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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

Meeting Scheduled with U.S. Justice Department this week

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, I, along with some other leaders of Brunswick County and New Hanover County, will meet with the United States Justice Department to try and get some of our local problems heard by the United States justice system and maybe even get enough attention on these problems or issues to get investigations here in Brunswick County and New Hanover County of the injustice that has taken place here and find out why, fifty years after we marched for the right to vote and won with the blood of our people, we have to march again for the right to vote.

We find that in a free society we have elected officials and some citizens who still dislike Blacks, based on skin color alone, though we have never held them as slaves or hanged their people or even preached hate against them. We have invested our time in education, loved our fellow man; and tried moving forward for a better America, but still the hate arises. We must be even willing to stand up for that which is just and right and fair for all people. There is no place for if you leave it alone. We are told that it will get better or that we are asking too much or even that we don't believe in God. Well, I do believe in God, and, way before now, way back in history, He was holding up his believers and telling them to

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Obama: HONOR THE MOVEMENT

BY GEORGE E. CURRY NNPA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

SELMA, Ala. (NNPA) - Throughout his campaign for the presidency, Barack Obama was dogged by one question: Is he Black enough? The question was repeated so often that after showing up late for an appearance at the 2008 annual convention of the National Association of Black Journalists in Las Vegas, Obama said, "I want to apologize for being late, but you guys keep asking whether I am Black enough."

After a 33-minute speech Saturday in Selma, Ala. commemorating the Selma to Montgomery March and passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, nobody was asking: Is Barack Obama Black enough? President Obama rarely discussed

the issue of race in his first six years in office except in reaction to a major racial catastrophe such as the shooting deaths of Trayvon Martin in Florida and Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. or the arrest of Harvard University Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. for breaking into his own home. On Saturday, however, President Obama seemed comfortable discussing race in public, showing he has a deep appreciation for the accomplishments of the Civil Rights Movement and quoting or referencing the Bible, Black spirituals, James Baldwin, Sojourner Truth, Fannie Lou Hamer, Langston Hughes, the Tuskegee Airmen, Jackie Robinson

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OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY LAWRENCE JACKSON The Obama family join hands as they begin the march with the foot soldiers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.



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THE 2015 ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED® - ALPHA PSI OMEGA CHAPTER DEBUTANTES AND THEIR JUNIOR MARSHALS.

Eleven debutantes make their bow to society

BY RITA TODD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 6:00 PM, eleven young ladies made their debut to society at the Windell Daniels' Auditorium of Cape Fear Community College's Union Station. Mr. Lawrence Epps, a retired educator and entrepreneur, served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion.

Following an organizational meeting on Sunday, September 28, 2014, the debutantes and their junior marshals participated in several monthly workshops. These workshops covered topics such as "Self-Esteem/Poise and Etiquette", "Money Matters/Career Planning", and "Arts and Culture". The 2015 Debutantes also participated in the MLK, Jr. Parade during the first part of the day and performed community service at the Salvation Army during the second part of the 2015 MLK, Jr. Holiday.

"Cultivating Pears of Excellence" is the current theme of this project. The 2015 Debutantes listed in alphabetical order are:

Debutante Williesha Kayauna Banister is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Banister. Her father,

Mr. William Banister, served as her Chief Marshal. Her Junior Marshal was Mr. Yyasin Chrispian Ward, who is the son of Mr. Shaune Johnson and Mrs. Nicole Cargile-Johnson. Debutante Williesha Banister is a junior at Wilmington Early College High School where she participates on the Step Team and on the school's Mock Trial Team. Miss Banister volunteers at Trask Middle School and at Pine Valley Church of God. Her hobbies include writing poetry, dancing, crocheting and shopping. Debutante Williesha aspires to own a corporate law firm and open a faith-based community center for young people and promote the study of the Bible and God.

Debutante Adrianna Lanae Bardon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bardon. Her Chief Marshal was her father Mr. Norman Bardon. Her Junior Marshal was Mr. Ian Douglas Davis; the son of Ms. Sherry Davis. Debutante Adrianna is a junior at North Brunswick High School where she is section leader in the marching band. She is also a member of the North Brunswick High School Winter Guard. Debutante Adrianna is a member of Hoopers' Chapel Missionary

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CAROLINIAN PHOTO REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY MOORE INTRODUCES BILL TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

RALEIGH NC Bill would prohibit racial profiling

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A new bill introduced this week by NC Rep. Rodney Moore [D-Mecklenburg] would, if passed, prohibit racial profiling by law enforcement, authorize civilian complaint review boards to investigate allegations made against police officers, and require training of members of neighborhood watch programs established by counties and municipalities.

But if Republican reaction thus far is any indication, the measure will have a difficult path to passage in the state Legislature.

Rep. Moore says his bill, officially titled "Prohibit Discriminatory Profiling (HB193)," is based, in part, on recent trag-

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Arthur Ashe's brother to speak at One Love Tennis Event on April 2

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Johnnie Ashe, the younger brother of late great tennis champion, activist and humanitarian Arthur Ashe, will be the special guest and featured speaker at the First Annual One Love Tennis Luncheon at the Riverside Hilton Grand Ballroom in Wilmington on Thursday, April 2.

Executive Director of the One Love Tennis Program, Lenny Simpson, a Wilmington native, came up through the tennis ranks alongside Arthur and Johnnie Ashe, under the coaching and guidance of Dr. R. Walter Johnson. Simpson reached out to his old friend to come speak at the fundraising luncheon.

"Johnnie Ashe was an accomplished tennis player in his own right and was consistently ranked nationally in the top 15 as a young player." Says Simpson. Ashe became

disenchanted with competitive tennis and joined the Marine Corp and was stationed in Camp Lejeune, where he was the Commanding Officer of B Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion.

The Ashe brothers' story was recently the subject of the acclaimed ESPN 30 for 30 Film "Arthur and Johnnie" which won ESPN and filmmaker Tate Donovan a rare Emmy in the 2015 Emmy Awards.

In the film's first person account, Johnnie Ashe tells the story of a previously unknown chapter of his brother Arthur's legacy. Johnnie, five years Arthur's junior, returned from his first tour in Vietnam with the Marines. At the time, Arthur Ashe was a lieutenant in the Army

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(L TO R) JOHNNIE AND ARTHUR ASHE



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keep the faith. He used Moses as his tool to tell Pharaoh to "let my people go," and right up to now, He is using people of leadership abilities to carry the message of freedom and equality to help His people.

So now we will meet and talk with one of these people who comes from the U. S. Justice Department. Justice has not been served! Let my people go! We have not stopped marching!! *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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Baptist Church and is a member of the Youth Group. Debutante Adrianna plays several instruments including the flute, piccolo and clarinet. Her hobbies include creating dance moves for the bands' dance routines, making desserts and shopping for shoes. After high school graduation, Debutante Bardon plans to attend college and pursue a career in physical therapy. She aspires to end childhood hunger in Brunswick County as well as help develop more laws against drunk driving.

**Debutante Kyra Mone't Bradley** is the daughter of Mr. Ricardo Thomas and Ms. Keva Bradley. Her Chief Marshal was her father, Mr. Ricardo Thomas. Her Junior Marshal was Mr. Zion Quadeer Murphy; the son of Mr. Tony Murphy and Mrs. Tanita Wallace. Debutante Kyra Bradley is a senior at Emsley A. Laney High School where she is a member of Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) and the Prom Committee. Miss Bradley is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church where she participates in the praise team and youth choir. She volunteers at various marathons including "Beach to Battleship" throughout the community. Debutante Kyra's hobbies and interests include dancing and baking. Her future plans are to pursue a career in pediatric nursing and to make her community a better place to live by volunteering.

**Debutante Maria Louise Chandler** is the daughter of Ms. Jacqueline M. Wiggins Chandler. Her Chief Marshal was her brother, Mr. Mathew Isaac Chandler and her Junior Marshal was Mr. Karon Shimar Blanks; the son of Mr. Bryan Blanks and Ms. Kimberly Davis. Debutante Maria Chandler is a junior at New Hanover High School where she is a member of the Marching Band. Miss Chandler volunteers at DREAMS, Inc. of Wilmington, Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) and the Cameron Art Museum. In her spare time, Debutante Maria likes to sing, dance, act and volunteer. Her future plans include going to college and establishing a non-profit clinic that treats people who experience post-traumatic stress disorder.

**Debutante Talpha Sebrena Everette** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Everette. Her cousin, Mr. James Faison, Jr. served as her Chief Marshal. Mr. James Bernard Davis, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davis served as her Junior Marshal. Debutante Talpha is a senior at Isaac Bear Early College High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Isaac Bear Mentoring Program. She is the founder of the ILM Awards and is a member of the "Empowering Women through Education Organization". Miss Everette

is motivational speaker in the community; participating in the Coast 97.3's Teen Summit and the Wilmington Adolescent Achievement Place's (WRAAP's) "Are You Listening?" At Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Debutante Talpha is a member of the praise dance team. Her hobbies and interests include event planning, traveling, cooking, African-American studies, reading and public speaking. Debutante Talpha's personal and career goals include attending college and pursuing a career in International Studies and Entrepreneurship. One of her goals is to establish an organization that will uplift young people.

