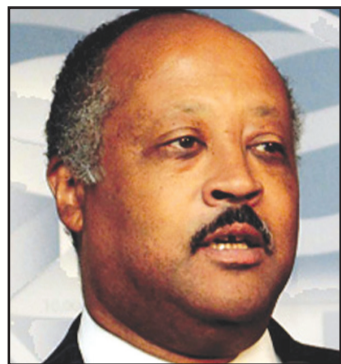


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**Taxpayers are tricked**

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**  
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We have just been fooled again! When does it stop? The school board just cost us \$195,000 by firing Brunswick County Schools Superintendent, Dr.

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**RALEIGH**

**Moore wants racial profiling banned**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

North Carolina Representative Rodney Moore of Mecklenburg County and Wilmington native called a news conference Monday to announce draft legislation that would ban the use of profiling by law enforcement. Rep. Moore cited recent cases of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, which have fueled public protest and debate about interaction between police officers and communities of color as the need for the law. Rep. Moore continued, "My intent in introducing this proposal is to be proactive to have sensible policy alternatives so that we begin to build transparency in the process when these instances of questionable conduct by law enforcement officials come about, as well as starting to

build communication and an environment of trust between law enforcement and communities of color. We must do all we can to bridge the gap that has long existed in our community." As NC African-American ministers, activists, and lawmakers stood by his side at the news conference, Rep. Moore pointed out the proposed bill prohibits the practice of discriminatory profiling by any law enforcement officer or agencies as it relates to a person's race, ethnicity, national origin, or sexual orientation. He also said that this bill would mandate that officers new to the law enforcement profession receive mandatory training and education as it relates to the prohibitive practice of discriminatory profiling, and mandate that each law enforcement official receive this training as a condition

of further retention of their position in law enforcement. This bill would also allow counties and municipalities to establish a Citizens review Board that would have the power to receive and investigate complaints by members of the general public against law enforcement officers for alleged acts of misconduct. The CRB would also have the authority to subpoena witnesses, compel the production of evidence in these cases, and review internal investigation findings of officers who have allegedly committed misconduct. The bill would mandate training for city and county created and sanctioned neighborhood crime watch programs.

Jaymes Powell, representing the African-American Black Caucus,

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**NC REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY MOORE**

**MARCH FOR JUSTICE**

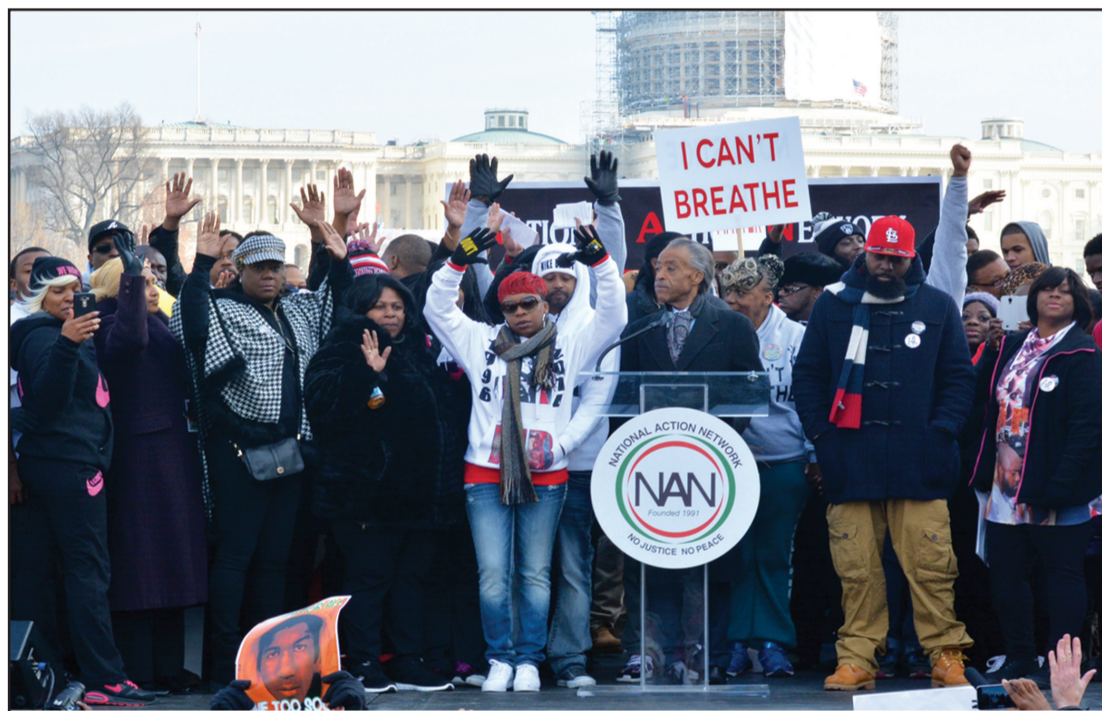


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Thousands of people marched from Freedom Plaza to the United States Capitol on Saturday, December 12, 2014 in the National "Justice For All" March. The event was sponsored by the National Action Network (NAN) to highlight police brutality and criminal justice reform in the United States.

**Americans take to the street to protest police killings**

BY **JAZELLE HUNT**  
NNPA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

**O**n Saturday, thousands of Americans across the country registered their objection to police officers not being held accountable after killing unarmed citizens, many of them Blacks, by mounting massive demonstrations and rallies, the main one held here in the nation's capital.

Organized by major civil rights organizations, the goal of the protest was to demand federal intervention in state prosecutorial systems that have failed to indict anyone in the police killings of victims such as Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, and Pearlie Golden.

"We must have this nation deal with the fact that just like 50 years ago, the states have taken a position to rob the human rights and civil rights of

citizens with states rights-protected laws," said Al Sharpton, the rally's chief organizer.

The demands by Sharpton included: expanding the powers for the Justice Department to investigate state prosecution procedures; national legislation to lower the threshold for grand jury indictments of police officers; and independent special prosecutors to examine potential cases of police brutality or misconduct.

The march drew a multiracial, intergenerational sea of sign-toting citizens from all over the nation.

Wanda Sharif, from Beaumont, Texas, had already been in Washington to help care for her grandchild, but extended her visit to attend the march. The grandmother of seven recalled marching with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 11

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
**RYAN STOKES WAS THE FAMILY GRILLER.**

**A MOTHER'S PLEA: Don't overlook my son's death**

BY **NARENE STOKES-JAMES**  
SPECIAL TO NNPA

KANSAS CITY, MO.(NNPA)

In the midst of the headliners Eric Garner, Michael Brown and now Tamar Rice, the name of Ryan Stokes has not been part of the news or the protests that are taking place around the nation and it hurts me. As a mother, it hurts that no one is marching for my son and no newspapers are writing about him. The Justice Department is not investigating. Attorney General Eric Holder has not visited. President Obama does not know his name. It doesn't hurt because I feel slighted. Rather, it hurts because in the wee hours of Sunday morning, July 28, 2013, a knock on my door ended life as I had known it and it has not been and will never be the same.

My son's name is Ryan Stokes and he was only 24 years old when a Kansas City, Mo. police officer chased him and shot him four times - two times squarely in the back and two times in his side near his back. He was killed in the Power & Light District of the city; an area in downtown Kansas City frequented primarily by White middle- and

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**70 years later, judge rules 14-year-old boy was wrongly executed**

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FROM NEWSWIRE REPORTS

George Junius Stinney, Jr. (October 21, 1929 - June 16, 1944) was, at age 14, the youngest person executed in the United States in the 20th century.

Stinney, an African-American youth from South Carolina, was convicted in a two-hour trial of the first-degree murder

of two pre-teen white girls: 11-year-old Betty June Binnicker, and 8-year-old Mary Emma Thames. However, no physical evidence existed in the case, and the sole evidence against Stinney was the circumstantial fact that the girls had spoken with Stinney and his sister shortly before their murder, and the testimony of three police officers that Stinney had confessed.

He was executed by electric chair.

Since Stinney's conviction and execution, the question of his guilt, the validity of his confession, and the judicial process leading to his execution have been criticized as "suspicious at best and a miscarriage of justice at worst."

On Wednesday, a judge threw out the conviction of George Stinney.



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## BRUNSWICK

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Edward Pruden, who had already turned in his resignation, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Now we find that the Brunswick Board of County Commissioners Monday night voted to pay \$95,000 per acre for thirty-five plus acres of land previously owned by Phil Norris, who recommended the land to them. This is very unethical and close to being illegal. When this same land deal came up a few years ago, with two Black men owning property and giving up their rights to the land. The Brunswick Board of County Commissioners said it was

## PROTEST

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years old, and attending all-White schools until enrolling at Spelman College in Atlanta.

"I've been doing this for three generations. I have to be here to document for my grandchildren, so they know I was here," she says. "It's important that everybody sees - not just America, but the whole world should see that we have not made all the progress and accomplished all that we thought we did. More and more eyes are opening. We're still fighting for the same things we were fighting for in the '60s."

Washington D.C. residents Albert and Andrea Elliott brought their 12-year-old grandson, Jeremiah, to use the march as a teachable moment.

"I brought my grandson to his first march so he understands that what he is doing is right. We're teaching him solidarity...and that he can speak up and be nonviolent without being afraid," she says. "We as a people have to stick together and be more involved.... We have to go to the source, where the laws are made, to put our foot on their necks."

As they planned their attendance, Jeremiah asked about previous civil rights demonstrations, police violence, and tear gas.

"It's not fair to kill Black people because you have the power and authority to do stuff like this that we can't," he says of his personal reasons for attending. "I don't think it's fair to kill Black people for no reason."

University of Maryland students and Divine Nine fraternity members Marcus Davis, Justin Ferguson, and Akiel Pyant carried a "Black Lives Matter" banner.

"I'm here because I'm concerned about the future. If our grandparents went through this, and we're going through this, Lord only knows what my grandchildren will go through," says Davis, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

The light police presence blocked traffic and generally stayed out of the way as the loud but peaceful procession traveled six blocks to the main stage at the foot of the Capitol's front lawn. Both national and international media were present, as well as union organizations, Black Greek letter organizations, civic and grassroots organizations, student groups, and families. Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On" and "What's Happening Brother" met the marchers as they arrived at the main stage, where media trucks, government Suburbans, and a stilted press box overflowing with photographers flanked the crowds.

wrong and would not approve of development of the land for housing. Now it's all right. Why? Is it because Mr. Norris is not Black, or does he have special rights?

I find myself at odds again with District Attorney Jon David over the hanging death of a young Black man who was found hanging from a swing in a trailer park in Bladenboro. This was over two months ago, and he is just calling in the FBI to conduct an investigation of this death. The death itself was very upsetting and cruel, but to say it was self-inflicted, without a proper investigation by the FBI is even more upsetting. Then, when the NAACP and others began to question the

With the Capitol as a backdrop, the main stage featured a lineup of speakers including Representative Al Green (D-Texas), Newark, N.J. Mayor, Ras Baraka, Howard University Student Association President, Leighton Watson, and more. Activist and radio host, Joe "The Black Eagle" Madison served as master of ceremonies.

The lineup also featured the unexpected addition of a young contingent of Ferguson, Mo. protesters. At the gathering point before the march, where a different set of speakers addressed the crowd, about 15 members of the ad-hoc D.C. Ferguson group occupied the stage area, using chants and bullhorns to call attention to the fact that Ferguson protesters had not been invited as partners.

The group has been demonstrating since August, and was responsible for shutting down I-395 in protest last month.

Two DC Ferguson members and one Ferguson native and protester bypassed security and took to the stage. Security attempted to remove them without force. As the NAN speaker at the podium tried to speak over the commotion with calls for "respect for one another" and unity, Erika Totten, one of the D.C. Ferguson members onstage, used a bullhorn to say, "They have been out there for more than 100 days."

After several minutes of heated exchange onstage between the contingent and several National Action Network organizers, the organizers allowed Totten to speak at the podium. She spoke very briefly then passed the microphone to St. Louis native and Ferguson protester, Johnetta Elzie.

"I've been in Ferguson for 127 days. I got shot one time with a rubber bullet standing on my neighborhood street. I've been tear gassed nine times in a neighborhood where I pay taxes, because I decided to exercise my First Amendment rights and go protest for the death of Mike Brown," Elzie said. "This movement was started by the young people. We started this. It should be young people all over this stage."

Afterward, a NAN representative approached the group and spoke to Totten about building an alliance.

At the main stage after the march, Rep. Green, Madison, and Sharpton addressed the discord between youth and grassroots actions, and those organized by civil rights leaders.

"We who are a little older, a little grayer, are proud of the young people speaking out," said Madison, referring to youth protesters as young John

actions of local law enforcement, Mr. David called in the FBI. The evidence at the swing has now been all but destroyed. I don't know what Mr. David's thoughts were, but the killing of anyone without cause or justification is wrong, and, if there is any perception of wrongdoing, there should be a call to the FBI. We love the thought of law enforcement and community's getting along and everyone's getting fair and equal treatment, but it does not always happen.

