, sweetie pie, you've got to bring it up. It's your sister-girlfriend duty to help save her life. I know, I know, confronting a loved one about an addiction is a rough road to travel. Once the words come out, you've gotta dodge speed bumps, gravel pits and potholes the size of a mini-van. Nevertheless, there's no excuse to ever park on the street of silence. She needs you and I commend you for stepping up. Now, let's take a minute to weigh in on the good, the bad and the ugly that stands before you.

The good: she's your dear sister-girlfriend and you love her. It breaks your heart to think she's pained in any way. You want to protect her from any hurt, harm or danger.

The bad: She's a functioning alcoholic. So far, to our knowledge, she has never been confronted about her problem or had to admit to it. She's allowed to continue this charade because she's composed, calm, employed and performs as if she has it all together.

The ugly: She doesn't have it all together. She knows how much she drinks, but she thinks she can handle it because of the enablers she has surrounded herself with. And yep, you're one of 'em.

My Uncle Dan (God rest his soul) was an absolute drunk from 5:00 pm on Friday until 10:00 pm on Sunday. Come Monday morning, he was clean as the Board of Health, and never missed a day of work. Where I'm from it's called "carrying your liquor." For most of us, when we think of an alcoholic, what comes to our mind's eye, is a person who's unkempt, homeless, unemployed with no family to speak of. But that's not the truth of the matter. Everybody knows an Uncle Dan. Bottom line is, if you abuse alcohol every day or just on the weekends, you have a problem and it's up to your family and friends to call you out on it.

Allow me to reiterate for loves sake, yes, have that hard conversation with your friend. I'd suggest you go to alcoholic.org; it explains how to take the first step with love and kindness. It tells you what to say, how to say it, and what to expect after you've said it. All best of blessings to you both, my dear. It may not feel like it right now, but let me be the first to say, you're doing the right thing. I pray your friend will be able to receive it.

Alma
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