**Debutante Payton Elizabeth Freeman** is the granddaughter of Mr. George W. Hill. Her Chief Marshal was Mr. Hill and her Junior Marshal was Mr. Kadeem Nasir Johnson; who is the son of Mr. Robert Saunders and Mrs. Evelena E. McLaurin. Miss Freeman is a senior at New Hanover High School where she is a member of Striving to Achieve Excellence (STAE); a college ready program and the National Honor Society. In the community, Debutante Freeman volunteers with the NAACP Youth Council and has held the offices of vice president and president. Currently, she serves as a youth counselor. Additionally, Debutante Payton volunteers at Girls, Inc. and in her church, Mt. Olive AME Zion Church. Her hobbies and interests include public speaking, singing, dancing, and fishing. Debutante Payton aspires to become a registered nurse. She has been accepted and will be attending North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina in the fall of 2015.

**Debutante Donshanae' Sharne Hamilton** is the daughter of Mr. Roderick D. Hamilton and Mrs. Sharon Y. W. Hamilton. Debutante Donshanae's Chief Marshal was her father, Mr. Roderick D. Hamilton; and her Junior Marshal was Mr. Joseph Michael Dykes; the son of Ms. Michelle Dykes. Debutante Donshanae' Hamilton is a "super" senior (13th Grade) at Wilmington Early College High School. While in school, Donshanae has served as president or class representative to the Student Government Association. She has been a member of the New Hanover County Teen Court, serving as an either defense or prosecuting attorney. She has also participated in her school's mock trial team. Miss Hamilton has volunteered with Wilmington Police Department's summer camp. Her interests include studying law and government, scrapbooking and ceramics. Debutante Donshanae's career goals include attending a four year university.

**Debutante Jamiah Aliya Keith** is the daughter of Mr. Jamie D. Keith and Ms. Courtney S. Evans. Her Chief

Marshal was her father, Mr. Jamie D. Keith. Serving as her Junior Marshal was Mr. James Keandre' Dubar who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dubar. Debutante Jamiah Keith is a senior at the Wilmington Early College High School. Her school activities include membership in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and in Step Team. Miss Keith is a member of First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church where she serves on the usher board. She volunteers at various middle schools in New Hanover, Brunswick and Columbus Counties. Debutante Jamiah enjoys dancing and volleyball in her free time. She also enjoys working with fashion. Following high school graduation, Deb Jamiah plans to attend college and pursue degrees in occupational therapy and in family and consumer science. Debutante Keith believes it is important give back to the community - especially to those in need.

**Debutante Diamond Emani McAllister** is the daughter of Ms. Dramada H. Brown. Her grandfather, Mr. Johnny F. Pearsall, served as her Chief Marshal. Her Junior Marshal was Mr. Terry Wilson who is the son of Mr. Terry Bloodworth and Ms. Erica Wilson. Debutante Diamond is a junior at Emsley A. Laney High School where she participates in the United Buddy Club. Her hobbies and interests include helping others, studying politics and talking to friends. After high school, Debutante Diamond plans to further her education and pursue a career in law or one in education. Debutante Diamond desires to give back to her community by helping those in need.

**Debutante Jasmine Gwenette Young** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Young. Debutante Jasmine's Chief Marshal for the evening was her father. Debutante Jasmine was escorted by her Junior Marshal, Mr. Cameron Michael McIntosh; the son of Ms. Danielle McIntosh. Miss Young is a junior at New Hanover High School where she is a member of the Marching Band, Math Club, Track and Field Team,

Young Democrats and Elegance Club. Debutante Young is a member of St. Luke AME Church where she participates in the Junior Usher Board, the youth choir and is also a youth acolyte. In the community, Debutante Jasmine is a member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; an organization for young people where she volunteers at various nursing homes and participates in Meals on Wheels and "Operation Christmas Child". Debutante Jasmine's hobbies and interests include playing the piano, running, and politics. She plans to pursue a career in chemical engineering or applied mathematics. Her goals also include obtaining a doctoral degree, and traveling globally. Debutante Jasmine aspires to contribute to technological advancements for the betterment of all people.

**Debutante Kianna Chante' Wilder** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Wilder. Her father served as her Chief Marshal while Mr. Jourdan Gregory Bethea, son of Mr. Gregory Bethea and Ms. Rhonda Y. Maultsby, served as her Junior Marshal. Debutante Kianna is a junior at Eugene Ashley High School. She is a member of the Varsity Women's Basketball team on which she serves as co-captain. At Ashley High School, Miss Wilder is a member of the National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, WINGS (Student School Spirit Organization) and "Women on the Move" WOMA (a female empowerment group) clubs. She is a member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, where she participates as a member of the praise dance team. Debutante Kianna's hobbies include shopping, going to the movies, drawing, singing and playing basketball. Her future plans include working in the sports management field where she hopes eventually to manage professional athletes. Debutante Kianna states, "I want to be able to leave my footprint on society, by helping as many people as I can achieve their dreams."

The Hames' Family Foundation, established in honor of a deceased member,

made a generous donation of \$2,000.00 to the Alpha Psi Omega Scholarship Fund. These monies will be divided and awarded to each debutante. The late Eliza Jean Hames, an educator, was a woman of poise, grace and compassion and a member of the Alpha Psi Omega Chapter for many years. Mr. Otis Hames, her husband, and her sons, Mr. Lamont Hames and Mr. Glenn Hames, were present for the night's presentation.

Following the debut of the 2015 Debutantes, the award winners and the queen and her court were announced. **Debutante Talpha Sabrena Everett** was named the 2015 "Miss Ivy" Scholarship recipient. Each debutante was afforded the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. The beneficiary of this award was selected on the basis of high school transcripts, letters of application and an interview. The 2015 winner of the "Miss Congeniality" award was **Debutante Payton Elizabeth Freeman**. The debutantes vote to select winner of this award.

Finally, the 2015 Debutante Queen and her court were announced. The second runner-up is **Debutante Payton Elizabeth Freeman**. The first runner-up is **Debutante Kianna Chante' Wilder**. This year's Debutante Queen is **Debutante Jasmine Gwenette Young**. Debutante Jasmine was crowned by the 2013 Debutante Queen, **Miss Brianna Smith** who is now a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill pursuing a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

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**STATE CHILDHOOD HEALTH IMPROVED OVERALL**

[CHARLOTTE] The health of North Carolina's children has improved over the past 20 years, according to a new report from NC Child, a nonprofit advocacy group. The number



of infant deaths has fallen; the percentage of uninsured children has dropped, and the teen pregnancy rate has decreased. But the 20th Annual Child Health Report Card also outlines some persistent problem areas - a third of the state's children are obese; high schoolers are using e-cigarettes increasingly, and the rate of child poverty is up. The report adds that the strategies that have led to improvements over the past twenty years must continue.

**DEMOCRATS COUNTER BILLS TO CHANGE WAKE COMMISSIONER BOARD, GREENSBORO CITY COUNCIL**

[GREENSBORO] Democrats in the state Legislature have filed bills to counter efforts by Republicans to redistrict both the Wake County Commission Board, and Greensboro City Council. Democrats swept four Republicans off the Wake Board last November.

Prompting Sen. Chad Barefoot [R-Wake] to file a bill redrawing the district lines to create nine seats instead of the current seven, and change the elections to district only, instead of countywide, as they are now. Another state Senate bill also redraws seats on the Greensboro City Council. Democrats want the state Constitution amended so that the Legislature would have to get the permission of local voters first before changing any election maps.

Republicans, who have the majority in both state Houses, would have to agree with that measure.

**STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY DUMPING ITS CHAIRMAN**

[RALEIGH] When North Carolina Republicans meet in convention this June, they will be electing a new chairman. Claude Pope Jr. has announced that he will not be running for re-election. But published reports suggest that

Pope is being pushed out because top Republican elected leaders, including Gov. Pat McCrory and Sen. Richard Burr - both of whom are up for re-election in 2016 - don't feel that Pope has done enough to promote the GOP brand or support their re-elections. Pope was McCrory's choice for chairman in 2013. He is credited leading the party to victory during the 2013 midterm elections.

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**NC BILL**

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ic events nationwide involving police interaction with young black males in Ferguson, Missouri; Staten Island, NY; and Charlotte, where an African-American male was fatally shot by police after he sought assistance when his vehicle crashed.

A grand jury indicted the officer and he awaits trial.

"The Prohibit Discriminatory Profiling bill that we have filed today will help to broaden

the conversation between the public and law enforcement," Rep. Moore told reporters Tuesday during a press conference.

The measure would also require police officers to collect more data during homicide investigations and traffic stops, and receive more training to prevent discriminatory profiling.

Citizen complaint review boards would also get subpoena power, something that local governments have loathed to render in the past.

Civil rights activists across

the state have heralded Rep. Moore's bill a positive and definite step in the right direction towards curbing police abuses, and building a better, more accountable relationship with law enforcement.

But Republican reaction to Moore's bill seems reportedly cool to it at best, signaling that it may not get the welcomed reception the Charlotte Democrat desires. In order for the bill to get a hearing, Moore has to get several Republican cosponsors to sign-on.

Republican House Speaker Tim Moore [R-Cleveland] told

The Associated Press that much of what Rep. Rodney Moore's bill is calling is already covered in existing law. Speaker Moore (no relation) says racial profiling by police is already deemed unconstitutional, and improving local community policing efforts already in place would accomplish much of what the measure seeks in "avoiding problems" between officers and the public.

Law enforcement believes there are already plenty of checks and balances in place to curb police abuse, including

electing new sheriffs, and petitioning local city councils, as has been done in Durham and other North Carolina cities.