If we allow God to choose our freedom, we will be free indeed, but if we allow man to choose our freedom, we will live with man's greed! Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.



PHOTO BY JAZELL HUNT/NNPA PHOTO  
THOUSANDS MARCH FOR JUSTICE.

Lewis and Fanie Lou Hamer, two civil rights legends.

Green echoed similar statements, adding that elders were not here to lead, but to "get out of the way."

Sharpton added, "We don't all agree with each other. We don't all have the same tactics. But we all have the same goal, and that is equal protection under the law. This is not a Black march, or a White march...it is an American march for the rights of all American people."

The Washington march was also the only one attended by the families of well-known unarmed Black male victims: Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, John Crawford III, Lavar Jones, Cory Ball Jr., Trayvon Martin, and Amadou Diallo. All of the families were given time to speak.

"We've been here so many times. I know in 2000, when the four White officers were acquitted of killing my son, of all charges, I thought the world was ending," said Kadiatou Diallo. Her unarmed son Amadou Diallo was shot 41 times by four New York Police Department officers in 1999. "...We said stop police brutality then. And today, 16 years later, we're here demanding the same thing."

After the march, traffic slowly reopened and the crowd mingled, making connections, walking back to chartered buses, and taking photos. Waiting for police to allow buses through, Washington resident Hassan Furtick encouraged his son to record the passing demonstrators and thank them.

"I don't like [police shootings]. That could be mine.

There's no justice for us, but if it was one of theirs, there would be justice," he said. He hadn't talked to his son about the shootings, but ideas were already forming.

"People feel unsafe and not comfortable going outside. When there is an emergency you're supposed to call 911. There's no reason for people to have to feel unsafe," says 11-year-old Hassan Furtick Jr. "Black people should not be liv-

ing like this. People say Black people are not going to make it in life, and bad things will always happen to us, but we try to make it work. And we will keep trying."



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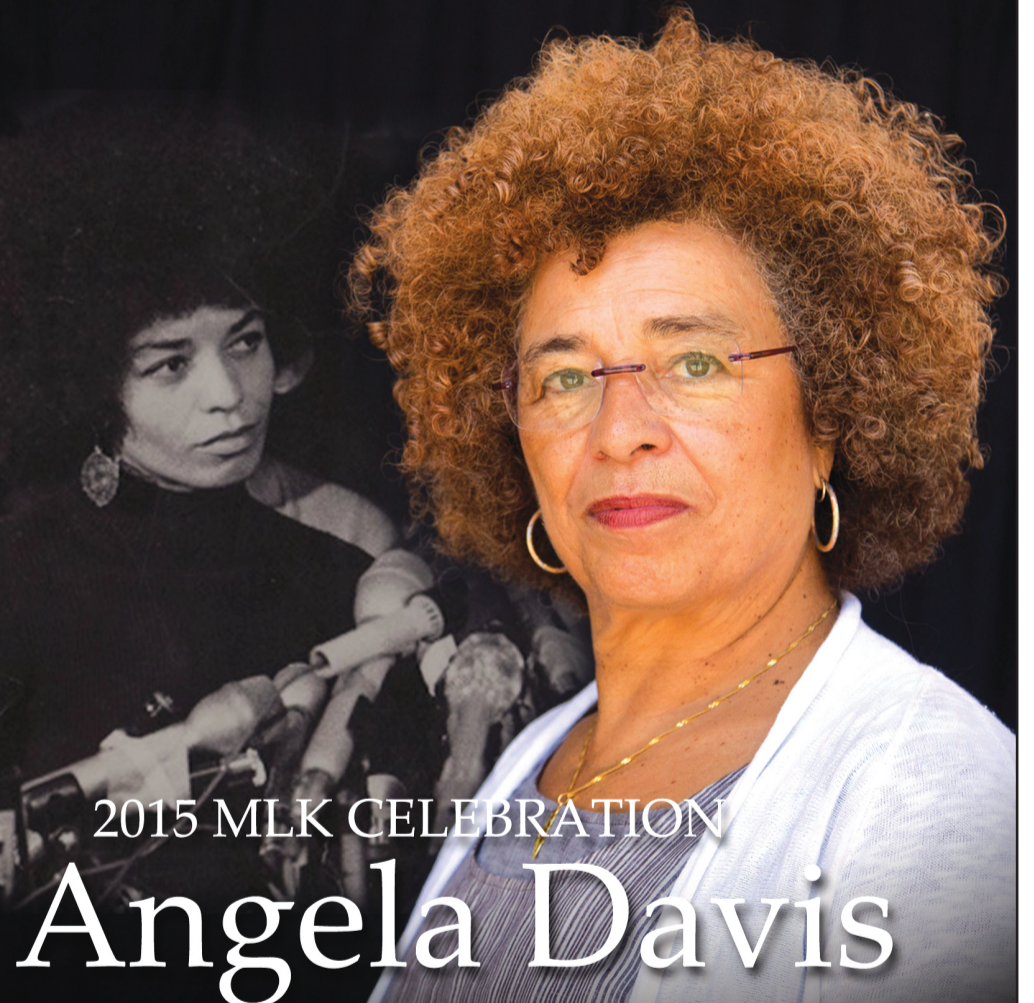
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**LENNON LACY'S GIRLFRIEND GONE INTO HIDING**

Questions continue to be raised by the family of 17-year old Lennon Lacy, who was found hanging from a swing set from a dog leash and a belt in Bladenboro, N.C. Now reportedly his 32-year old girlfriend, Michelle Brimhall, has gone into hiding.

Reports confirm that Brimhall's parents have acknowledged that their daughter has a drug problem. They also indicated that they haven't heard from her in weeks.

Lennon's brother, Pierre Lacy, has told news outlets that Lennon had been called the n-word and threatened by people who knew he was dating

Brimhall who is white. Pierre Lacy went on to say, "she was seeing other people and prostituting herself to pay her bills and to afford her habit."

Many are now beginning to attribute Lacy's death to the relationship he had with Ms. Brimhall. An independent pathologist hired by the Lacy family recently stated, "It is implausible for Lennon to have been able to act alone in hanging himself."

Additionally, the FBI has launched an investigation into Lennon's death at the urging of the Lacy family and the North Carolina NAACP Local law enforcement officials are still investigating Lennon's death even though the coroner has ruled it a suicide.

There is no evidence that law enforcement officials questioned Ms. Brimhall before she reportedly went into hiding.

Lennon's mother said she confronted Brimhall at one

point during her relationship with Lennon regarding the couple's age difference, saying Brimhall should have taken into consideration he was a child.

No questions still linger in the Lennon Lacy case, as the family continues to push for answers.

**REPORT: THE "OTHER" LIST SANTA SHOULD CHECK**

Before filling the stockings of little loved ones this holiday season, gift givers might want to check out a new annual report that lists potential toy dangers to watch out for. Pam Clough, campaign organizer with the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), says they've released their "Trouble in Toyland" report for 29 years now, and as a result, more than 150 toys have either been recalled or taken out of

retail stores. "It is great to see that progress is being made," Clough says. "But it's evident there are still dangerous toys on the shelves. Clough says the toxic chemicals found in toys can have adverse health effects on a child's development, and the list includes lead and chromium, among others. The Toy Industry Association claims PIRG's past unsafe-toy reports were based on improper testing methods that aren't approved by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**LOWER ADMISSION STANDARDS OK'D FOR THREE HISTORICALLY BLACK UNIVERSITIES**

Starting next fall, N.C. Central University, Elizabeth City State University, and Fayetteville State University will be allowed to admit students with SAT scores as low as 750 (the current system

wide minimum is 800). The three historically black universities are part of a pilot program approved at the October UNC Board of Governors meeting. The pilot is based on two contested premises: (1) a high school GPA is a better predictor of collegiate success than an SAT score; and (2) it is necessary to "level the playing field" by making college more accessible to those who don't perform well on standardized tests, especially when those students come from low-income households an poorer school districts.

**NC ABORTION DEBATE LOOMS: PUBLIC ASKED TO COMMENT ON DHHS RULES**

CHAPEL HILL-The future of reproductive health in North Carolina is in the hands of the general public.

This month, the North Carolina Department of Health (DHHS) and Human Services proposed new regulations for abortion clinics and now the public has an opportunity to comment. If 10 or more people object to the rules, the General Assembly will have to make the final determination. Dr. David Grimes, a professor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Carolina, fears a possible abortion debate at the state level could be counterproductive to women's health. "We need to hope that this does not become a political football now in the General Assembly, where politicians with no medical background try to tinker with the very fine product that's been developed," he stresses.

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said "Now in America African-Americans are an endangered species. If something happens to me on the way home, I doubt if anyone would be held accountable."

Rev. Isaiah Green, President of Equal Treatment Now Inc., related his experiences of profiling from both the enforcement position, as well as a private citizen. Relating that when he was a law enforcement officer in Vance Co. in 1985 his white observed a Black man

in a pickup truck and said, "let me stop that nigger." For his part, Green never moved out of the squad car, but stated, "that man really shouldn't have been stopped at all!"

An NC A&T student named Isaiah attending the news conference referred to the bill as a piece of legislation

that "needed to be passed." Isaiah went on to thank Rep. Moore for "doing his job."

Rep. Moore concluded by saying, "My hope is that we discuss and debate this proposal in the public domain, we will have a much needed discussion on the topic of profiling and begin to garner solutions to

this age old problem."

Racial profiling is a violation of the equal protection clause of the Constitution. Officers who are found to be using racial profiling can be subject to federal charges.

Could this proactive effort be the beginning of North Carolina's effort create an envi-

ronment that would legally condemn recent national tragic events which cost the lives of two unarmed African-American men at the hands of law enforcement agencies, and set the tone for the right kind of interaction between police officers and communities of color in this state?

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upper-middle class professionals. It is an open secret that Blacks are not welcomed by the clubs, restaurants, theaters and shops in the district. In fact, there is a pending lawsuit against merchants who have used dress codes and other ruses keep Blacks out.

Many young Black males often will go to the area to walk around on their tax-paid public streets. They usually don't commit any crime or loiter about but they walk around in groups. That's what young people do, whether it's at the mall of a gentrified section of downtown. My son and his friends left our home on Saturday evening, July 27, 2013 to do just that.

Ryan was in a good mood and looking forward to an evening with friends. I never knew, did not ever imagine that night would be the last time that I would see him alive. Had I, I would have blocked the door. I would have tied him up until morning. I would have given him a something to make him sleep all night. I would have done anything to make sure that he never got to the Power & Light District that night.

Ryan was born on Oct. 18, 1988. He was a beautiful child by everyone's account and a very active one. He had long lashes, lots of hair and a smile that made everyone else smile. He loved sports from an early age. Throughout his teen years, and even up until shortly before his death, my Ryan was the regular recipient of trophies, awards and recognitions for his achievements as an athlete. He was also academically accomplished.

He was a standout as our official griller at family gatherings. In some of the last photos we have of him, Ryan is smiling as he grilled for the family. He was a big guy in an apron with an even bigger smile and shining eyes as he looked at the meat on the grill. Ryan loved to eat and we loved to watch him eat. He enjoyed life and doing the kinds of things a young man enjoys: family, friends, sports, food, grilling, reading. Looking at those photos of him at the grill just weeks before he was killed now bring me as much joy as they

do pain. He will always be 24.

Ryan worked in his dad's dry cleaners and had no criminal record. He was a "little" brother to two sisters who loved him. He was an uncle to their children. He was a father to a toddler, a little girl whom he loved and who loved him. He was a real father, not just someone who impregnated his child's mother and moved on. His daughter will never know her father but through our eyes and the photos in which he lovingly held her minutes after her birth and while she was a pre-toddler. She can only know him through the eyes and experiences of others and through what she is told or what she reads.

And if she reads news account of her father's death after she gets older, she will not see any accurate depiction of him.

According to police, Ryan had a gun. Police claimed that while Ryan was running from them, he threw the gun away. Early reports also said he turned and pointed a weapon at police officers. The police and media painted a picture of an all too familiar portrait of young Black males: a violent young man who died while trying to shoot police officers.

My law firm obtained the autopsy, which revealed that Ryan was shot in the back and in his side near his back. It also showed that he had no drugs or alcohol in his system.

KMBC-TV ran a story that showed a video taken minutes before Ryan was killed and pointed out that the last images of him showed his true character. He was breaking up that disturbance and trying to bring peace among those involved in the fight. Shortly afterward, he was seen on the video running when police arrived as so many young people do, particularly, Black males, even when they haven't done anything wrong. Ryan certainly had not.

I arrived at the scene where his friend told me he had been shot in the wee hours of the morning. The police would not tell me anything, spoke to me rudely when I inquired about my child and told me go sit on a bus stop to wait for someone to speak with me.