Activists across the state are working to build broad-based support for the bill, and hopefully enough pressure for the NC General Assembly to pass it. They cite how HB 193 would remove current legal barriers to public access to police video, for example, in the event that officers begin formally wearing body cameras. Because that video, under North Carolina law, is protected under the personnel act, it cannot be made

public. HB193 would remedy that.

The bill would also protect Latinos, LGBT's and illegal immigrants, Rep. Moore says, from police abuse. Alamance County Sheriff Terry Johnson was tried in federal court with having his department target Latinos as illegals for deportation without probable cause. A verdict is yet to be rendered at press time.

If and when there is a police shooting, HB 193 would require better recordkeeping of the circumstances than currently being kept now.

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and even his favorite hip-hop artist Jay-Z.

While connecting with African Americans, President Obama also underscored the significance of civil rights warriors making America hold true to its creed.

"As John [Lewis] noted, there are places and moments in America where this nation's destiny has been decided. Many are sites of war - Concord and Lexington, Appomattox, Gettysburg. Others are sites that symbolize the daring of America's character - Independence Hall and Seneca Falls, Kitty Hawk and Cape Canaveral," the president said.

"Selma is such a place. In one afternoon 50 years ago, so much of our turbulent history - the stain of slavery and anguish of civil war; the yoke of segregation and tyranny of Jim Crow; the death of four little girls in Birmingham; and the dream of a Baptist preacher - all that history met on this bridge."

He made his comments with the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where civil rights marchers were attacked by Alabama State Troopers on "Bloody Sunday," serving as a backdrop.

"It was not a clash of armies, but a clash of wills; a contest to determine the true meaning of America," Obama said. "And because of men and women like John Lewis, Joseph Lowery, Hosea Williams, Amelia Boynton, Diane Nash, Ralph Abernathy, C.T. Vivian, Andrew Young, Fred Shuttlesworth, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and so many others, the idea of a just America and a fair America,

an inclusive America, and a generous America - that idea ultimately triumphed."

President Obama also acknowledged the contributions of thousands whose name will never be known to the public yet played a critical role in securing the right to vote.

"As is true across the landscape of American history, we cannot examine this moment in isolation. The march on Selma was part of a broader campaign that spanned generations; the leaders that day part of a long line of heroes. We gather here to celebrate them. We gather here to honor the courage of ordinary Americans willing to endure billy clubs and the chastening rod; tear gas and the trampling hoof; men and women who despite the gush of blood and splintered bone would stay true to their North Star and keep marching towards justice.

"They did as Scripture instructed: 'Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.' And in the days to come, they went back again and again. When the trumpet call sounded for more to join, the people came - black and white, young and old, Christian and Jew, waving the American flag and singing the same anthems full of faith and hope."

President Obama admitted what many, if not most African Americans have long accepted as fact - it was through their efforts that other groups obtained their rights. In fact, often ahead of Blacks.

"Because of what they [protesters] did, the doors of opportunity swung open not just for black folks, but for every American," Obama said. "Women marched through those doors. Latinos marched through those doors. Asian

Americans, gay Americans, Americans with disabilities - they all came through those doors. Their endeavors gave the entire South the chance to rise again, not by reasserting the past, but by transcending the past."

The president said in order to be true to those who sacrificed to make America a better place, everyone - Black and White - has an obligation to address America's unfinished business.

"First and foremost, we have to recognize that one day's commemoration, no matter how special, is not enough. If Selma taught us anything, it's that our work is never done. The American experiment in self-government gives work and purpose to each generation. Selma teaches us, as well, that action requires that we shed our cynicism. For when it comes to the pursuit of justice, we can afford neither complacency nor despair."

He said, "If we want to honor the courage of those who marched that day, then all of us are called to possess their moral imagination. All of us will need to feel as they did the fierce urgency of now. All of us need to recognize as they did that change depends on our actions, on our attitudes, the things we teach our children. And if we make such an effort, no matter how hard it may sometimes seem, laws can be passed, and consciences can be stirred, and consensus can be built."

Obama addressed two hot-button issues - the criminal justice system and voter disenfranchisement efforts - directly.

"With such an effort, we can make sure our criminal justice system serves all and not just some. Together, we can raise the level of mutual trust that

policing is built on - the idea that police officers are members of the community they risk their lives to protect, and citizens in Ferguson and New York and Cleveland, they just want the same thing young people here marched for 50 years ago - the protection of the law. Together, we can address unfair sentencing and overcrowded prisons, and the stunted circumstances that rob too many boys of the chance to become men, and rob the nation of too many men who could be good dads, and good workers, and good neighbors. With effort, we can roll back poverty and the roadblocks to opportunity. Americans don't accept a free ride for anybody, nor do we believe in equality of outcomes. But we do expect equal opportunity."

Regarding Republican-led efforts to suppress the Black and Latino vote, Obama said: "Right now, in 2015, 50 years after Selma, there are laws across this country designed to make it harder for people to vote. As we speak, more of such laws are being proposed. Meanwhile, the Voting Rights Act, the culmination of so much blood, so much sweat and tears, the product of so much sacrifice in the face of wanton violence, the Voting Rights Act stands weakened, its future subject to political rancor."

But the problem does not stop there, Obama said.

"Of course, our democracy is not the task of Congress alone, or the courts alone, or even the president alone. If every new voter-suppression law was struck down today, we would still have, here in America, one of the lowest voting rates among free peoples. Fifty years

ago, registering to vote here in Selma and much of the South meant guessing the number of jellybeans in a jar, the number of bubbles on a bar of soap. It meant risking your dignity, and sometimes, your life.

"What's our excuse today for not voting? How do we so casually discard the right for which so many fought? How do we so fully give away our power, our voice, in shaping America's future? Why are we pointing to somebody else when we could take the time just to go to the polling places? We give away our power."

Hip-hop artist Jay-Z's remix of the song, "My President" has the popular line: "Rosa Parks sat so Martin Luther could

walk / Martin Luther walked so Barack Obama could run / Barack Obama ran so all the children could fly."

In his speech, Obama had his own line that showed he was in tune with Jay-Z's lyrics: "We honor those who walked so we could run. We must run so our children soar."

He added, "And we will not grow weary. For we believe in the power of an awesome God, and we believe in this country's sacred promise."





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**LOVE TENNIS**

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working at West Point in data processing while fast becoming a rising star in the tennis world. When Johnnie was sent home however, Arthur suddenly became in danger of being sent to Vietnam. Johnnie volunteered to be sent back to the war in his brother's place so that Arthur could continue his budding tennis career. Johnnie would return home, and Arthur would go on to win the inaugural 1968 U.S. Open and make history as a tennis champion, humanitarian, activist and author.

"Johnnie knows first hand the difference that a tennis program like One Love can make in young lives." Says Simpson.

"It is such an honor to have him come to Wilmington and speak at our Luncheon."

Even though he chose to serve his country, Johnnie continued to play tennis while in Camp Lejeune and saw sports as a character and morale builder. He helped young tennis players get started including Paul and Pete Gamborys of Jacksonville. Paul Gamborys was a standout on the UNCW tennis team.

The First Annual One Love Luncheon's program will also feature exclusive excerpts from the critically acclaimed documentary ALTHEA, which chronicles the life of Althea Gibson, the trailblazing tennis champion who called Wilmington home for many years; and comments from Filmmaker Rex

Miller.

His close association with both Althea Gibson and Arthur and Johnnie Ashe dramatically improved Lenny Simpson's life circumstances and tennis career, so he speaks with more than his usual enthusiasm about the One Love Tennis Program and the Luncheon. "This Luncheon is a chance for members of the community to hear these unique stories and support our program."

The One Love Tennis Luncheon will be held on April 2, 2015 at the Grand Ballroom at the Riverside Hilton from 11:30 to 1pm. If you are interested in attending or hosting a table, you can call Lenny Simpson at 910-520-9264 or visit the website [www.one-love-tennis.org](http://www.one-love-tennis.org) for more information.



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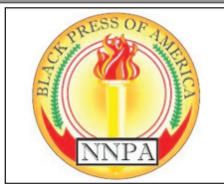
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## Our Voice Selma's lesson: The struggle continues

President Obama marked the 50th anniversary of Selma by celebrating the ordinary heroes who sacrificed so much to make America better.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Noting that nearly 100 members of Congress were in the audience, he urged them to return to Washington to strengthen the Voting Rights Act, weakened by the ill-considered decision of five conservative Supreme Court Justices in *Shelby County v. Holder*. Today, 50 years after Selma, states are moving once more to make voting harder rather than easier.

Reviving the Voting Rights Act is essential, but it is not sufficient. The marchers in Selma were marching not just for the right to vote, but also for jobs and justice. And today, Selma itself reveals how far we have to go.

Much attention was rightly paid to the 103-year-old Amelia Boynton Robinson. In 1965, she was a leader in planning the Selma demonstrations, and her home was the site for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and legislators to gather as they wrote the first draft of the Voting Rights Act. This weekend, 50 years later, she joined President Obama on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, sitting tall in her wheelchair.

Yet, her home - which ought to be a national memorial - now sits boarded up, joining other vacant and foreclosed homes in her neighborhood.

Selma is now 80 percent Black. Dallas County, where it sits, suffers the highest unemployment in the state at 10.2 percent. The official figure doesn't count the many who have simply given up trying to find a job. Downtown Selma has as many boarded up stores as operating ones.