I could see someone lying on the ground in a roped off area in the distance. I said, "I

think that's my baby." The police would not confirm or deny it was him but as a mother, I knew that my child. I was numb. I was sick to my stomach. I could hardly stand.

My oldest daughter and I sat on the bus stop like we had been instructed. I sat there for what seemed like a long time. Finally, an officer came over and curtly demanded to know who told me to come there and why. He never told me if it was my son on that ground. I left and went to Truman Medical Center, where I have worked for many years. My co-workers checked but said he was not there.

After I returned home, our extended family and friends came over. We stayed there all day with no official information from the police. That was the worst day of my life. Every time I tried to stand up, I fell down. Finally, I took a dining room chair and sat out in the front yard near the sidewalk. I don't know why. I sat there in the hot sun for a long time just staring up the street. Maybe I was waiting for him. Maybe I was hoping to see him. Maybe I couldn't stand being inside anymore...I don't know why I went out there to sit but I felt had to sit out there.

At about 5:00 that afternoon, the police called and told me and my husband (Ryan's stepfather) to come down to the police headquarters because they wanted to talk to me. I told them to come to my house, if they wanted to talk to me and they did. They told me my only son was dead and that he had refused to drop a weapon and had to be killed. However, no gun was ever recovered from the scene. I knew, we all knew, it was not true.

To discover the truth, my lawyer filed a suit last August against the Kansas City Police Department for the death of my son. Ryan's daughter must not grow up thinking that her loving father was violent criminal. I must and I will clear my son's name and restore his reputation. The truth will be told and justice must be served - for him, for me, for his daughter, for his father, for his sisters, for his stepfather, for his extended family and friends, and for every other young Black male who has been unjustly killed by police officers. I want my son's voice to

be heard. And it is and will be heard through me. I speak for my son and so will the evidence.

There have been no demonstrations, marches, protests, or riots for Ryan Stokes. There has not been much media coverage, save for the first few days. No parent should experience what I am experiencing now. And no young man should have his life cut short by officers who feel that they can take a life and not be held accountable for their actions.

Until Ryan's good name is restored, I continue to suffer in pain.



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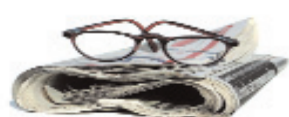
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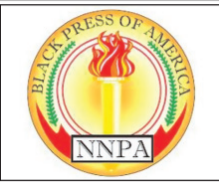
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## Our Voice

GUEST EDITORIAL

### Demanding our role in the tourism industry

Tourism is a very important part to any nation's economy. A nation that does not have a tourism structure is one that is destined to extreme poverty. Cities within the United States realize this and every one of them has a Convention and Tourism Bureau. Likewise they have a Chamber of Commerce that works hand in hand with the other to promote their urban area and bring in that precious outside money. They are basically funded, in terms of tourism, by two sources. One source is the Tourism Tax which is applied to hotel rooms and restaurant sales. This tax revenue is handed over to the tourism bureaus to provide them resources to promote and advertise the advantages of spending your vacation, family reunion, conference, etc. at their venue. If the tourism promoters were not to receive this revenue their mission would become a failure. If that happens the venue would start to have a downward trend in tourist revenue and a financial crisis would commence.

There is another source of revenue to inject into the tourism marketing effort. That is from US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD sends billions of dollars each year to cities, counties and states. Any city over 30 thousand in population receives this money directly. All others receive them from the applicable county or state. These funds are called Community Development Block Grants. They are to be used at the discretion of the mayor, governor, county executive, etc. A sizeable portion is used in the same manner as the funds derived from the tourism tax structure. Are Black communities and entities getting their fair share of this funding? Absolutely not and most don't understand the process and, thus, are ineffective in going after the CDBG and Tourism Tax revenue. The ignorance is to our detriment. Predominantly Black cities and communities continually wonder how majority populated continue to grow as they continue to shrink.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce is quite active in educating communities through our chapters about the immense marketing funding that is slipping right through their hands. One of our chapters, Hobbs, New Mexico, decided to get aggressive about the tourism tax. The president did her researched and formally applied for funding. The whole state went into shock. But in the end the Governor and holders of the funding agreed to her demands. Many people couldn't figure it out but it is so simple - put money in; receive the funds going out. Blacks spend a large portion of funds devoted to vacations, entertainment, etc. We should at least receive an equivalent share of the returning dollars that are devoted to promoting tourism activity. Who is to police this? The local Black chamber of commerce would be a good place. For those cities without a Black chamber of commerce, you may be lost. However, just because you have a Black chamber of commerce does not mean it is effective in securing the Black business community's share.

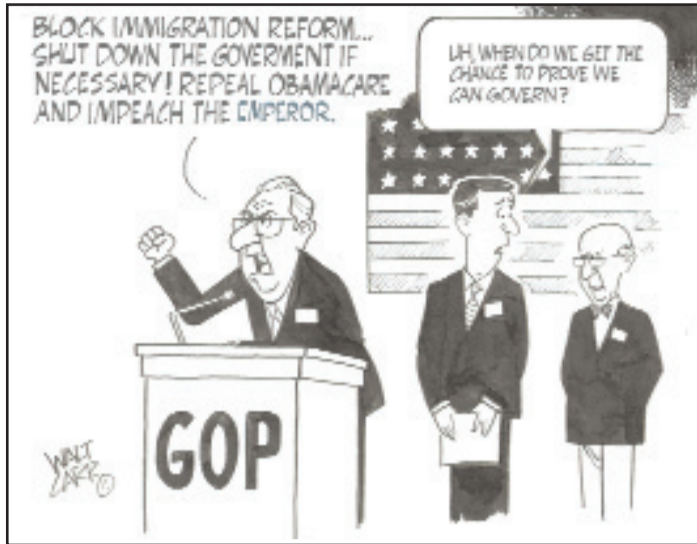
Another chapter of ours has been started by way of frustration. That is the community of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Blacks living in this regional area see hundreds of thousands of visitors coming to their community enjoying the numerous hotels and resorts along the Atlantic shore. The restaurants are even more numerous and the theme parks would remind you of a miniature Disneyland. Sporting events such as cross country running, speed cars, tennis, etc. bring in a lot of money also. There is one particular event that has become the center of controversy in Myrtle Beach. That is the Annual Bikers Week during the last week of May. The bikers are a Black association and they come and drop a serious amount of cash on these White owned establishments. There is talk going around about trying to stop this group from coming in. It is all about race. Myrtle Beach now has a "champion" stepping forward under the theme of diversity. He sees the only way to shrink the poverty in certain neighborhoods is through Black business ownership that could provide jobs to the local Black residents. "Where are our Black owned establishments", this discerning White individual is asking.

Finally, he asked the question too much and ended the statement saying "I am going to bring a Black Chamber of Commerce to help the Black portion of Myrtle Beach". He realized that the Myrtle Beach Chamber (White) is receiving about \$25 million per year for marketing the tourist attractions. What the forward thinking people are thinking is that we need to improve our Black business community and attract more Black tourists to spend their money here. The very night after he made that statement his office windows were shot 12 times by a pistol, spray painted with graffiti and his tires slashed. He then called our office and convinced us to come there and start a chapter. We have agreed and the intrigue is about to start. Financial equality is coming to Myrtle Beach.

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## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion Breathing life into a movement

"I can't breathe," gasped Eric Garner, again and again. "I can't breathe," he said, as several police officers were on top of him, choking him, pushing his head onto the concrete sidewalk. The man was not resisting arrest; he simply had the temerity to ask a police officer not to touch him. And because he was allegedly selling loose cigarettes, the life was choked out of him.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

No one tried to help him or stop the vicious assault, which was ruled a homicide by the coroner. Emergency medical respondents offered no assistance. Eric Garner's last words, "I can't breathe, I can't breathe, I can't breathe" ought to motivate all Americans, not just African Americans, but Americans of conscience to breathe life and energy into a movement for justice.

Breathing ought to be a simple thing. Air in, air out. It's not so simple when one's neck is being choked. Not so simple when one's spirit is being choked. The image of Eric

Garner's neck in a chokehold, the image of at least four White police officers on top of him, is galling. All the more galling is the invisible choking of spirit that comes when people cannot breathe, cannot speak, and cannot respond to injustice.

To put this in a historical context, how many were as free to speak as Ida B. Wells was when she fought against lynching. Even in her freedom, Wells was threatened and run out of Tennessee. But others feared to speak about lynching for fear of being lynched themselves. Can't breathe. Think of the many African Americans who have served in our armed forces, treated unfairly, serving nonetheless, often silent.

How can any of us breathe in an atmosphere of compounded injustice? How can we breathe in an atmosphere of hypocrisy, when justice has never been blind? We live in a nation where a 12-year-old boy, Tamir Rice, is shot because he has a toy pellet gun that wasn't even pointed at police. Hard to breathe when video makes it absolutely clear that it was not necessary for Daniel Panaleo to place Eric Garner in a chokehold. Hard to breathe when a grand jury comes to an incomprehensible decision, one that defies common sense and what we saw with our eyes.

Difficult to breathe when an

elected official, Congressman Peter King (R-NY), chooses to blame Eric Garner's health for his death. "If he had not had asthma, and a heart condition, and was so obese, almost definitely he would not have died from this," King told CNN's Wolf Blitzer. King failed to note that use of the chokehold was banned by New York Police Department in 1993. Instead, there is no shame, no condolence in his insensitivity and ignorance. Can't breathe.

Whether he is svelte or obese, carrying a briefcase or a bag of skittles, wearing a Hermes suit or a hoodie, behaving respectfully or rudely, a Black man's safety cannot be guaranteed, especially when a White police officer is involved. The mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and wives of these men hold their breath, cannot breathe, except to pray for the safety of their loved ones. Would the system be fairer if a White man walking down Park Avenue had the same fears? Would the protests look different if those who were massacred looked different?

Can't breathe has become a metaphor for the African American condition, juggling the space between hopes and despair, between progress and regress. Who would have thought police violence against African American

men would so visibly escalate at a time when our nation's leader is an African American man. Can President Obama breathe, or is he in a figurative chokehold when he parses words about the murders of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, and little Tamir Rice? Our president faced protest when he criticized James Crowley, the White police officer who arrested Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. in his own house in 2009. Now, Obama offers measured words in response to the outrageousness of grand jury failure to indict.

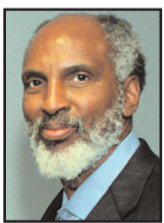
Attorney General Eric Holder has been less measured in his comments. The day after the Staten Island grand jury exonerated Daniel Panaleo for his murder of Eric Garner, Holder announced Department of Justice's findings of excessive force by the Cleveland Police Department. Perhaps the Cleveland consent decree will be a first step toward cleaning up excessive police action around the country.

Eric Garner did not have to die. He did not have to stop breathing. Did his last breath bring life to a movement, or did he gasp that last breath in vain?

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## Let's have a real conversation about race

Thousands recently took to the streets in protest and outrage following a Ferguson grand jury's decision not to indict a White police officer for fatally shooting an unarmed Black teenager, we are faced with the reality that a New York grand jury - tasked with determining whether to hold a White police officer accountable for placing an illegal chokehold on an unarmed Black man - reached the same decision: no indictment.



John A. Powell

We are faced with the reality of a recent study of federally collected data that found that our young Black males are at 21 times greater risk of being shot dead by police than their White counterparts.

We are faced with our system's criminalization of poverty, anemic political participation, geographically segregated neighborhoods, unprecedented levels of economic and wealth inequality, and a heavily militarized police force entrusted with public safety over communities who are met with not only brutality, but with a justice system that is indifferent, neglectful and even hostile in bringing justice for abuses suffered.

While these realities have forced much of this country into a conversation about race, is the conversation sufficient?

If we having a real conversation then we must have one that examines the deep racial anxiety in this country; an anxiety not only stoked by strate-

gic political manipulation, but by fear of rapidly changing demographics, and a rapidly changing world.

It's important to note that this fear is highly racial in nature. Numerous studies have shown how racial bias - both implicit and explicit - can have deep and lasting effects on Black individuals, especially within the spheres of law enforcement and criminal justice. One study by my friend Jennifer Eberhardt, who was just awarded a MacArthur 'genius' grant to continue her groundbreaking work, found that Black defendants who have what are considered stereotypically "Black features" serve up to eight months longer and receive more death sentences than their White counterparts.

As a recent book by Doug McAdam and Karina Kloos cohesively examines, our "deeply divided" country is facing political and economic divisions that threaten to reverse any advancements made during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

More than 50 years after the Kerner Commission issued its report, a serious, bi-partisan effort that examined the underlying issues that gave birth to the movement and unrest of that era, we are still living in a deeply unequal society. No leader today has suggested anything as comprehensive as the Kerner Commission and in today's polarized political environment, it is extremely unlikely that there will be a politically-led constructive look at the current state of our society.