USA Today quoted David Garrow, the author of *Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference*, who warned against "reducing history to a photo op." The focus, he argued, "should be on investment and economic development in places like Selma. The focus should be on what we can do for Selma, not what Selma can do for us."

And of course, it is not just Selma. African American

unemployment remains at more than twice the level of White unemployment. Only 60 percent of all African American men have a job of any kind, with only one in five African Americans 16-19 employed. We lock up more people - mostly people of color - than any other nation in the world. The Justice Department's investigation of Ferguson, Mo. showed a destructive racial bias still stains our criminal justice system. Our schools in poor communities - ghettos, barrios and rural areas - still suffer a savage inequality in resources and capacity.

Yes, great progress has been made, and it is important to recognize and remember the courage and costs of those who sacrificed to make America better.

But the commemoration must be a call to action. We should be protesting in Selma, not celebrating. The Civil Rights struggle was in some respect a movement that had three parts. The first was ending legal segregation. The second guaranteeing the right to vote. The third, the one Dr. King knew would be the most difficult, was to guarantee economic justice, equal opportunity and a fair start for all. As Selma shows today, and as the Ferguson across the country demonstrate, that part has yet to be achieved.

President Obama was right. It's great to see 100 legislators at the demonstration, but we need them to legislate, not demonstrate. We need them to return to Washington and raise the minimum wage. We need a jobs program for young people in urban America. We need to fulfill the easy rhetoric about education as an answer, by investing the most in those who need it the most - the sons and daughters of the poor and low wage families.

President Obama called out to the young to lead once more: "It is you, the young and fearless at heart, the most diverse and educated generation in our history, who the nation is waiting to follow." We've seen the stirrings in the BlackLivesMatter demonstrations across the country. What Selma reminds us is that to make America better will take much more action to demand what could be, and much less acceptance of what is.

*Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can keep up with his work at [www.rainbowpush.org](http://www.rainbowpush.org)*

### Good bye to "Boy Blue" my lifelong friend

Roger Aiken "Boy Blue" and I grew up together on South 14th Street between Castle and Queen streets. His sister Lydia, the other children and I ran and played up and down our

street from early morning to dark during the summer months.

When our street was dirt, we could not wait for a big rain because it would flood and we played in the water. The year the city paved our street, we all received skates that Christmas and had the

time of our lives skating.

Our peaceful neighborhood was like that village we hear so much about today. Our parents, all on a fixed budget, would send us to our neighbors to borrow a cup of sugar, flour, grits, rice or a few eggs. They kept all of us in line and we respected our-

selves and all adults.

Boy Blue and I were lifetime friends. I am happy he is now pain free and living in a mansion that has been prepared just for him.

**James "Jimmy" Hankins**  
Wilmington, NC

## Matters of Opinion

### Don't overlook contributions of Clarence Mitchell

Looking at our nation and noting where we have come since 1965 gives us reason to celebrate. However, in our celebration we should be mindful that true equality was never achieved, and that instead of moving towards justice we are moving in the other direction.



Rev. William Barber



Gary L. Bledsoe

Just a year ago we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, though the Act has been and continues to be under attack from the right wing of this nation as some even ponder its "constitutionality." And now we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, just two years after the law was gutted by a decision by the Supreme Court that was not founded in law and where the Chief Justice incredulously opined that Blacks in Mississippi had superior voter access than Blacks in Massachusetts.

It is in this vein that we say that there should be a celebration, but there too must be a recognition of the work that must be done to repair the harm done by the Shelby County decision. The ink wasn't dry on that decision before Southern states such as North Carolina, Texas and Mississippi started to take action to go back to how things were.

Blacks in all the old confederacy are now confronting an array of repressive laws such as unduly restrictive voter identification laws, cut backs on early voting, enhanced purging of voters, burdensome identification issuance or renewal laws, changing of voting sites to make it more difficult for people of color to vote and a facing host of other such discriminatory obstacles. We are hearing dog whistles every day in 2015.

In the wake of last weekend's celebration in Selma, we hope that the NAACP gets proper recognition for its essential role in the law's passage. We love and respect those great Americans such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Lyndon Baines Johnson who are deservedly given so much credit, but others, including Republican Senate Leader Everett Dirksen of Illinois and the NAACP's Clarence Mitchell, had indispensable

roles as well. Sadly, the celebration of the 1964 Act largely ignored Mitchell and we hope this year's celebration does not do the same.

Clarence Mitchell was born into poverty, but rose into prominence as the NAACP's chief lobbyist and became widely known as the Nation's 101st Senator. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980 by President Jimmy Carter and the NAACP's Spingarn Medal in 1969. Mitchell strategized with Johnson to keep waffling northern Senators on board and utilized his friendships with Republicans and Democrats to help effectively persuade them to come on board.

And as the nation's chief civil rights lobbyist, he helped to organize and guide a coalition of diverse supporters from NAACP units, other civil rights, church and labor groups to address pressure points as they arose in Congress and to keep pressure on for members of Congress to support the bill. President Johnson was even quoted as saying no person forced his door open more than Clarence Mitchell.

As we celebrate Bloody Sunday and the march from Selma to Montgomery and other vital and important events from 1965, let us remem-

ber the heroes and martyrs - Dr. King, Rep. John Lewis (d-Ga.), Hosea Williams of SCLC, Amelia Boynton and Jimmie Lee Jackson. In addition to those great African-Americans we should celebrate the courageous actions of White Americans such as Rev. James Reeb and Viola Liuzzo who gave their lives so that we could have a better country. And let us remember Clarence Mitchell too!

Remembering Clarence Mitchell reminds us of how important an integrated strategy was before and is now. We must go to the streets as LBJ insisted, but the work in the halls of Congress and in the home states or districts of Congresspersons plays an essential and vital role as well. The strategy needed and included the NAACP and Mitchell and Roy Wilkins, SNCC with Lewis, Julian Bond and others and of course the SCLC with King, Hosea Williams, Andrew Young and others. And as we try to fix this law, let us restore it with substance and vitality in honor of all those great people, named and unnamed, who gave so much so that we might have the right to vote.

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## Systematic racism in America

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) report on the Ferguson, Mo. Police Department sheds a brighter light on a serious racial



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injustice malignancy that is not isolated or unique to that besieged city. What the Justice Department concluded in Ferguson, after months of intense investigation, exposes a systematic pattern of injustice and inequality that can actually be found in many cities across the nation.

This federal report presented facts with years of supporting data that revealed how racism was the decisive phenomenon in how the police and courts dealt disparagingly with Black Americans.

Racial disparities in police departments and in judicial systems are not just local problems in a few municipalities that have been exposed as a result of a pattern of racial discrimination. This is a national problem that has persisted for decades in the United States. The absence of a cumulative national database on racially motivated police brutality and on judicial racial inequity is a contributing factor to this disgusting yet persistent societal contradiction.

The Justice Department report concluded, "These disparities occur, at least in part, because Ferguson law enforcement practices are directly shaped and perpetuated by racial bias."

The good news is that in the aftermath of the details made public by the Justice Department provides a second opportunity for a more thorough national investigation. Racial justice activists and organizations should demand that the federal government perform a national investigation and audit of all major police departments and judicial systems concerning racial profiling, discrimination, abuse, police violence, prosecutorial misconduct and other forms of injustice based on race.

Of course, most of us already know what the outcome of such a new national study would surely reveal. Black Americans and other people of color in the United States continued to endure long-term patterns of racial injustice not just in the so-called "criminal justice system," but also in systems of health care, employment, housing, education, finance, and in exposures to multiple environmental hazards and toxicities.

Systematic racism in America has not and does not occur my osmosis. It is intentional and deliberate. It is the result of the "power" of imposed and unabridged institutionalized racial bias, discrimination, bigotry, hatred, stereotyping and igno-

rance.

Another important and remarkable "revelation" of the DOJ report on Ferguson was the economic greed of that form of systematic racism. The report stated, "Ferguson's law enforcement practices are shaped by the City's focus on revenue rather than by public safety needs. This emphasis on revenue has compromised the institutional character of Ferguson's police department, contributing to a pattern of unconstitutional policing, and has also shaped its municipal court, leading to procedures that raise due process concerns and inflict unnecessary harm on members of the Ferguson community."

The "harm" to the Ferguson community was and continues to be overwhelmingly targeted on Black Americans. Millions of dollars have been unjustly taken from the Black community in Ferguson and surrounding areas of St. Louis County as a direct result of the "unconstitutional" and illegal acts of police and court officials. Will the victims of the racism in Ferguson who have been financially fleeced and extorted by the law enforcement system be repaid or compensated?

The family of young unarmed Michael Brown who was unjustly killed by Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson is going forward with a massive civil suit against Wilson, the police and the court system

in Ferguson. The DOJ report should be used as conclusive evidence of the pattern and system of racial wrong doing in Ferguson.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder did the right thing by ordering the DOJ investigation. Holder kept his public promise to stand by the people of Ferguson. In fact to the credit of his outstanding leadership at the DOJ, there have been more than 20 DOJ civil rights investigations into various other police departments in the U.S. during Holder's tenure as Attorney General. Holder reaffirmed, "I again commit to the people of Ferguson that we will continue to stand with you and to work with you to ensure that the necessary reforms are implemented."