Brown and Garner are but two names in a long list of Black men and women who have perished at the hands of

police. These are not personal issues or isolated incidents: they are tragic reflections of a deeply broken system.

And this long list of people not just failed by individual police officers, their situations are emblematic of a systemic failure at all levels. But, as some have suggested, is the system actually broken? Or, is it working just as it is designed? Whether intentional or not, as currently structured our systems are dehumanizing and containing the racial "other."

We must demand that communities have a voice in their own safety and protection. All communities care about safety, including Black and Brown ones. But we must structure a society where their protection is the priority of local police departments. This is not a radical idea, but part of the bedrock of a truly democratic system. Communities should have agency in terms of reviewing and evaluating the systems that are put in place to protect them. Police should be part of this conversation, too, but they should not dominate the conversation.

While I am supportive of President Obama's plan to authorize millions for communities to purchase body cameras for police, it's important to remember that this is only an intervention. After all, Eric Garner's death was videotaped. So was the brutal beating of Rodney King. The public witness of brutality on Black and Brown bodies has a long history in this country. And yet, even with visible proof, too many in our society are hesitant to see people of color as deserving of full human concern. And it is also not enough to follow the law if

the laws do not respect all lives. In fact, laws like Stand Your Ground and Stop and Frisk are deeply problematic.

Although victim-blaming has a storied tradition, parsing apart the differences between the cases of Eric Garner and Michael Brown and trying to determine which victim is more "deserving" of our collective outcry is a distraction from the real questions we should be asking ourselves.

We need to go deeper. I believe we are in the midst of a major transformation, with much of it centered on who we are individually and who we are collectively. Nothing has shaped the convulsive developments of the past six years so much as America's ongoing struggle with race and the by now familiar tug-of-war between movements, parties, and governmental institutions.

It is important to understand that the continued debasement and dehumanization of all those who are "Othered" is not just to the detriment of individual communities - it is unhealthy for the health and well-being of our entire society at large. What we are witnessing today calls for more than a conversation. It demands a deep transformational movement. Change will happen. We can build and support this movement in one direction over another. Let's move beyond a conversation into real action.

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## CURRY'S COMMENTS

## Our 10-point plan for police accountability

"...a country's conscience sometimes has to be triggered by some inconvenience, because I think a lot of people who saw the Eric Garner video are troubled, even if they haven't had that same experience themselves, even if they're not African American or Latino."

- President Barack Obama in an interview with BET Networks

The phenomenon we have seen in America since the announcement of the non-indictments of officers in the killings of Michael Brown and Eric Garner is new to a generation, but not to the nation. Young people have always helped to fuel historic social change. We must not forget - 50 years ago, it was young people on that bridge in Selma, Ala. young people sitting-in in Greensboro, N.C.; young people riding Freedom buses all over this nation, challenging conventional laws and the status quo; and young people like Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney losing their lives in Philadelphia,

Mississippi. A multicultural band of young people, united with historic civil rights organizations, legislators, clergy, and everyday Americans who decided that it was time for our country to do better and be better, have been the impetus for so many of the changes we've witnessed as a nation through the decades.

Millions of Americans have now taken to the streets and to social media not because the problems that have caused the outrage just began yesterday, but because sometimes difficult circumstances present a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring about historic change. Now is that time. Now is our time.

This conversation and the subsequent action that will result from it will continue because we remain committed



Marc Morial

to the idea that these cases - Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, John Crawford, Marlene Pinnock and others - do not end where they are. In addition to the opportunity for the Justice Department to conduct independent investigations, we each have an opportunity to participate in our great democracy by helping to ensure that the America of tomorrow is better than who we are today.

For our part, the National Urban League has developed the following 10-Point Justice Plan for Police Reform and Accountability. We believe that these action steps will be a major step forward in helping to repair police-community relations in cities across America, in significantly reducing inappropriate use of excessive force by law enforcement, particularly against unarmed citizens and in holding police accountable for misconduct:

Widespread Use of Body Cameras and Dashboard Cameras  
Broken Windows Reform

and Implementation of 21st Century Community Policing Model

Review and Revision of Police Use of Deadly Force Policies

Comprehensive Retraining of All Police Officers  
Comprehensive Review and Strengthening of Police Hiring Standards

Appointment of Special Prosecutors to Investigate Police Misconduct

Mandatory, Uniform FBI Reporting and Audit of Lethal Force Incidents Involving All Law Enforcement

Creation and Audit of National Database of Citizen Complaints against Police

Revision of National Police Accreditation System for Mandatory Use by Law Enforcement to Be Eligible for Federal Funds

National Comprehensive Anti-Racial Profiling Law

We know the problems before us - now let's work towards solutions.

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

## CURRY'S COMMENTS

## Race in the un-United States of America

The understandable attention being focused on differing attitudes among Whites and Blacks toward law enforcement authorities in the wake of decisions by grand juries in Missouri and New York not to indict White police officers for killing unarmed Blacks ignores a larger and more troubling trend - Blacks and Whites view race and racism from distinctly different perspectives.

Over the past 50 years, Gallup has tracked U.S. attitudes on race. On Dec. 12, it issued a report that found four key areas in which Blacks and Whites hold widely divergent views - attitudes on race relations in general, views of discrimination against Blacks, beliefs about the need for new civil rights laws and more intervention by the federal government, and views of the police and the criminal justice system.

Let's look at each issue separately.

Race Relations

Gallup researchers found:

"Since the late 1990s, blacks' optimism that there will be a solution to the country's racial problems has consistently trailed whites' by about 12 percentage points," Gallup reported. "Most recently, in June 2013, Gallup found 58% of whites versus 48% of blacks believing a solution to black-white relations would eventually be worked out. By contrast, in December 1963 - at the end of what some describe as 'the defining year of the civil rights movement' - a U.S. poll conducted by NORC found 70% of blacks in the U.S. believing a solution would eventually be worked out, while barely half of whites - 53% - agreed. When Gallup repeated this question in the early 1990s, blacks' outlook had dimmed to match whites', with 44% of both groups feeling optimistic. Now, the gap has expanded, primarily because whites have become more positive."

Discrimination against Blacks

More than a third of Blacks - 37 percent - believe that racial discrimination is the major reason African Americans live in worse housing, have a higher unemployment rate and have less income than Whites. Only 15 percent of Whites share that view.

Moreover, approximately three-fourths of Whites (74 percent) believe Blacks have the same opportunities as Whites in the U.S., compared to only 56 percent of Blacks.

Among Whites, 74 percent believe Blacks have the same opportunities as Whites in jobs, 80 percent say that is the case in education and 85 percent believe Blacks have the same opportunities in housing. Only 40 percent of Blacks say African Americans have the same opportunities as Whites in jobs, 55 percent in education and 56 percent in housing.

Civil Rights and Government Help

Both Blacks and Whites agree that civil rights for African Americans have improved within their lifetimes. Most Whites (54 percent) feel they have "greatly improved" over that period while only 29 percent of Blacks feel that way. Slightly more than half of Blacks - 52 percent - say their civil rights have improved "somewhat," compared to about a third of Whites who share that view.

Given that fundamental difference, it is not surprising that Blacks and Whites look at the role of government differently. Slightly more than half of Blacks (54 percent) say the government should play a major role in improving the social and economic positions of Blacks. Only 22 percent of Whites agree. In fact, about three in 10 Whites argue that the government should play no role at all in that arena.

"...whites are now less likely to favor a major government role in assisting minorities than they were during the previous decade. Blacks, though still supportive of a major government role, are also a bit less likely now than they were in 2004-2005 to think that," according to Gallup.

Police and the Justice System

When Gallup asked last year whether the American justice system was biased against Blacks, 68 percent of Black respondents said yes while only 26 percent of Whites agreed.

But the high-profile police killings of Michael Brown in Ferguson and Eric Gardner in New York may have made matters worse.

A new NBC News/Marist poll showed that 83 percent of Whites have a great deal or at least a fair amount of trust in local police, compared to 50 percent of Blacks. Tellingly, 79 percent of Whites said they were confident police won't use excessive force. Only 43 of Blacks share that confidence.

Respondents were asked: "How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to treat blacks and whites equally?" That's where we saw a huge gap: 52 percent of Whites said a great deal, 26 percent said a fair amount while 19 percent of Blacks said some or very little.

Pictures of White and Black protesters marching together in the aftermath of the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Gardner is encouraging. But when you look at overall views on race, we have a long road ahead of us.

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## CLINGMAN

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attempts at voter suppression in other places. A civil rights organization that commits civil wrongs against its own members, and one that turns a blind eye to hypocrisy in its own ranks, is not one with which I want to be associated, nor should any

conscious and righteous person. Clean it up, NAACP!

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## The White majority's racial world of fantasy

Now, in the season that's supposed to exalt goodwill toward all, comes fresh evidence of the important role the White majority's unwillingness to consider Black Americans as their counterparts across the color line plays in maintaining the racial divide.

Note that I said the White majority, not all Whites. Indeed, at each stage of Blacks' difficult journey through and out of the eras of slavery and its first cousin, Jim Crow, the alliance between Blacks and the minority of Whites who've opted to support racial justice has been critical to the progress blacks charted.

The current dense fog of racial controversy enveloping American society shouldn't blind us to the fact that that dynamic still works: For one thing, it's precisely because a sizable minority of White voters joined with the heavy majorities of Black, Hispanic and Asian-American voters that Barack Obama was elected and re-elected to the presidency. (And the protests against the grand jury decisions in the police killings of Michael Brown and Eric Garner continue to include significant numbers of White and other Americans of color.)

But the Obama breakthrough has also led many of the nation's diminishing White majority to cling ever more tightly to both obvious and dis-

guised White-supremacist notions of its racial world of fantasy, to blind themselves to reality.

Of course, the grand jury decisions in the police killings of 18-year-old Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Mo., and 43-year-old Eric Garner, in New York City, have exposed anew the race-driven gap between Blacks and Whites. An early December poll conducted by the Pew Research Center and USAToday found, as it put it, "Sharp racial divisions in reactions to Brown, Garner decisions."

The survey determined that 64 percent of Whites believe the decision not to charge Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson for killing Michael Brown was correct, compared to 23 percent of Whites who said it was wrong. In contrast, 80 percent of Blacks said the grand jury decision not to charge Wilson was wrong; only 10 percent said it was correct.

In the Garner case, the Pew/USAToday document found a lower degree of racial difference, and yet, even that difference has an element worth noting. While 47 percent of Whites and 90 percent of Blacks agreed that the grand

jury decision was wrong (28 percent of Whites and just 2 percent of Blacks thought it was correct), fully 25 percent of Whites declined to express an opinion about the decision (compared to 2 percent of Blacks).

The survey's authors didn't speculate why such a high percentage of Whites would choose the "don't know" category. But here's my take: most of those "White don't knows" didn't want to declare the obvious: that the grand jury should have indicted a White cop for killing a black man.

Yes, I'm suggesting that the lure of White racial solidarity not only played a significant role in producing the high percentage of "White don't knows" on that one question in that one poll but also plays a significant role in both the general operation of the criminal justice system and street-level policing, and in the wide gaps between black and white attitudes on those issues.

The current "testimony" on Twitter of Whites, via #crimingwhilewhite, who say they were not arrested or treated leniently under arrest after committing misdemeanors or even minor nonviolent crimes should be read as a companion to the numerous scholarly studies showing that alleged Black and Hispanic wrongdoers are often treated more harshly than White ones by police, prosecutors, juries and judges.

A Dec. 9 New York Times column on the Dec. 5 arrest of two graduates students from the Union Theological Seminary during the protests in New York over the Garner grand jury decision brings that "racial divide" down to street level. The two students, Shawn Torres, who is Black, and Benjamin Perry, who is White, had planned to get arrested as part of a group blockading part of one of the city's major highways. They were.

But, as they told the *Times* columnist, Jim Dwyer, while Torres was being handcuffed with the police plastic ties, an officer grabbed Perry, "threw me face first to the ground. He put his head next to my ear and whispered, 'Just get out of here.'"

Thus began the bizarre effort of Benjamin Perry to get treated by the police at street level and at the precinct as equally negatively as his Black friend and colleague.

Dwyer, the *Times* columnist, concludes his article by posing the question, "Was it possible that the differences in their treatment stemmed not from their races but from the disposition of the officers who arrested them? He lets Shawn Torres have the last word: "No. Black and White bodies are not treated equally."

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## BLACKONOMICS

## Cincinnati N.A.A.C.P. -- Negroes are acting like crazy people

Tennessee Williams said, "The only thing worse than a liar is a liar that is also a hypocrite." I could not agree more, especially as it relates to what is currently underway in my hometown under the auspices of the NAACP. Collusion, dishonesty, inequity, intimidation and, yes, hypocrisy, abound within the ranks of this venerable organization.

In my hometown, the letters NAACP could very well stand for: Negroes Are Acting like Crazy People.

That hasn't always been the case.