Thus, the struggle for racial justice continues in Ferguson and across the nation. The antidote to systematic racism in America is to support and empower Black Americans and other people of color in the transformation of the system of injustice in the U.S. into a fair and unbiased system of justice and equality for all people.

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## Let members of Congress live like other people

Congressman Jeff Denham (R-Calif.) couldn't bring his French bulldog, Lily, on an Amtrak train. So when Amtrak funding came up for a vote, he inserted a provision that required one car on an Amtrak train to be designated a "pet car." Pet owners will pay a fee to bring their furry companions on the train, and there are size restrictions to the pets that can travel. Still, this new provision is seen as a victory for pet owners who ride trains.

**Dr. Julianne Malveaux**

Would this new provision have been proposed had Rep. Denham's dog not been rejected from an Amtrak train? Republican members of Congress were warned by the Club for Growth and Heritage Action, fiscally conservative groups, that they should not vote to subsidize Amtrak. Would they have joined Democrats in voting \$1.4 billion a year for the next four years had their Republican colleague made his pitch about pet travel?

All too often, good legislation is only supported when someone with a personal agenda is able to add an amendment to further that agenda. Perhaps the pet cars make sense, but there might not be a pet car had not Rep.

Denham pushed the agenda for his Lily. I'm not perturbed that he made the personal political. I'm just wondering what might happen if more members of Congress had to experience the same things as the rest of us.

What if members of Congress were routinely rejected from receiving bank loans (unlikely given their average net worth of more than a million dollars and rising, compared to the \$81,000 median wealth of a U.S. family)? Might they then not look at some of the rules that banks use to restrict access to capital? What if members of Congress were stopped and frisked occasionally? Might that not provoke examination of stop and frisk laws?

What if members of Congress had to sleep on the street for just one night? Might they not consider the way our nation deals with the homeless? What if they had to travel hundreds of miles to obtain an essential medical service? Might they not, then, reconsider restrictions against abortion, a medical service many women consider essential? What if members of Congress had to survive on food stamps for even a week? Would that increase their empathy for those, some employed full time, who rely on food stamps in order to eat?

Let's not stop there. What if members of Congress were required to spend a week, without staff and handlers, in a strange community? Take House

Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and leave him in East Oakland, Calif. wearing a hoodie and some jeans. Take Small Business Committee Chair Steve Chabot (R-Ohio) and leave him in Fifth Ward Houston with just a few dollars in his wallet. Let Financial Services Chair Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) hang with a homie as his BFF in Ferguson, Mo. Put Darrel Issa (R-Calif.) in a housing project in Los Angeles. Let Homeland Security Chair Michael McCaul (R-Texas) spend a little time in New York's Riker's where civilization sometimes takes a break. Let Budget Chair Tom Price (R-Ga.) stand in line for a couple of hours to learn about unemployment benefits.

Will these legislators then be able to put their humanity on leave as they process their experiences? The provision to fund Amtrak passed 316-101, and it wasn't a perfect piece of legislation. Members of Congress ride the high-revenue Northeast corridor (Washington to Boston), so despite the warning from their influential fiscal conservative groups, they choose to continue to support Amtrak. Still, they didn't support using revenues from the heavily traveled Northeast corridor to subsidize less-traveled routes in cities that are distant from airports.

This may mean that service in some smaller cities may be cut. Why not drop members of Congress into some of

these cities and let them figure out how to get from one place to another? If we believe in the notion of a nation, we ought to have as strong an interest in the citizen in Washington as the citizen in a much smaller city. Those members of Congress who would privatize Amtrak have rejected the notion of national connections and equal access to transportation in favor of profligate profit seeking.

Members of Congress live a privileged existence. Some say they deserve it because of the service they render to our nation. But if their health care access were the same as ours, if their access to transportation were the same as ours, if their access to financial services were the same as ours, might they behave differently? If they spent just a minute with a gun pointed at their head because they had the temerity to jaywalk, if they were beaten because they dared ask questions of a police officer, if their 5-year-old child was handcuffed because she had a tantrum, would our laws be different?

Thanks to Congressman Jeff Denham, whose dog could not ride Amtrak, we know how personal inconvenience can turn into transformative legislation. If members of Congress spent a week living in a constituent's shoes, how might our laws change?

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## CURRY'S COMMENTS

### LBJ's defenders

## cheapen his accomplishments

Lyndon B. Johnson has done more to help African Americans and poor people than any modern president. But his defenders are cheapening his legacy by inflating his accomplishments, which is an insult to the people - Black and White - who lost their lives fighting for civil rights.

The first and most obnoxious example of a LBJ supporter becoming unhinged is Joseph A. Califano, Jr., President Johnson's domestic policy adviser from 1965 to 1969.

In a column for the *Washington Post*, he wrote: "In fact, Selma was LBJ's idea, he considered the Voting Rights Act his greatest legislative achievement, he viewed King as an essential partner in getting it enacted - and he didn't use the FBI to disparage him."

The idea of a Selma-to-Montgomery March actually originated in Marion, Ala., about 30 miles northwest of Selma, with the death of Jimmie Lee Jackson. Marchers were protesting the arrest of James Orange, a key Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) field organizer. In fact, they were marching from Zion Chapel Methodist Church a short distance to the jail when Jackson was killed by an Alabama State Trooper James Bonard Fowler. At the time, he was trying to defend his 82-year old grandfather; a scene vividly captured in the movie, "Selma." The account is also recounted in Selma 1965: The March That Changed the South by Charles E. Fager.

Instead of a traditional funeral, the idea was proposed to march to Montgomery and present Jackson's body to Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace at the state capitol. Wiser minds prevailed and the idea was refined to hold a traditional funeral for Jimmie Lee Jackson and march 54 miles from Selma to Montgomery to demand full voting rights for Blacks.

It was the death of 26-year-old Jimmie Lee Jackson that inspired the Selma to Montgomery March, not an "idea" floating around in LBJ's head. Neither Califano nor anyone else is entitled to use the blood of the Civil Rights Movement to create a myth that is contrary to history and common sense.

The most recent attempt to super-size LBJ's legacy is the assertion that it was the former president's idea to include Latinos in the Civil Rights Movement.

An Associated Press story noted, "While this week's commemorations of the 50th anniversary of 'Bloody Sunday' may invoke memories of historic events in which the 'real hero,' as Johnson said, was 'the American Negro,' little is said about Johnson's call in that speech to include Mexican-Americans in the struggle for equality."

The story added, "Appalled by the brutality in Selma, Johnson viewed it as an opportunity to 'liberate himself' by linking the voting rights struggle with the struggles, 37 years earlier, of his poorest [Latino] students in Cotulla..."

Dr. King worked hard to build coalitions with other groups, including Latinos. In fact, many were in attendance in great numbers at the 1963 March on Washington.

Former New York City Councilman Gerena Valentín said, "Martin Luther King Jr. invited me to Atlanta, Ga., to discuss the march that was being organized, and I went there with a strong team. He personally invited me to organize the Latinos in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts, and so I did."

King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech - made two years before the Selma to Montgomery March - was a broad appeal for justice for "all of God's children."

So it's preposterous to suggest that it was President Johnson's idea to include "Mexican-Americans in the struggle for equality."

The reality is that Johnson was anything but a civil rights advocate in Congress.

PoliticFact.com, the fact-checking site, noted that Robert Caro, LBJ's biographer, said: "for eleven years he had voted against every civil rights bill - against not only legislation aimed at ending the poll tax and segregation in the armed services but even against legislation aimed at ending lynching: a one hundred percent record."

"Running for the Senate in 1948, he had assailed President Harry Truman's entire civil rights program (an effort to set up a police state)... Until 1957, in the Senate, as in the House, his record - by that time a twenty-year record - against civil rights had been consistent."

Luci Baines Johnson accepted an award from march organizers Sunday morning in Selma on behalf of her father, saying, "It means the world to me to know that a half-century later you remember how deeply Daddy cared about social justice and how hard he worked to make it happen."

It was only after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and Johnson's elevation from vice president that he overcame his past, signing into law the Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Voting Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Those three laws forever changed the United States for the better. LBJ's legacy is firmly established. He doesn't need his supporters to lie about his record in order to enlarge his reputation.

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## BLACKONOMICS

### Who pays for police officers' misbehavior?

Ever since President Bill Clinton apologized for the Tuskegee syphilis "experiment" in 1997, we have heard calls for apologies from the government and individuals for a myriad of transgressions against Black people. I came to the conclusion a long time ago

that apologies are highly overrated and mean very little when it comes to initiating substantive change and reciprocity toward the offended class or individual. We witnessed the latest apology by the mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, to the family of Tamir Rice after the police findings were made public.

The report stated Rice's death was caused by, "by the failure ... to exercise due care to avoid injury." In other words, the 12-year old boy caused his own death. The mayor apologized not for the killing but for the words used to describe the cause of the killing. Rice was shot for holding a toy gun 1.7 seconds after the cops pulled up to his location in a park. No warning, no command to drop the gun, and no attempt to speak to Rice; they shot first - immediately, and now we are asking the

questions. We will hear the usual excuses and legal rationales, but the bottom line is that the taxpayers of Cleveland will pay dearly for this tragedy. That's right, the taxpayers, not the police officers, which brings me to my point. Yes, you're right; here comes the economic side of things.

From 1995 to 2001, in Cincinnati, police killed 15 Black men, some of whom were wielding guns and some who were innocent victims of overzealous quick-on-the-trigger officers. In addition to the killings, many Black people were harassed, profiled, illegally stopped and searched, and unjustifiably injured, physically and psychologically, by police officers.