Over the past eight years, the Cincinnati branch of the NAACP rose from near obscurity to become Ohio's largest branch, winning the national NAACP convention in 2008 from work done by then-president Edith Thrower, and continued by her successor, Christopher Smitherman. Now, under current President Ishton Morton, the national convention selection committee has again chosen to come to Cincinnati in 2016.

The Cincinnati branch has won numerous national awards, established and funded six scholarship endowments, adopted two schools to provide mentors and tutors, done work that resulted in tens of millions of dollars for Black contractors and work-

ers, successfully obtained the early release of two prisoners and kept another one from being executed. The branch has opened doors to

political empowerment by drafting initiatives, collecting tens of thousands of signatures, and placing our initiatives on the ballot for a public vote. We won on three of the initiatives, which prevented red light cameras from being installed in our city, our water system from being privatized, and preventing the building of a \$200 million jail.

Despite all of that good work, and much more, our branch is once again fighting against national representative, Gill Ford in his effort to determine the outcome of our local election. He tried it in 2012, and he and his local cronies are at it again; but this time he is using even dirtier tactics. The same candidates who lost by an overwhelming margin in 2012 are back again, with the help of Ford, to take over the branch for their own personal benefit via their union ties.

The proof of his actions is well documented, and I

would be glad to send it to anyone who is interested, in light of the fact that I have spoken to folks in other branches who have had the "Gill Ford experience." I do not understand why the national office of the NAACP allows this man to do whatever he wants, but I do know that we will not be silent about his shenanigans.

The irony and hypocrisy of this sham being perpetrated on the good members of our branch is that it comes in the shadow of the national office's position on voting rights and its recent stance against voter suppression. Gill Ford, in his effort to get his cronies elected, is issuing edicts that essentially result in voter suppression and trampling on voters' rights. Instead of supporting our members' voting rights he is committing "voting wrongs" against the very folks who help pay his salary. To make matters even worse, his behavior is the antithesis of what the NAACP purports to fight for. Elections must be fair, not just nationally but locally, where it counts even more. In our case the NAACP, thus far, has not chosen to support the very tenets it espouses. That is hypocrisy, folks.

Gill Ford is disallowing what the NAACP calls "watchers" and "challengers" to monitor our election, a

capacity I served in during the 2012 election, and positions that have always been chosen by both candidates. He wrote, "The National Office will be working with the Election Supervisory Committee," which is stacked with his takeover crowd, one of whom is currently under investigation by the Ohio Elections Commission.

Ford has arbitrarily changed the venue, the date for the election, the day of the week, and the timeframe for voting, from 12 hours to five, initially, and now to eight hours. That is hardly enough time for some 2,000 members to cast votes. Voter suppression? This was done at the request of the son of the candidate for president, who was also "selected" to head the Election Supervisory Committee. Do we have a conflict of interest here? You be the judge.

The NAACP Board of Directors must put an end to Gill Ford's dictatorial and dishonest tactics, which are in total contradiction to what the organization presents itself to be on the national stage. The NAACP needs to make certain its own house is swept clean before it points out inconsistencies and

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# Don't let tempting predatory loans spoil holidays

BY CHARLENE CROWELL  
NNPA COLUMNIST

(NNPA)- From Christmas carols to decorations that celebrate the season, the holidays mark the time of year when families and loved ones anticipate joyous celebrations and gift-giving. It's a season when excesses can easily go beyond over-eating to over-spending, bringing debts that can last well into the New Year.

The holidays are also a time when predatory lenders actively use tempting advertisements of extra cash to seek potential victims. If your holi-

day list calls for more money than available, don't make the mistake of falling into the trap that may take most of next year to escape.

Car title lenders can put not only your household budget at risk, but your car as well. With promises such as a 50 percent interest off of the first month, or \$25 cash payment for referring new customers, these financial predators will take a title to a borrower's vehicle in exchange for several hundred or even a few thousand dollars.

Like payday loans, these enticements are designed to trap consumers into predatory loans that are certified debt traps that few consumers can fully repay in just a single payment. The typical car title loan carries a 300 percent annual percentage rate. While borrowers are only loaned a

fraction of their vehicle's value, if vehicles are repossessed, car-title lenders have the right to sell the vehicle at fair market prices, pocketing the profit from its sale - despite borrowers still being stuck with paying debt.

According to research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), each year one particular predatory loan product drains \$4.3 billion in fees on loans valued at \$1.9 billion. Nationwide, car title lenders operate in 21 states through more than 8,100 retail outlets. States with annual loan volumes surpassing \$100 million per year include: Alabama, Arizona, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The road of predatory car title loans leads most often to one of two dead-ends: refinancing the loans in exchange for paying another hefty fee or

losing the car to repossession. The typical car title borrower refinances their original loan eight times. As a result, CRL research finds that the typical borrower pays twice as much in interest and fees (\$2,349) as the amount of credit extended (\$1,042).

Nor will repossession be the end of fated consumers' financial obligations. The loan payments and all applicable fees must still be repaid despite the loss of the vehicle. Adding to this misery, repossessions usually lead to a new series of increasingly difficult lifestyle adjustments: reliably arriving at work on time, managing personal business or even accessing medical care.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) found that the typical car-title borrower earns \$25,000 or less and often comes from

unbanked household, those lacking a relationship with mainstream financial institutions. For communities of color, one in five Black and Latino households is unbanked.

Military members are similarly targeted by these financial predators. Earlier this year, both the U.S. Department of Defense and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau publicly addressed how consumer loan terms circumvented the Military Lending Act (MLA) intended to remove financial stress from active duty members. Since MLA's enactment, some lenders have extended loan terms to more than the 180-day period cited in the law. Some extensions are as little as one day or 181 days.

When financial challenges already haunt most low-to-

moderate-income consumers, those considering these loans should ask themselves: "Is this the way I want to begin my New Year?"

"Car title loans, like payday loans, are designed to create a long-term cycle of debt," said Diane Standaert, CRL's director of state policy. "Whether big or small, car title loans lead borrowers down a road of financial disaster. State and federal lawmakers have the ability to enforce against the car-title debt trap and should do so."

This year, keep your holiday safe from predatory lending. There's nothing 'merry' about debt traps.

Charlene Crowell is a Communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at [Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org](mailto:Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org).

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## Spelman College suspends Bill Cosby chair in wake of rape allegations

BY TERRY SHROPSHIRE  
OF THE ATLANTA DAILY WORLD

(NNPA)- Iconic HBCU powerhouse Spelman College, which once received a \$20 million gift from comedy legend Bill Cosby, has now suspended the Cosby Chair for the Humanities indefinitely until the score of rape allegations get resolved.

The Cosby Chair is an endowed professorship at the all-female, predominantly-black college in Atlanta, which was subsidized by the Bill and Camille Cosby honorarium to the school in the 1980s.

Spelman had previously refused to comment nor suspend the chair previously, despite the almost daily allegations of sexual assault claims against the venerated comedian and former star behind the record-breaking "Cosby Show." However, the stakes were raised exponentially when former supermodel Beverly Johnson gave a painstakingly detailed account to a major magazine stating that Cosby allegedly drugged her at his home in an effort to rape her.

The accumulation of allegations against Cosby has proven to be too much for the esteemed all-female black college in Atlanta.

"The William and Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Endowed Professorship was established to bring positive attention and accomplished visiting scholars to Spelman College in order to enhance our intellectual, cultural and creative life," a school spokeswoman said, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "The current context prevents us from continuing to meet these objectives fully. Consequently, we will suspend the program until such time that the original goals can again be met."

The deconstruction of Cosby's legend and seemingly infallible image has been spectacular as it has been tragic. Spelman suspension of the Cosby Chair follows his resignation from the board of trustees at Temple University after 32 years and as an honorary co-chair of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst's capital campaign. High Point University in North Carolina removed Cosby from its national board of advisers, and the Berklee School of Music stopped granting a scholarship in his name.

The donation subsidized the Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby, Ed.D. Academic Center, which houses the Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, the college archives and offices.

## Don't let vision get blindsided by diabetes

SPECIAL TO THE NNPA  
FROM THE ST. LOUIS AMERICAN

(NNPA)-While people with diabetes are more likely to develop blinding eye diseases, recent studies have revealed low awareness of the issue among ethnicities at higher risk for diabetes and low uptake of preventive eye exams among affected Medicare beneficiaries.

Although Hispanics and African-Americans are more likely to have diabetes than most other ethnicities, a recent poll commissioned by the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research has revealed that only 27 and 32 percent (respectively) report to know about diabetic eye disease. In addition, the American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends that people with diabetes have a dilated eye exam every year. A study recently published in the journal Ophthalmology found that, among Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma or diabetes - all conditions that require an annual eye exams - three-quarters of those who did not have an exam in five years were those living with diabetes.

"It's alarming that so many people with diabetes or at risk for diabetes may be unaware of the damage their condition can do to their eyes and may not be getting exams to check for it," said Raj K. Maturi, M.D., ophthalmologist and clinical spokesperson for the

American Academy of Ophthalmology. "Outside of maintaining good blood glucose levels, having an annual dilated eye exam is the best first line defense against vision loss from diabetic eye disease."

The term "diabetic eye disease" encompasses a number of diseases and conditions that can cause blindness if left untreated. These include diabetic retinopathy, cataracts, and glaucoma. Diabetic Retinopathy occurs when the small blood vessels in the eye change by swelling, leaking fluid or closing off completely, blocking blood flow from reaching the retina. A cataract occurs when the eye's lens becomes cloudy, causing vision to become blurry, cloudy or dim. While this happens in many people as they age, those with diabetes are more likely to develop cataracts than their peers without diabetes. Glaucoma is a disease that damages the optic nerve and peripheral vision. The damage to the optic nerve is usually caused by elevated pressure in the eye. Glaucoma can be treated with medication such as prescription eye drops or with surgery, but will result in blindness if left untreated.

The Academy recommends that those with type 2 diabetes should get a dilated eye exam at the time of diagnosis and every year following. Those with type 1 diabetes should start receiving annual eye exams five years after their initial diagnosis.

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**New Hanover County**

**CFCC Fitness Walk** to open on Wednesday, December 17th after ribbon cutting at 12:15 p.m. on the corner of Walnut and Front Streets.

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**North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus of New Hanover County** will sponsor a Pre-Kwanza Breakfast on Saturday, December 20th at 9:00 a.m. at 1308 N. 5th St., Robert Taylor Senior Dining room. There will be various speakers. For more information please call 910-274-7067.

**Poetryfest TV** is videotaping segments for their upcoming poetry show, "Upstart Crow" and the 100 top winning poets in their current poetry contest, open to everyone. Grand Prize is \$1,000. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free poetry Contest, 1638 Dogwood, Ackworth Georgia 30102. Or enter online at Poetryfest TV. Deadline is December 20th.

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**HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**Happening sad times and enjoyable times**

**T**hese times will happen in the life of a human being. The beaches are for everybody to enjoy in the summer time and year round. The wind storms, with high winds or violent gusts, can destroy the location of beach homes. The winds can cause sand erosion and destruction of homes and other places. Sand or sandbags must be put into the proper places for protection. It can happen every year, and resources from the State and other resources are needed to complete the job by March 2015. This will cost millions of dollars, money taken out of the schools' budget.

Our children do not have the supplies needed in the classrooms. This can cause

behavior problems. A gifted child should never be overlooked. They may be the future leaders of the United States. The poor child needs a good education just as the middle class child and the wealthy do. We can vote for better leadership in education for all children, and "all children" includes immigrants.

This is considered a most enjoyable time. The U. S. labor market is providing workers with their best chances, since the financial crisis, for better paying jobs and wage increases. Men out of service and African American workers are likely to have the confidence to quit their low income jobs and move to better ones that pay more or more closely match their skills. We senior citizens want to see more of our Black males working. Working will help keep them out of prison. Stop killing our blacks. It's possible you can help them instead of killing them. More job training programs on their

level of achieving are desperately needed. They need help finding decent employment, not killing. Too many are being killed needlessly and senselessly, and too many killers are getting away with it and going free.. What is wrong with our government? Too many are getting away with too many crimes against our people. Instead of getting better, it's getting worse.

We are getting plenty of mail about food for the poor and "Smile Train". People can choose any charity in the state to support. When they choose "Smile Train," they are helping the child with cleft lip or cleft palate. There is much information available about cleft lip and cleft palate. A cleft occurs when certain body parts and structures do not fuse together during fetal development. Clefts can involve the lip and/or the roof of the mouth.

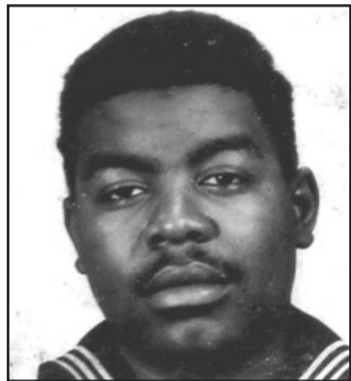
Pictures of children with cleft repair surgeries are per-

formed every day with your help. One of the most productive charities for cleft lip and cleft palate is "Smile Train." You can be a helper, working together with this organization to help turn tears into smiles for children across the country. Think about it.