Those incidents, undergirded by economic sanctions imposed against our city and a class action lawsuit, led to several capitulating concessions, which included cash payouts that amounted to more than \$16 million, as I recall. Who paid it? The taxpayers, those of us who protested, helped pay the bill for the injuries and injustices that we fought against.

Looking back on those days makes me see how ridiculous it is for us to follow the same pattern to redress injustices such as the killing of Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, and others. Most taxpayers give little or no thought to where the millions of dollars come from

when monetary penalties are imposed and paid out to victims of police violence or mistreatment of citizens. Maybe if more of us knew the money was coming from our pockets, money that, in many cases, could have been used for street repair, business development, or capital improvements, we would get together and put an end to this madness.

In return for insults, injuries, and injustice we demand apologies and, in some instances, remuneration. We get are empty words replete with condescension, and payouts from our own tax dollars, which have no real effect on the perpetrators of the insults, injuries, and injustices we suffer. The real culprits have nothing to lose; they commit their acts with impunity. They can even say Tamir Rice and John Crawford caused their own deaths by holding a gun in an "open carry" state, a state where other folks carry guns openly and never get shot for doing so.

We watched Rice and Crawford lose their lives in a matter of seconds after the police came on the scene. We saw Eric Garner killed in a matter of minutes for "failing to comply," while we see others questioning police officers and "refusing" to comply, only to be allowed to either walk away or otherwise have their say as the police back off.

Despite the graphic evi-

dence of disparate treatment, Blacks get weak apologies and insulting rationales as mitigation for our injuries and injustice. If there were a price to pay for police officers who commit these kinds of acts, since most will never be indicted, maybe they would exercise more restraint before they fire their guns. If they were required to have personal malpractice insurance, for instance, not paid by the municipality but by themselves, or if court awards had to be paid from police department budgets, maybe there would be fewer killings.

Injustice can and does lead to violence in return, and it could ultimately be one reason for young people turning to terrorism. While some naively think jobs will stop terrorism, a report, "The Age of the Wolf," cited an 18-year old boy who stated, "I did not join the Taliban because I was poor; I joined because I was angry."

There is a lot of anger out there about our broken criminal justice system. I believe economic responses will accelerate the process of repairing it.

*Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He can be reached through his website, blackonomics.com.*

## Black Americans' threat from Whites wearing badges

Is Raymond Wilford, a 26-year-old Black Seattle resident, not dead or seriously injured only because the White mall security officer who maced and then arrested him didn't have a gun?

I'll come to the deeply suspicious police killings of Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Missouri; of Eric Garner, in New York City; and of Ezell Ford, in Los Angeles momentarily. But it's first worth considering what happened to Raymond Wilford on Saturday, August 9 as he walked to meet a friend at Seattle's Westlake Mall.

His story reinforces what those three deadly incidents have dramatically illustrated: the potential threat from White men wearing badges of

some sort of "authority" Black Americans - especially Black American males - face every day.

According to news reports, which include a video of the incident posted online, as Wilford approached the area of the mall where a peaceful pro-Palestinian rally was underway, he was suddenly accosted by a White man who was shirtless, and, witnesses later said, had been harassing the demonstrators with racist slurs. Much of the brief confrontation between Wilford and the man was captured in pictures and a video taken by a photographer who had been covering the demonstration.

Wilford, taken aback, raised his fists as if prepared to defend himself against the man whom he said was saying "a bunch of racial stuff" to him and had also raised his hands as if to fight. But neither man threw any punches.

That's when the White mall security guard appeared and, according to Wilford and sev-

eral witnesses, completely ignored the shirtless White man who was yelling and actually walking toward him, raised the can of pepper spray to Wilford's face and sprayed him. In the video, witnesses can be heard yelling to the security cop, "You maced the wrong guy!"

The video also shows the security guard grabbing Wilford, now disabled by the pepper spray, by the arm and pulling him into the mall, the both of them followed by witnesses shouting that Wilford had done nothing wrong. A Seattle police officer, who had arrived late to the confrontation, told the witnesses not to interfere. Meanwhile, the White shirtless man, who has not been identified, just walked away.

Wilford told the Seattle Times that in the mall, he was given baby shampoo to wash his face, then after 25 minutes released at the order of a Seattle police officer. Wilford, a father of two who moved to

Seattle from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, said the security guard apologized to him before he was released, but that he's considering filing a complaint.

For Raymond Wilford the White man with a badge of "authority" he encountered was armed - with a racist imagination, but, fortunately, also only with a can of pepper spray. So, the security guard's completely mis-perceiving a potentially serious situation did not have serious consequences.

That assessment isn't meant to diminish the personal anger and humiliation of these kind of encounters we know Blacks and other people of color constantly endure from "Whites with badges" in department and other kinds of stores, airports, schools and college campuses, and so on. It is to under-

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score the validity of a series of questions:

For example, if that Seattle mall security guard had had a gun, would Raymond Wilford's name now be on the long list of unarmed Black men, women and children killed by "Whites with badges" in questionable circumstances? Broadening the focus of our questioning, does the desire to "control" Black people - or the fear of black people - that drove the security guard to such rash and wrong action also infect some number of police officers in localities all across America? Is that, at bottom, why Michael Brown, and Eric Garner, and Ezell Ford were killed?

After all, neither Michael Brown nor Ezell Ford was engaged in any wrongdoing when stopped by the police; and neither of them had any history of being a "troublemaker." Neither did Eric

Garner, whom police officials said was known to sell loose cigarettes on the streets of his neighborhood - a minor violation of the state penal code.

So, how is it that in all three of these instances, this one Black teenager and these two Black men ended up being killed by White police officers?

I suspect we already know the answer to that question in both these three specific circumstances and in the longer trail of innocent Black people being killed by White police officers. I think I see both those elements of White racism - fear and the desire to control - on tragic display in the video of Raymond Wilford's unjustified arrest, which he survived, and in the video of Eric Garner's unjustified arrest, which he did not.

*Lee A. Daniels is a longtime journalist based in New York City. His essay, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Great Provocateur," appears in Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Peace Laureates of African Descent (2014), published by Zed Books.*

# Consumer complaints pay off in \$1.6 billion relief

BY CHARLENE CROWELL  
NNPA COLUMNIST

Financial stress can feel like a lonely struggle. But according to a new report by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), 460,700 consumers shared many of the same financial concerns and contacted the agency for help in just six months last year.

Charlene Crowell

During this period, CFPB's related investigations and enforcement actions on a range of financial concerns from discriminatory credit card practices to violations of federal laws to protect military service members, and more brought \$1.6 billion in relief to consumers. Since its inception in 2011, CFPB has helped more than 15 million consumers nationwide and cumulatively recovered more than \$5.3 billion in relief.

Some could say that returning monies to consumers is just a case of the squeaky wheel getting the grease. However Richard Cordray, CFPB's Director, takes another view.

"Through fair rules, consistent oversight, appropriate enforcement of the law, and broad-based consumer engagement, the Bureau is helping to restore American families' trust in consumer financial markets, protect consumers from improper conduct, and ensure access to fair, competitive and transparent markets," said Cordray.

Created in the aftermath of the worst recession of this generation, CFPB became the cornerstone of the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform Act and the nation's first federal agency with the sole focus of protecting consumers in the financial marketplace. For communities of color who became targets for predatory loans, CFPB's enforcement authority provides a two-pronged government action: financially penalizing lenders that violate fair lending laws and then compensating affected consumers.

Another Dodd-Frank provision requires that CFPB make semi-annual reports to Congress, detailing its actions, rule-making, and efforts to ensure that all financial markets observe fair, competitive and transparent transactions.

Of all the complaints filed during the reporting period of April 1-September 30, 2014, debt collection was the number one concern measured by consumer complaints (36 percent). Among military service members, debt collection was an even larger concern at 53 percent. Right now, CFPB is also continuing investigations of major debt collection firms regarding collections practices.

CFPB's analysis of complaints reveal the most troublesome practices are collectors pursuing them for debts not currently owed. Consumers cited how collections continued despite identity theft, bankruptcy discharges or even debts owed by other consumers. In many other instances, consumers

only learned about debt collection accounts after reviewing their credit reports. Complaints were also filed about repeated calls, abusive or obscene language, threats of arrest or lawsuits, and false statements or representations.

"The volume and types of debt collection complaints underscore many of the problems that exist in the debt collection and debt buying industry today," said Lisa Stifler, policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). "These problems, such as questionable and incomplete information about debts and consumers, often result in the abusive and harassing behavior about which individuals complain. Fortunately, CFPB rulemaking, oversight and enforcement activity should help to address many of the most harmful debt collection practices."

In mortgage lending, issues, more than 80 percent were about two specific problem areas: inability to pay and problems with loan servicers or escrow accounts

when payments were being made. Nearly half of all mortgage complaints - 49 percent - noted problems with loan modification, collection and foreclosure. An additional 35 percent of mortgage complaints focused on loan servicing, escrow accounts and payments.

For troubled homeowners, complaints filed alleged that some mortgage servicers do not amend derogatory credit reporting during trial periods - even after indicating to consumers that they would do so. Borrowers facing foreclosure have told CFPB their concerns with fees charged as part of the foreclosure process. According to complaints, the fees pose a substantial obstacle to avoiding foreclosure as many servicers do not roll them into the loan balance. In other instances, consumers never receive an itemization of fees assessed; but are given a one line-item reinstatement quote.