*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.*

**Verniece Stanley**

**To Welbon L. Cox "Butch",**



**A Loving father, husband, brother and friend  
 December 3, 1946-December 1, 2004**

We would like to tell you how much we love you. We love you with all our hearts and thank you so much for showing us love throughout the years.

We thank God for you and plead the blood of Jesus over your life. We dispatch angels to watch over you as you rest each night. All our problems and worries no longer exist when we place them in God's hands and release them to Him. For there is nothing

He can't handle. As we move into another year, we thank God for blessing us with your life and we ask that He helps us to approach 2015 with untroubled hearts and clear minds. For we know that the light of God will shine and his blessing will flow forevermore. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year in your heavenly home. We will keep you in our prayers as we hope you do the same while you watch over us.

**"What I want most  
 this Christmas"**

What I want most this Christmas, more now than years before, is not material in worth, but means a whole lot more. I don't want fancy jewelry or silky clothes to wear; these things don't really matter, nor show how much we care. It's peace I want this Christmas, and peace, my heart to bear...

A unity from shore to shore, a gift of love to share. Dear Lord, I pray in earnest you'll read my Christmas list... For peace is all I want this year, and peace is what I wish. That when I wake tomorrow, on the day Your Son was born, the world will have a brand-new gift of peace Christmas morning.

We Miss You Deeply,  
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**Ms. Daisey Green celebrates 80th birthday**

BY GERALDINE POLLOCK  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On November 29, 2014 Ms. Daisey Green was given a surprise 80th birthday party. The party, hosted by her family, was held at the Holiday Inn Express Wilmington. She is the daughter of the late Mr. Frank and Mrs. Mamie Green. Family from far and near celebrated with her. Guest included her sister from Atlanta, GA Mrs. Johanna Harris, her brother Mr. Chester Green (Phyllis) and sister-in-law Mrs. Betty Green of Wilmington.

Aunt Daisey, as she is affectionately known by many, was surprised when she walked into the room and saw over 100 family members and friends. Everyone cheered and applauded "surprise, surprise" as she smiled and entered. The birthday party began with her nephew Mr. Frankie Pollock, Sr. as Master of Ceremonies. He introduced Mr. Sheldon Harris, nephew of the honoree, who gave the welcome. Prayer followed by Mrs. Betty Green and the party continued with a solo by Ms. Savannah Miller. A beautiful poem, written and recited by God-Daughter Ms. Kamica

Morris, charmed the honoree. Mr. Terrell Pollock sang a musical selection and the entertainment closed with a family reflection video presented by Mrs. Sharon Lewis.

Dinner was then served and Lt. (R) Nachee Miller blessed the food. During the fellowship, DJ Mr. Frankie Pollock, Jr. played music and entertained the guests. Mr. Stephen Pollock, nephew of the honoree, gave a toast to her wonderful life and continued blessings.

Ms. Daisey Green was escorted for the cutting of the beautiful birthday cake while everyone sang "Happy Birthday." Aunt Daisy was presented with a money tree, a bouquet of daises and numerous birthday cards. A special card was delivered from her nephew Mr. Ernest Pollock, Sr. of New York, read aloud by Mrs. Dolly Pollock. Niece, Mrs. Robin Miller, gave a special tribute honoring Aunt Daisey's twin sister, Mrs. Dorothy Green Wilson. Her brother, Mr. Chester Green, lit a candle in her memory.

The party was enjoyed by all and the family wishes Mrs. Daisey Green many more birthdays to come. God bless you!



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
**MS. DAISEY GREEN SURPRISED FOR HER 80TH**

**Gift from Piedmont Natural Gas supports CFCC Culinary Technology students**

Wilmington, NC - Piedmont Natural Gas recently donated \$500 to start an annual scholarship for students in Cape Fear Community College's Culinary Technology program.

"More and more restaurants use natural gas in their kitchens, and we're happy that CFCC's Culinary Technology program trains students to use natural gas in a safe and efficient manner," said Kevin Anderson, Key Account Services Representative with Piedmont Natural Gas.

Bob Jones, Associate Director of Institutional Advancement at CFCC,

expressed his appreciation for the donation. "Our students will greatly benefit from this scholarship. Piedmont Natural Gas' contribution will help train the very people who will one day use their products. It's a win-win."

"Our company is quite large and continues to expand. There will be a growing need to hire highly-trained individuals into positions from administration and sales to welding and engineering. Investing in CFCC students now will help us to continue to have highly-skilled employees at Piedmont Natural Gas in the future," said Anderson.



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**L-R, PAUL GONKA, KELLIE CONNELEE, KEN ANDERSON, CARL PAQUET, PHILLIP JONES, AND LESLEY NEILL.**

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In addition to presenting CFCC with a donation to begin a scholarship, a group from Piedmont Natural Gas traveled to CFCC's Wilmington campus to enjoy French cuisine prepared by CFCC's Classic Cuisine Culinary students at the college's Our Place restaurant. The team was able to interact with the students in CFCC's unique culinary lab.

"I love to bring people to Our Place," said Jones. "It's a great way to experience firsthand what CFCC students are learning."

The Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation was formed in 2004 to support nonprofit organizations in communities throughout their service territory. Since its beginning, the Foundation has invested more than \$8 million in the communities it serves.

For more information about Cape Fear Community College (CFCC), the CFCC Foundation, or establishing a scholarship as an honor or memorial, please contact the CFCC Foundation at (910) 362-7207 or visit [www.cfcc.edu/foundation](http://www.cfcc.edu/foundation).

## New Hanover County

**Uplifting Faith Ministries, Inc.**, 1020 Princess St., will present "Reviving Your Dreams Conference" beginning on Friday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m. with guest speaker Apostle Sandra Randolph. The theme for this conference is "Wake Up God Did It" - Part II. On Saturday, December 20th at 8:00 a.m. a breakfast will be held.

The guest soloist will be Minister Shirley Logan of New Beginning Church. The guest speaker will be Prophetess Rhonda Watts of Raleigh, NC. The services are free to the public. For more information please contact Dr. Carolyn J. Blue 910-233-5830 or Dr. Sandra Randolph at 910-385-4160.



## Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Food Pantry Ministry, "From His Table to Yours" will be open Saturday, December 20, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Identification and transportation required. No fee is involved. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

## Religious Briefs

## Brunswick County

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP Birthday celebration

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Welcome to our birthday celebration! The meeting was opened by President Eloise Purdie. Prayer and Scripture were done by Minister Doris McQuillan. The scripture was taken from I Corinthians, the 13th Chapter. "Smiles" were done by Dr. Mary Benjamin. Thanks for the

laughter. Humor is good for the soul. Remarks and acknowledgements were brought by President Eloise Purdie. Now it's time to eat! We sung blessings for the food. Birthday people got to eat first. Time came for the presents to be given out. Happy Birthday was wished for all! God is so good. Lord, we praise you all the time. This has been a great birthday celebration and a beautiful fellowship.

We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year.

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1965. James served this country in the United States Air Force for three years. On July 24, 1987, he became the husband of Gwendolyn Knox Spicer, who remained faithful, loyal and dutiful to him until his demise. Living in the Northwest Community was a great asset. James was often referred to as "Johnny Applesed" for his green thumb. Many homes and yards have been beautiful from the trees and shrubs that he planted. Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church became his Auxiliary Christian Church where he faithfully attended and supported. Some of his favorite songs were, "Sending Up My Timber", "Guide Me", "I'm Just Waiting On Jesus" and "Ride Out The Storm".

His loving personality, cheerful smile and humorous words will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Beloved Family: wife, Gwendolyn Knox Spicer of the home; mother of children: Thelma Mae Spicer, Wilmington, NC; daughter, Latonia Spicer, Wilmington, NC; sons, Arron Spicer, Newport, NC and Ammaul Knox (Hope), Rolesville, NC; grandson, Ammaul Spicer; granddaughters, Lateisha Spicer and Jamea Spicer, both of Wilmington, NC; sisters, Martha Evans, Alice Smith and Judy Berry (deceased), all of Wilmington, NC; brothers,

Preston Walker (Barbara), Wilmington, NC and Leon Walker, Boston, MA; aunts, Lizzie Nixon, Minnie Atkinson and Mary London, all of Wilmington, NC; uncle, Jessie Spicer, Wilmington, NC; mother-in-law, Evelyn Ballard, Leland, NC; brothers-in-law, Rev. Dr. Joseph Ballard, Jr. (Dianne), Marvin Ballard (Leland, NC). A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Victoria Copeland

Victoria Copeland died in Philadelphia, PA. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 22, 2014 in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Andrew Anderson

Andrew Anderson died Monday at NHRMC. Visitation is 5:00-6:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19th. Funeral services will be 11 A.M. Saturday, Dec. 20th at Heaven Sent Tabernacle of Prayer-3421 Wrightsville Ave. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Mary Beckton

Mary Beckton died Monday at NHRMC. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## In Loving Memory Of Tracy Lionel Simpson



Sunrise: September 15, 1964 Sunset: December 15, 2002

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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I have found peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void Then fill it with  
remembered joy. A friendship shared,  
a laugh, a kiss; Oh yes, these things  
I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your head and share with me, God wanted me now;  
He set me free.

We miss you,  
Mom, Sudie Powell; loving children, Brittany, Courtney and Sidney Bell; Sisters, Josie, Deborah and Donna; Brother, Gregory, family and friends

## Mount Olive celebrates 142 years

## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

The congregation of Mt. Olive AME Church, located at the corner of 7th & Wright Streets, is celebrating one hundred, forty-two years of history with a year-long series of services and events. The public is invited to join us at all our events as we walk this journey in 2015.

On Thursday, January 1st, the church will sponsor a New Year's Brunch at the church from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to kick-off this very important year in the history of our church. We invite the public to join us the first day of the new year as we re-dedicate our lives to another year of progress and another year of praise. Members of the church have tickets for the brunch. For more information call 910-232-8310.



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MOUNT OLIVE AME CHURCH

## SENIOR MOMENTS

### "When do we give up the keys"

My Fellow Seniors,

I was walking around the block a few days ago and saw one of my neighbors backing out of his yard. He was looking in the rear view mirror, but not turning his head to look left nor right. Then came a car speeding up the street. The driver slammed on his brakes just in time, but he didn't lie down on his horn. He just waited patiently until the other car was out. I wondered if it were dangerous for the old man to be driving, and that's one of the problems we all have to face as we grow older. The big question is

when do we give up the keys? I think I told you about the young man who went to stay with his grandfather to help



Ruth Johnson

when you need someone to be there, you don't get to pick and choose. You have to take

whoever comes.

That's why it's so important for seniors to come together and discuss whatever problems we might have, now or in the future. Maybe we could establish a group home in the neighborhood to serve all of our various churches. It would be like a halfway house, between a private home and a nursing home. It would give us a few more days of freedom, surrounded by family and friends, in the bosom of the church. This would be so much better than going to a place where nobody knows your name.

If you are a young senior with a busy schedule, you are not able to sit home with your elderly parents, but you don't want to put them in a nursing home prematurely. So a group home would be the way to go. You parents would be free and they would be safe.

Perhaps you can persuade your church to establish a group home, as others have done, using some of the equity in private homes. Your parents might not live to see it finished, but you will, and you just might need it.

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

## Birthday celebrations held at St. John Missionary Baptist Church

## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

On Saturday, December 6, 2014 the following birthdays were celebrated.

Hubert Stewart Reaves was born on December 5, 1945 to Lena and Marion Reaves, Sr. He is the youngest of nine siblings. He celebrated his sixty ninth birthday.

He attended BCT School and was a 1964 graduate of Pembroke University with a degree in Biology. Hubert served in the US Marines, Vietnam from 1967-68. He worked at Brunswick County Health Department, as an Environmental Health Specialist for twenty eight years and retired in 2011.

He has been married to Dethwela Daren Reaves for eighteen years.

Margaret Williams Singletary was born in Bolivia, NC on December 7, 1947.

"Lizette" as she is affectionately called graduated from Brunswick County High School. She was



WILLIAM A. BOYNTON

employed with DuPont and retired with twenty eight years of service. She is now employed with Brunswick Transit System.

She joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church, at an early age. She serves as Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Teacher, Choir Member, and on the Mother's Ministry. Lizette loves meeting people. Her fondness is working with the Senior Citizens. She makes sure they attend and enjoy the Annual Senior Citizens



HUBERT S. REAVES

Luncheon.

She married Deacon Earl Singletary in March of 1993. Together they enjoy spending time with each other, family and friends.

William Ashley Boynton was born December 6, 1934 in Winnabow, North Carolina.

He moved to New Jersey in 1952. He was blessed to retire and move back home in 2007.