"These complaints reveal that consumers continue to face significant challenges within the mortgage industry," said Nikitra Bailey, CRL

vice-president. "The goal of clear and transparent lending is not happening for everyone. That should be the standard, rather than the exception. The CFPB is positioned to ensure fairness for all consumers."

If you or someone you know believes he/she is troubled by a consumer lending issue, CFPB accepts online complaints on: auto loan or lease, bank account services, credit cards, credit reporting, debt collection, mortgages, student and payday loans. Complaints can also be filed by phone at 1-855-411-2373. Mailed and faxed complaints are also accepted.

For consumers who only want to bring an issue to its attention, CFPB enables them to share their concerns too.

Director Cordray told the House Financial Services Committee, "The premise at the heart of our mission

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## District agencies help convicts deal with mental health issues



There are 25 mental health clinics or Core Service Agencies (CSAs) in the District.

BY LINDA POULSON  
OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER

NNPA--Jeffrey Moore was shot in the face. The trauma from his ordeal caused mental health challenges while taking numerous medications. The result: He was incarcerated. "At some point people will have mental health challenges, especially with problems they face in life," he said.

Moore is getting assistance from University Legal Services (ULS), helping him transition to a halfway house. He believes it will be difficult to find work because of his condition. "People already make assessments about you," he stated. "Why are people with mental health issues pushed back?"

ULS has formed a partnership with the D.C. Jail and Prison Advocacy Project (JPAP) for District residents who have been diagnosed with a mental illness or emotional impairment. Symptoms include schizophrenia, bipolar disorders, depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Dr. Jennifer Skeem, a professor at the University of California Berkeley whose research involves justice policy with people that have emotional and behavioral problems, was part of the panel.

"There has been a dramatic increase since 2012," Skeem said. "There is a perceived root of the problem through imperfect models of what actually works."

Skeem mentioned a three-step process that takes priority in helping cases of mental illness. "Psychiatric services are not the linchpin," Skeem continued. "What is the

roadmap in the number of people and risk factors in criminal behavior?"

Ann-Marie Louison of the Nathaniel Project in New York City share her ideas about what is needed to help those who are incarcerated. As co-founder of the project, she developed the first "alternative-to-incarceration" program in the Manhattan Supreme Court. The program helps adults with severe mental illnesses that are convicted of felonies. "In New York, there is a natural judicial process in which the majority has felonies," she said. "Quality of life is important."

There are 25 mental health clinics or Core Service Agencies (CSAs) in the District. University Legal Services can help those decide which one best suit their needs depending on their condition.

The JPAP received a three-year grant from the Langeloth Foundation for a pilot program with ULS' Federal Bureau of Prison's Mental Health Transition Planning Project. Tammy Seltzer is the program director. The legal service provides incarcerated individuals with mental health assistance when leaving prison to go back into the community. The service also provides those who face discrimination due to their condition. The support continues for six months.

Taylor Neuville was glad she networked enough to find out about the project. "I had a mental breakdown. I was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) complex due to abuse," Neuville said. "When I went in front of the judge due to my symptoms, he didn't care," she said.

Neuville had been abused since childhood. Her former husband also abused her.

More information on University Legal Services can be obtained at [www.ulsdc.org](http://www.ulsdc.org).

**New Hanover County**

**D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy**, 813 Nixon St., will hold their Careet Day on Friday, March 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**GE Retirees Association** will meet at noon, Thursday, March 19th, at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Rd. Lunch \$5, open to GE retirees and spouses. Speakers will be Jon Ball from GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy and Jason Swinny from GE Aviation - Wilmington who will discuss the "State of the Business." For more information call 910-819-2776.

**Community Briefs**

**Narconon** would like to remind families that the use of addicting drugs is on the rise, take steps to protect your family from drug use. If you know anyone who is struggling with drug addiction get them the help they need. Call for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or DrugAbuseSolution.com.

**New Hanover Regional Medical Center** is offering a new Ostomy support group to help improve the quality of life for people with permanent and temporary Ostomies. Run by NHRMC wound/Ostomy nurses, meetings will offer education and a chance for those with Ostomies to share their experiences. Ostomy Support Group meetings will be on the second Monday of each month from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. in the James Walker Conference Room near the NHRMC Cafeteria. For questions, email nhrmc.ostomates@gmail.com.

**New Hanover County Democratic Women** will meet Thursday, March 12 at McAlisters Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Dinner and social time begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 6:45. Our Guest speaker will be from Planned Parenthood. Membership includes registered Democrat women and men. Men may join but do not have voting privileges. If any questions, please call 910-395-4502.

**Smart Start of New Hanover County** will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Large Training Room At the Smart Start Office, 3534-F South College Rd. All meetings are open to the public. If you require additional information please contact Smart Start at 910-815-3731.

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**HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**Facts will solve problems**

**F**acts are something known with certainty or something that has been objectively verified. When you solve a problem, work out the right solution for the problem in truth. Truth and facts will stand above all others.

**Verniece Stanley**

You will not support the UNCW Track and Field Program financially. What happened to all the money last year? It could be in the pockets of millionaires. Young children can see, or feel,

the changes in our government. The many cuts in food and healthcare affect them too. The disagreements are for the whole world to see. America is not the country you want it to be. "God bless America."

We cannot forget our poor, hungry, malnourished, and sick children. Today we must do more to help the poor families and shut ins because it can be done. The true value of your compassion is priceless.

Let's face the fact that more unemployed people are living in cars. There is an increase in mental disabilities. It's known that many individuals and government officials would prefer the homeless be invisible. Let's be truthful

about the facts. Brunswick County doesn't have a permanent shelter for the homeless during extreme harsh winter weather conditions and other situations, such as home burnouts, evictions, abuse, and other situations that leave families needing help immediately.

There are going to be many critical days which we will face in the future. Many will suffer many hardships because jobs are not available and looking for a part-time job to help support the family. Our hopes are peaceful because a change is coming, and we can be thankful and trust that people will help when asked for help.

*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.*

**Williston Middle to host "The Clothesline Muse" as part of its 100th Anniversary Celebration**

Beginning March 16, 2015, Williston Middle School will host a two week Artist in Residence program called The Clothesline Muse, as part of a grant supported by the New England Foundation for the Arts, the North Carolina Arts Council and the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) Office of Cultural Arts.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of Williston Senior High School, artists Nnenna Freelon and Maya Freelon will share the significance of the clothesline in African American History. Williston students will interview alumni and create artifacts of Williston through the stories of its alumni. The artifacts will be used to create a "clothesline" based on techniques from The Clothesline Muse.

"We are honored to have such an opportunity to host artists Nnenna Freelon and Maya Freelon," said Principal Dr. Jerry Oates. "This experience will help continue our legacy of still



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Clothesline Muse is a unique theatrical experience exploring the role of the clothesline in African American culture. The performance includes dance, percussive music, spoken word, interview text, video and interactive art. The cast features 6 dancers and jazz vocalist Nneena Freelon as "The Muse."

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through the UNCW box office at (910) 962-3500 or (800) 732-3643 or online at etix.

For more information, visit the UNCW Cultural Arts page, or contact Georgeann Haas at (910) 254-4290 or georgeann.haas@nhcs.net.

**Spartan Basketball Association and Once Me Children's Foundation send CARE packages to our troops**



**JOHN DAVIS PHOTO**

**THE SPARTAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION AND ONCE ME CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

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The Spartan Basketball Association and Once Me Children's Foundation teamed up to adopt an infantry unit called Alpha Company. The units of troops are based out of

Camp Lejeune who left for Afghanistan in January and plan to be there for more than a year.

On Saturday, March 7th the organizations gathered and made care packages to send to the troops.

Spartan Basketball volunteer Cameron Davenport

said "We are sending cards letting them know that we are praying for them and that we are thinking about them."

Almost every family in the organizations donated the food to send the troops like soup, beef jerky, and candy.

This is the first time Spartan Basketball Association has sent care packages, but they plan on sending things every month until our troops return home. Coaches, board members and parents came together to support a great cause.

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Margaret Herring Coston

In the calm of the afternoon, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, God reached out his hands and ushered Margaret Herring Coston into His Glory. Margaret Coston, born November 8, 1935, the daughter of the late Henry Lee McKnight and Hattie Ruth Herring departed this life to a life eternal.

Lovingly referred to as "Marguerite" by her friends and "JJ" by her grands, Tomahawk, North Carolina was her first home, where she attended Sampson County Schools. During her preteen years, she and her mother relocated to Wilmington, NC, where she would attend Williston Industrial High School, and meet her husband-to-be and the father of her five children, the late Bernard Emory Coston, Sr. Although their marriage would not endure the years, their friendship remained. A crushing moment in her life would be the death of their only son, Bernard E. Coston, Jr. Blessed to have the love of many mothers to touch her life, specifically Ida Bell Crumpler McKnight and Mary Alice Wright, and cousins that adored her, she learned to show that same unconditional love to anyone. Working as a nurse's aid for many years, she continuously displayed her caring nature for others. She would literally give you her last bite to eat or her last dollar. And her natural sense of humor was medicine to all those in her presence. She never lost her quick wit, even in her last days and she stretch forth her love to all that she could in her last hours. While she possessed many beautiful qualities, her greatest lesson to all of us would be "forgiveness". In her life, she let go of hurts, disappointments, betrayal and simply showed you love.