William loves to dress, everything has to be in place and matching. His hair must be perfect before he leaves



MARGARET W. SINGLETARY

the house.

William loves to sing and is always smiling. He is a member of St. John Usher's Ministry and the Male Chorus. His smile is a welcomed addition to both ministries. He loves to give and receive compliments.

He lives happily with his wife Helen. They have been married for fourteen years. Thank God for blessing William to celebrate his 80th birthday with family and friends.

## TELL SOMEBODY

### "The unseen guest"

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the Day of Redemption." Ephesians 4: 29-31

**Unseen**- Invisible; Not directly evident

**Guest**- The recipient of hospitality at the home or table of another

**Conversation**- Spoken exchange of opinions, thoughts, or feelings

As we prepare our homes for the holidays, let us remember to prepare our heart for the guests who will be arriving and dwelling among us. We are so busy washing, cooking and cleaning that sometimes we forget to mind our manners, monitor our tempers, and bridle our tongues. We want our guests to feel welcome, and because they were invited, we want them to return again next year. We shop until we drop, dust and clean, wash and fold, to insure our guests will feel "welcome". We spruce up our homes inside and out because we enjoy having the company! We want the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart to be acceptable in the sight of the Lord. We want family members, friends, neighbors, and co workers to feel welcome. Therefore, be

aware when entertaining guests in your home, some are seen, and then there is the "Unseen Guest."

I Peter 1:15 says, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversations." You don't want your invited guests to cut their visits short because they were vexed by filthy conversation. (II Peter 2:7)

Hebrews 13:5 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things that you have." You want each of your "guests" to feel received and respected at all times during their visit to your home. You don't want to be so tired, that your temper has a short fuse and no one comes to the dinner table because of your bad disposition. Tempers may flare during the holidays, but let's keep love alive! Family love and Godly love will cover a

multitude of faults. Apostle Paul even exhorted young Timothy to, "be an example of the Believers in word and in conversation."

As we look at the signs of the times, bible students and scholars realize the coming of the Lord is drawing nigh, and now is not the time, to forget that .....especially during the holiday season!

Ephesians 4:29-32, makes a profound statement to assist us in the process of monitoring our mouths and weighing our words. It says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness (strong animosity), and wrath (resentful anger), and anger (feeling of great displeasure and hostility), and clamour (noise insistently), and evil speaking (indicating future misfortune) be put away from you, with all malice (desire to harm others or see others suffer)0:

And be ye kind (friendly,

generous, warmhearted) one to another, tenderhearted (compassionate), forgiving one another (excuse for an offense or fault), even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." The Unseen Guest is the Holy Spirit. We need him to come for more than a visit. We need for HIM to stay!

Tell Somebody!

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



**Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd**

Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd, also known as Mrs. Liz, Liz, or Sugar Momma, departed this life, Monday, December 8, 2014. The funeral service was on Monday, December 15, 2014 at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Elizabeth was born May 1, 1949 in Belle Glade, Florida to the late Alfred and Elaine Eason. She was the fifth of seven children. God blessed her to be the proud mother of eight. In addition to her parents, Elizabeth's husband, Joseph Boyd; her son, Anthony N. Boyd (Big Amp); and sisters Ella Mae Spencer and Norma Jean Easton preceded her in death.

Elizabeth resided in Wilmington, North Carolina her entire life and recently relocated to live with her daughter and her family in Clinton, North Carolina. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Upon completion of high school, she furthered her education at Cape Fear Community College.

Liz accepted Christ as her personal savior and was baptized in her church home, Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Wilmington, North Carolina. Her fulfillment and joy came from serving the Lord and attending church services. Throughout these years she remained faithful to the work of the Lord and she fully committed her life to Christ. Liz served on the Bereavement Committee, Kitchen Committee, and Hospitality Committee. Cooking and baking was one of her favorite passions and everyone loved her cooking. Additionally, she once served on the Adult Choir. Although her health declined and she was unable to attend church as she wanted, she never stopped attending church in her heart.

With pride, she assumed the role of parenting her children; providing them with a stable Christ upbringing. Liz was firm on getting an education and if nothing else, all her children had to complete high school. She taught her children that education was the key to success. Her love for children

prompted her to open a Home Daycare and legally foster other children for twenty years. She planted countless positive seeds of love, adopting the motto, "God will provide."

Surviving to cherish fond memories, her seven children; Joseph T. Boyd (Rachel), Chandler D. Boyd, Antoinette Boyd-Harding (James), Lakendra Boyd, Rishawn Boyd, DeAndre Boyd and her baby Shavonna Boyd, all of Wilmington, NC. Nine grandchildren, her pride and joys: Coldera Boyd, Chanrica Boyd, Darren Wilson, Daryl Wilson, Denisha Wilson, Antoinette Gaines, Tierra Hardy, Michael Chase and McKinley Harding. She leaves behind ten great grandchildren and four sisters, Betty Faulkner; Joann Walters, Agnes Eason from Wilmington, NC, and Sherrill Cook (Ronald) of Philadelphia, PA. Elizabeth leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins. Three godchildren; Michael Jones, James Jones and Jurnee Montgomery. She also has two loving friends for over thirty-five years Sarah Rogers and Brenda Johnson.

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**Mrs. Gertrude Moore**

Mrs. Gertrude Moore departed this life to her eternal home on December 9, 2014 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center. She was born May 25, 1922 to the late Jeff and Arlethia Moore. She was the eldest of three siblings and was preceded in death by a brother, Harris Moore. The graveside service was on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Moore Cemetery in the Wrightsboro community.

Mrs. Gertrude Moore joined St. Phillip AME Zion Church at an early age and remained faithfully until her health declined, and could no longer attend. She loved her church and served faithfully on numerous auxiliaries making sure her church moved in the right direction.

Mrs. Gertrude was married to the late Cornelius Moore and to this union four children were born. James (Flossie) of Burkeville, VA; Alton (Katie) of the city; Helen Pierce of Fayetteville, NC; and Annette Cluff (Alsie) of Houston, TX; also left to mourn her memory are several grand and great grandchildren, a sister, Louise Stevens (Issac) of Tarboro, NC, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Nysheik Simpson**

Nysheik Simpson died Friday at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at Northside Baptist Church, 2501 North College Road. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Nysheik was born on March 12, 1998 with his twin sister, Nataya Simpson at New Hanover Regional Hospital. He was known as Squalla. Nysheik was a junior at E.A. Laney High School. He was a faithful member of Saving Other Souls Outreach Ministry and Peace Baptist Church.

Nysheik leaves to cherish memories: his mother, Jessica Y. Simpson; father, Leroy Dukes; brothers, Kenyon Simpson, Nicolas Simpson, Dazhan Simpson; sisters, Nataya and Nadjah Simpson; nieces, Analeigh Naylor; grandparents, Jessica Charles, Kenneth and Lavern Simpson, Richard Bowman and Marie Wilkins; great-grandparent, Mary Munn Williams; aunts; Shellery White, Afton Purcell, Jacquelin Wilkins, Patricia Wilkins and Quennie Wilkins; uncles, Jermaine Charles, Dametrious White, Kenneth Simpson, Jr., Desmond Simpson, Tony Wilkins, Charles Wilkins, Alfonso Wilkins; special cousins, Joshua Cromartie, Karen Craddock, Damarious Kinlaw; special friend, Deleia Sweet and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John*

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**Hattie Jordan Bryant**

Hattie Jordan Bryant died Saturday, December 6, 2014. Funeral services were held Friday, December 12, 2014 at First Born Holiness Church. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Hattie was born February 25, 1933 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Joseph William and Lula Bell Jordan, who preceded her in death along with two children, Elfreda Joyner and Joseph Bryant. She was united in marriage to James Allen Bryant, Jr. for 64 years and to this union seven children were born. Sister Hattie was one of the founding members of Myrtle Grove First Born Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher, a choir member and a Deaconess. She also served on the Church District as a Youth Director. She found it to be a joy to work with the youth.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Husband, James Allen Bryant, Jr., Wilmington, NC; daughter, Flora Bryant, Wilmington, NC; sons, Lester Bryant (Charise), Wilmington, NC, James A. Bryant, III (Shirleen), Leland, NC, Gerry Bryant (Vineta), Wilmington, NC, Owen Bryant (Shella), Charlotte, NC; sister, Louise Jordan, Wilmington, NC; aunts, Olivia Hardy, Mamie Woods, Carrie Jones; uncle, Arthur Jones; sisters-in-law, Mary Jordan, Kathy Bryant, Jamie Bryant; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Bonnie Faye Pringle**

Bonnie Faye Pringle died Sunday, December 7, 2014. Funeral services were held Friday, December 12, 2014 at Bethel AME Church, Northwest Community. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Bonnie Faye was born July 9, 1949 in Columbus County to the late Fletcher and Mabel Hill. She was educated in the Brunswick County School System and graduated as a proud member of the Class of 1966 from Lincoln High School. Bonnie Faye accepted Christ on October 29, 1960 and was baptized at Bethel AME, Leland, NC and she was active in several church activities. At Bethel, she served faithfully on the Missionary Department, Mass Choir and as a Stewardess. Bonnie Faye demonstrated her love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through her actions and her daily walk. She was a woman of faith and she clearly stated

that she loved the Lord with all her heart, soul and strength. Her life and words were used to point others to our Heavenly Father. In her heart, she knew that leading others to Christ was not a waste of time, it was an Everlasting Investment. Bonnie Faye was employed for a number of years at Singer/Climate Control/Heat Craft, since the 1970's. She had a gift of serving others and she performed this task through various avenues. From being a nursing assistant, to cooking "soul food" at Quickie's Truck Stop, Bonnie Faye seized every opportunity to help her fellowman. For a number of years she provided quality care to the Peterson family by taking care of Mrs. Alma Peterson.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, James Ford, Clyde Hill, Billy Ray Hill, Marvin Hill and Areatha Ford-Adams. Surviving to cherish her memory are: her husband, Linwood Anthony "Tony" Pringle, Sr., of the home; sons, Jerald Hill "Jim" (Deidra) of Wilmington, NC and Artis Hill (Mellotta) of Fayetteville, NC and Michael Jackson, Jr. "Lil Mike" of Fayetteville, NC; grandchildren, Deaira Moses, Ricardo Hill and Artis Hill, Jr.; one great-grandchild, Meleah Moses; brothers, Ernest Ford and Charlie Daniel Hill; sisters, Betty Jo Hines and Barbara Robinson Agubama; best friend, Margaret McBride; her stepchildren, Linwood Pringle, Jr. and Delicia Pringle; sister-in-law, Sharon Butler; brother-in-law, James M. Pringle and Jeffrey Stokes (Catherine); a host of devoted nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and her beloved cat, Shienesty. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Andrew Jackson "Jack" Simmons**

Andrew Jackson "Jack" Simmons died Saturday, December 6, 2014. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the Pollock Cemetery, Scotts Hill Community. Andrew was born on September 26, 1932 to the late Robert Simmons and Thelma H. Nixon. He was a skilled worker and was employed over 50 years at S & G Priestess. He supported various ministries locally. Jack especially supported Old Scotts Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church. He also loved to her the Holy Word from T D Jakes and Jimmy Swaggert. His love for family was very strong. Jack loved fishing, clamming and going to Walmart. He was a person that believed on being on time. Jack was kind, loving and generous. Jack was preceded in death by

his wife, Mrs. Edna Simmons.

He leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Linda Nixon (Willie), Wilmington, NC and Rev. Patricia Smith (Ronald), Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Rolanda Sketers, Zakiya Bryant, Shai Simmons, Nigel Moore and Sahylia Simmons; great-grandchildren, Jabasha Vryant and Josie Sketers; siblings, Alvin Nixon (Margaret) Wilmington, NC and Rosa Simon, New York; son, Larry Simmons (Jackie), Wilmington, NC; sister-in-law, Shirley Herring; aunt, Annie Million; a host of nieces, nephews, other relative and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Marie Wallace Baldwin**

Marie Wallace Baldwin died Saturday, December 6, 2014. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Marie was born February 20, 1930 in Rockingham, NC to the late Deliah Wallace and Frank Liston.

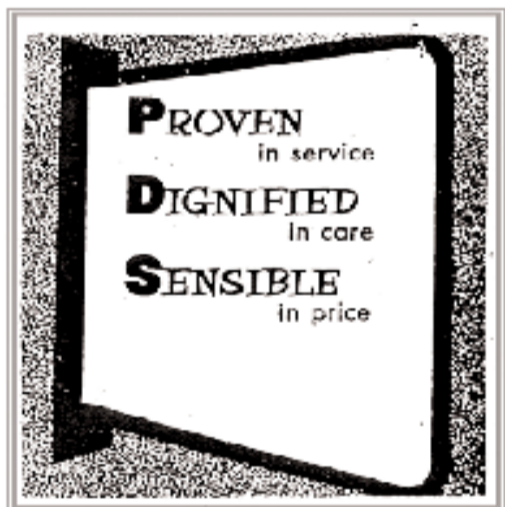
She was preceded in death by her daughter, Ethel Bell Little of Norfolk, VA, her brother, Clarence Wallace of Wilmington, NC and her oldest grandson, David Little of Norfolk, VA. She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Mary Baldwin and Lecola Baldwin of Wilmington, NC and Debra Baldwin of Greenville, NC; nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends, including special friends, Ms. Geneva and Jesus. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**James Edward Spicer, Jr.**

James Edward Spicer, Jr. died Tuesday, December 9th at NHRMC. Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, 2014 at Price Cathedral AMEZ Church. James, fondly known as "Cooda", was born September 6, 1945, in New Hanover County to the late James and Alice Gray Spicer. As a youth he received Jesus as his Lord and Savior and became a member of Price Cathedral AME Zion Church, Wilmington, NC and was assigned to Class #1, under the leadership of Mrs. Celeste Chadwick. He remained faithful and dutiful until his work on earth was completed. He was educated in the Public school of New Hanover County, graduating from Williston Senior High School, June 4,

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carolyn Jones Wilson**, 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 **4th day of March, 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 20th day of November, 2014

Jermaine Leedarrin Jones, Administrator  
4805 Kings Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28405

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Mazie L. Foister P/K/A Mazie L. Shepard**, 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 **4th day of March, 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 19th day of November, 2014

Crystal Freeman, Administratrix  
102 Kingsport Drive  
Hampstead, NC 28443

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Vivian Leigh Hancock Hall**, 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 **4th day of March, 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 November, 2014

Patrick Michael Herbert, Executor  
103 Gatestone Ct.  
Cary, NC 27518

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **William Homer Parsons**, 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 **4th day of March, 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 4th day of December, 2014

Cynthia Parson Nathans, Co-Executor  
7209 Anaca Point Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Gilda M. Parsons, Co-Executor  
808 Arendall St.  
Moorehead City, NC 28557

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **William S. Rourk, 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 **4th day of March, 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 4th day of December, 2014.

Terri R. Parham, Executrix of the Estate of William S. Rourk, Jr.  
160 Parkwood Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Helena Van Meurs**, 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 **4th day of March, 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 4th day of December, 2014

Louisa Smith, Executrix  
101 Cedar Tree Lane  
Emerald Isle, NC 28594

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Marie C. Hinnant, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Marie C. Hinnant, 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 March 2, 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 4th day of December, 2014.

M. Shane Farmer  
Executor of the Estate  
of Marie C. Hinnant  
c/o E. Caroline McEachern  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Margaret Toney Pugh Darden**, late of 1410 Ann Street, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of March, 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 1st day of December, 2014.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Margaret Toney Pugh Darden  
Craig and Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Leroy Shavers**, 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 **11th day of March, 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 1st day of December, 2014

Khalil M. Morris, Administrator  
419 Barclay Hills Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 11, 18, 25, 2014, January 1, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Sue Lyn Hollingsworth,  
Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Sue Lyn Hollingsworth**, 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 **March 9, 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 11th day of December, 2014.

Elliott C. Hollingsworth  
Executor of the Estate  
of Sue Lyn Hollingsworth  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
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December 11, 18, 25, 2014, January 1, 2015

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Harry Phillips Wade, 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 **27th day of February, 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 27th day of November, 2014

Jennifer Wade Bankhead,  
Administrator  
4120 Murrayhill Rd.  
Charlotte, NC 28209

November 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2014

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Claude Bland Gillikin**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of March, 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 11th day of December, 2014

Laura Lee Gillikin Poe, Executrix of the Estate of Claude Bland Gillikin  
10128 Treetop Lane  
Cornelius, NC 28031  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014,

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Ian K. Lamberton**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of March, 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 11th day of December, 2014

Rolland H. Lumberton, Poe, Executor of the Estate of Ian K. Lamberton  
616 N. Colony Circle  
Wilmington, NC 28405  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014,

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Doris Knox Kiger, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Doris Knox Kiger**, 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 **March 9, 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 11th day of December, 2014.

Orville W. Kiger, Jr.  
Executor of the Estate  
of Doris Knox Kiger  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 11, 18, 25, 2014,  
January 1, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Daniel Robert Schillaci**, 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 **27th day of February, 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 27th day of November, 2014

Daniel Robert Schillaci,  
Administrator  
563 Tanbridge Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28402

November 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2014

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Margaret Bellamy**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of **March, 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 18th day of December, 2014

Margaret A. Phillips, Executrix of the Estate of Margaret Bellamy  
1737 S. Live Oak Parkway  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 18, 25, 2014, January 1, 8, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executrixes of the estate of **Douglas Aiken, Jr.**, late of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of March, 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 at the address below.

This the 11th day of December, 2014

Beverly Brown, Co-Executrix  
Almeta Hawkins, Co-Executrix  
Stephen E. Culbreth  
Culbreth Law Firm, LLP  
514 Chestnut Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
910-763-3416

December 18, 25, 2014, January 1, 8, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **John Edgar Bradshaw, Sr.**, late of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the Culbreth Law Firm, LLP, Post Office Box 446, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402, on or before the **17th day of March, 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 at the address below.

This the 12th day of December, 2014

Judith Bradshaw Tyler, Administratrix  
Stephen E. Culbreth  
Culbreth Law Firm, LLP  
514 Chestnut Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
910-763-3416

December 18, 25, 2014, January 1, 8, 2015

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
14 CVM 4038**

**PERFORMANCE CYCLES OF  
WILMINGTON, INC.  
V.  
ANTHONY JOHN SANTISI  
AND HANOVER FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, INC.**

**To: HANOVER FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, INC.**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is a judgment to satisfy a possessory lien on a motor vehicle. This matter is set for hearing at 10:00 a.m. on **January 14, 2015** in room 514 of the New Hanover County Judicial Building. If you fail to appear, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 19th day of June, 2014

Performance Cycles of  
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December 18, 25, 2014 and  
January 1, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Notice of Sale**

**Year:** 2005  
**Make:** Pontiac  
**Model:** Grand prix  
**Owner:** Arthur lee bellmon  
**Auction date:** 01/20/2015  
10:00 am  
**Location:** 2012 Castle Hayne Rd., Wilmington nc 28401  
**Phone:** 910-251-0028  
**General Manager:** Jim Haight

December 11, 18, 2014

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jerry Jacobs**, 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 **27th day of February, 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 27th day of November, 2014

Daisy Jacobs, Administrator  
2612 Princess Place Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

November 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2014

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Thomas LeRoy Robinson**, 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 **11th day of March, 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 18th day of November, 2014

Francine Baldwin-Bey, Administratrix  
4517 N. King Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28405

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014,

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
In the General Court of  
New Hanover  
District Court Division  
FILE NUMBER: 14 CVD 4006**

**ABDUL AKBAR V.  
AHDZAIZA HUNT  
TO: AHDZAIZIA HUNT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above -entitled action on November 14, 2014. The First Amended Complaint For Child Custody Divorce seeks custody of the minor child, AZIYAH HUNT.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than January 20, 2015 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court the relief sought.

This the 11th day of December, 2014

Erma L. Johnson, Attorney At Law  
2803 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Phone: 910-762-0098  
Fax: 910-762-0927

December 11, 18, 25, 2014

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Notice of Sale**

**Year:** 2004  
**Make:** Honda  
**Model:** Accord  
**Style:** 4 door  
**Vin#** 1hgcm5632a151679  
**Owner:** Lashawn Denise Bailey  
**Auction Date:** 01/20/2015  
10:00am  
**Location:** 2012 Castle Hayne Rd., Wilmington NC 28401  
**Phone:** 910-251-0028  
**General Manager:** Jim Haight

December 11, 18, 2014

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Kathryn Ann McClintock**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of March, 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 11th day of December, 2014.

Stephen Arthur McClintock,  
Executor of the Estate of  
Kathryn Ann McClintock  
4811 Berkley Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28405  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson,  
PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014,

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**YESENIA ROBLERO-  
ROBLERO, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MELQUIADES AMILCAR  
MORALES - ZUNUN,  
Defendant.  
TO: MELQUIADES AMILCAR  
MORALES-ZUNUN**

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: Application For Name Change For Minor Child Under The Age Of 16.

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than (40) days after December 4, 2014, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 20th day of November, 2014.

David M. Godwin  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
206 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 762-0410  
NC State Bar Nbr.: 15867

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LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR  
GRINDING AND  
SCREENING SERVICES

Brunswick County is requesting proposals (RFP) to provide grinding and screening services for yard wastes and land clearing debris collected and stockpiled at the site of the Brunswick County Construction and Demolition Landfill in Supply, North Carolina.

A copy of the complete proposal may be obtained from Micki Bozeman, Brunswick County Operation Services, 179 March 9, 1764 Drive, NE, (Post Office Box 249), Bolivia, North Carolina 28422, 910-253-2524 or from our website at [www.brunswickcountync.gov](http://www.brunswickcountync.gov).

All proposals are to be hand delivered or post-marked no later than January 9, 2014 by 4:00 p.m. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the complete proposal for a total of three (3) sets should be submitted. Each should be clearly marked **Proposal Response – Grinding & Screening Services**.

These materials should be delivered to:

**Mail:** Micki Bozeman, Solid Waste Coordinator  
Brunswick County Solid Waste P. O. Box 249  
Bolivia, NC 28422

**Hand Delivered:** Micki Bozeman, Solid Waste Coordinator  
Brunswick County Government Center  
Building L  
179 March 9, 1764 Drive, NE  
Bolivia, NC 28422

Questions may be directed to Micki Bozeman at (910) 253-2524 or [micki.bozeman@brunswick-countync.gov](mailto:micki.bozeman@brunswick-countync.gov).

December 18, 2014

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
14 CVM 4038

PERFORMANCE CYCLES OF  
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V.  
ANTHONY JOHN SANTISI  
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SERVICES, INC.

To: ANTHONY JOHN SANTISI

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The nature of the relief sought is a judgment to satisfy a possessory lien on a motor vehicle.

This matter is set for hearing at 10:00 a.m. on **January 14, 2015**, in room 514 of the New Hanover County Judicial Building. If you fail to appear, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 18th day of December, 2014

Performance Cycles of Wilmington, Inc.  
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PERFORMANCE CYCLES OF  
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ANTHONY JOHN SANTISI  
AND HANOVER FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, INC.

To: HANOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

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Friend won't let go of ex

Dear Alma,

My friend is a single mother. Her husband left her and their three children to be with a younger woman he had been working with. He said the new woman was his soul mate. My friend was devastated and I understand. It's been almost a year now and she still continues to spiral into a deep depression. Now I can hardly recognize her. She had kinda let herself go before he left but now she's just gone downhill. What's worst is she constantly talks about her ex-husband in the worst of ways in front of her children. She tells them that their father left because he doesn't love them and she calls him names and lashes her anger out toward them. She will even post nasty things about him on her Facebook page, and I'm sure her teen daughter can see it. I feel sorry for her kids and I'm not sure what to do. How do I get her to understand she has got to get a grip and start taking care of her children?

Sheila, Waldorf, Md.

Hi Sheila,

I hear you and yes, I have a horizon full of advice for her bright as the morning sun. But, TBT, it doesn't matter 'cause she wouldn't entertain this dance at dawn even if it knocked on the front door with a box of chocolates and a dozen long-stemmed roses. I mean no judgment, no shade, truly I understand ~ it is because her heart is broken. While drowning in the pain of rejection, negativity is all she has to offer. The assassination of her marriage has overwhelmed her and she's not sure where to go or what to do. When living with a broken heart, unwanted criticism isn't welcomed.

You'll need to tread lightly and be creative when replacing her sour lemon juice with real cane sugar, sweet tea.

Let's start with casual conversations about parenting. Discuss the pain experienced by children seated in between an emotional tug of war. One parent's critical comments about another are extremely hurtful for a child to endure. We'd all agree, kids deserve limitless love and affection from both parents, married, separated or divorced. Down the road, if a mate turns out to be a rubbish receptacle, it's not the fault of our kids. Bottom line, we must love them, our children, more than we hate our ex partners. Adults adhere a horrible resistance to correction, me included, and I don't know why, especially when I'm pissed. This will take time and can translate into a meaningful support system between friends. Be patient and kind, she's hurting. There's no need to fly a flag of her faults, we all have them and are sometimes blinded by our own unfiltered light. She has been delivered a traumatic blow to her very core. Find out if she'll consider therapy. Yes, she needs to reroute her anger and be strong for her children, but she can't give what she doesn't have and right now she's not right with herself. She needs professional intervention and a good friend to hold her accountable. Take her to church. Give her a number to reach out to social services. She has a big step to take and she needs your help like yesterday. Don't waste another day trying to change her. She doesn't need changing, she needs healing and healing the right way, takes time.

Alma

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: [alwaysaskalma@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysaskalma@gmail.com). Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and twitter @almaaskalma

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