She peacefully leaves to this life, daughters, Wanda Brendette, Margaret Denise, Sonja Ruth and Sheryl Aleta; a faithful son-in-law, Ronald McFadden; and loyal daughter-in-law, Yvonne Coston; grandchildren, Tosha Coston, Roland Criswell (Bethany), Samuel Criswell, Cachet Criswell, Charice Coston, Matthew

Coston (Naikeya), Laurence Criswell, Candace Coston, and Brayla Coston; 15 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Karren McKnight Rich, Joyce Avery McKnight Johnson, Roberta Johnson (Hayward), 1 brother, Johnny McKnight (Brenda), loving cousins, sister-friends, and a multitude of other relatives and friends.

Many spoke of her natural beauty and curves, but "If we could see her now". Her spirit is free; her soul is at peace; joy surrounds her; and loving arms have embraced her. She is present in God's glory.

To honor Margaret Herring Coston, please make contributions in her memory to: Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center; 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington NC 28401.

James "Junie"  
Thomas Newkirk, Jr.

James was a native of Wilmington, North Carolina. He was the only child of James and Sadie Newkirk.

James was a graduate of Williston Senior High School (Class of 1959). After High School James attended Johnson C. Smith University.

James enlisted in the United States Air force and served his country for 8 years. James was honorably discharged from the Military.

After leaving the Military, James attended the University of Oklahoma and later became a General Manager for various trucking companies.

James is survived by his wife Joyce and three children - Kittia, Kristina, Kenneth; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. *Morgan Jones Funeral Home, Inc*

**Mr. Donald Ray Fields**

On Monday, March 2, 2015, God called to rest, Donald Ray Fields. Donald known to many as "D Ray," was the youngest of eight children. The son of Leroy and Georgiana Fields who preceded him in death. Funeral services were held on, March 6, 2015 at Mt. Zion AME Church. Burial was in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Born in Wilmington, North

Carolina on July 13, 1956, Donald became the joy and sometime pain of the family. The "Northside" was his stomping ground where he met and made many friends. Some became his lifelong buddies, friends to the very end. There was nothing that he was not willing to do, he would always lend a helping hand whenever asked. He gave his all to help whoever he could.

He is a member of the New Hanover High School Class of 1975. He lived, he loved, and he gave his all to the fullest.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one brother, Willie L. Fields, six sisters, Catherine (William) Kea, Clara Bryant, Shirley Salters, Vivian D. Fields, Maretta Fields and Lillie M. Fields, one uncle, Charles Fields, Sr., one aunt, Virginia F. Utley, fifteen nieces and nephews, two who grew up with him like younger brothers; Brian "Nard" Fields and Aaron "Pokey" Fields, and a host of grand nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. "We loved you but God loved you best." *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Mr. James Lawrence Green**

James Lawrence Green was born November 25, 1955 to the late Lalas and Gertrude Green. He departed this life on February 25, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife; Lorraine Green and stepson Cedric Armstrong. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery.

James graduated from New Hanover High School in 1975. He continued his education at Elizabeth City State University and received his bachelor degree in business administration. After graduating from the University he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served ten years.

Later in life, he decided it was time to make a change and gave his life to the Lord and became a member at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved fiancé of seventeen years, Gwendolyn McPherson, five children, Ursula Whitfield, Mahlika Fulton, Yalonda Green (Tiffany), Ayala Green and James Green, Jr., two stepdaughters, Leah and Colette Armstrong, two brothers, Donelle Green (Ethel) of Dallas, Texas and Terry Green (Gwendolyn), three sisters, Glenda Moore of the city, Delores Medlin (Michael) and Carolyn Green of Virginia; nine grandchildren, Angelika, Devin, Kiona, Caniyah, Nasir, Jordan, Sharrod, Iyanna and Ervin, stepgrandchildren, Jerrod, Kaseem, Quadrice, Tackia, and Quashayla, a great-granddaughter, Kimani, four very close cousins, Robert Lee, Larry "Sleepy," Dolly Mae Green, and Junior Harris, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends along with a very dear friend, Arthur James. *Arrangements*

*by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Mrs. Phoebe George**

Sister Phoebe Louise George, was the oldest of four children born to Charles P. George and Phoebe A. George. She was born February 24, 1921. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at St. Luke AME Zion Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery.

To her brothers and sister, she was known as "Sister." She graduated from Williston Industrial School. Upon graduation, she went to work in New Hanover County while helping raise her younger brothers and sister.

She had one son; Harold, who still lives in New Hanover County. She loved attending church. She was a faithful member of Saint Luke African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She loved working in her flower garden and visiting her friends. She will be missed by all. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Sharon Denise Stone**

Sharon Denise Stone, 49, of Wilmington, formerly of NJ, died February 21st. Visitation was held Thursday, February 26th at Davis Funeral Home. Inurnment in Newark, NJ. *Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Deames Smith**

Deames Smith, 97, of Wilmington died Tues. February 24th. Funeral was held Monday, March 2nd at Ebenezer MBC Princess Place Dr. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Bernard Smith; granddaughter, Tarica Pulliam; grandson, Orlando Blackwell; and siblings Bessie Bullock, Mary Sidberry, Sarah Peoples, Virginia Branch, William Smith, Council Smith, Robert Smith, and Charles Edward Smith.

He is survived by: His Wife, Grace Ann, Wilmington, with whom he shared 68 years of blissful marriage; Children, Leroy Nixon (Kathleen), Portland, OR, Luella E. Price, Washington, DC, and Gracie D. Pulliam, Wilmington, NC; Daughter-in-law, Della Smith, Killeen, TX; Siblings, Fannie Thomas, Wilmington, Geneva Glenn, New York, Lewis Nixon (Brother in Law), Wilmington, NC, Leroy Peoples (Brother in Law), Wilmington, NC, Pleasant Bullock (Brother in Law), Maryland; Grandchildren, Barbara Boney (Rondro), Wilmington, NC, Rafeequah Ogden (Craige), Tigard, OR, Thomas Smith (Haydee), Seattle, WA, Tenetia Rutherford (Abdul), OR, Shequana Sidberry (John), Wilmington, NC, Tamela Carter (Lorenzo), Washington, DC, Deanna Price, Washington, DC, Isaiah Nixon, Portland, OR, Derrick Price (Denita), Washington, DC, Eddie

Shepherd (LaShawnda), CA, Alicia Allen (Jason), TX, and Tunia Green, CA; Twenty-Seven Great-grandchildren; Twenty-One Great-Great Grandchildren; A host of nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives. *Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Raleigh Bell, Jr.**

Raleigh Bell, Jr., 77, of Carlisle, Pa. formerly of Leland, died Saturday, February 28th. at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 8th at St. James AMEZ Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Raleigh was preceded in death by: his sister, Ethel Galloway; two nephews, Kenneth Moore and Bobby Galloway, one niece, Cindy Galloway.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Karen L. Bell of West Haven, CT; his two sons, Alonzo Bell of West Haven, CT and Emmanuel Bell of Charlotte, NC; three sisters, Eva Vaneal Waddell (Fred) of Leland, NC, Susie Moore and Mary J. Bordeaux both of Winnabow, NC; two brothers, Charles H. Bell of Winnabow, NC, and Treadwell Bell (Edith) of Leland, NC; one grandchild, Ashton Bell; five nieces, Brenda Windham, Renee Nichols, Tia Hankins, Demetria Locklear and Sarah Bell; seven nephews, Charles Bell, Tommy Bell, Darryl Waddell, Dion Waddell, Dan Galloway, Dwain Waddell and Michael Bordeaux; his former spouse, Martha Bell; a good friend, Beverly McCormick; many precious and loving cousins, other relatives and friends. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Kiteme D. McGoogan, 41**

Kiteme D. McGoogan, 41, of Wilmington died Thursday, March 5th at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10th at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. *Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Catherine Lovan**

Catherine Lovan died Friday, March 6th at Brunswick Cove Nursing Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 11th at Mt Nebo MB Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Jerry S. Bowen**

Jerry S. Bowen died Thursday, March 5th at Leland House. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10th at Mt. Carmel AME, Southport, NC. Burial followed in Corbett Hankins Cemetery, Bolivia, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Lea "Katie Lee" Ransome**

Lea "Katie Lee" Ransome died Wednesday, March 4th at

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**Words of Thanks**

The family of Margaret Herring Coston extends their sincere appreciation to all of those who were here in presence and in prayer during this time. We also thank the people of Lower Cape Fear Hospice who cared for our love one and made this time of transitioning a little easier to bear.

The Family

**In Loving Memory Of**

**Lula Waddell Clemons**  
"Mama Lula"  
April 5, 1913 - March 1, 1998

Mother we thought of you today,  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought of you yesterday,  
And will tomorrow too.  
We've known lots of pleasure,  
At times endured pain,  
We've lived in the sunshine  
And walked in the rain.  
We do not know the reasons  
God allows both joy and tears, or  
Why we must lose the precious ones we've cherished through the years,  
No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say goodbye,  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
Our chain will link again.  
Every time we see your picture,  
You smile and seem to say,  
"Don't cry, I'm only sleeping,  
we'll meet again some day."  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
MAMA, still loved,  
still missed and very dear.  
We Love You,  
Your Son,  
Richard Waddell, Jr.  
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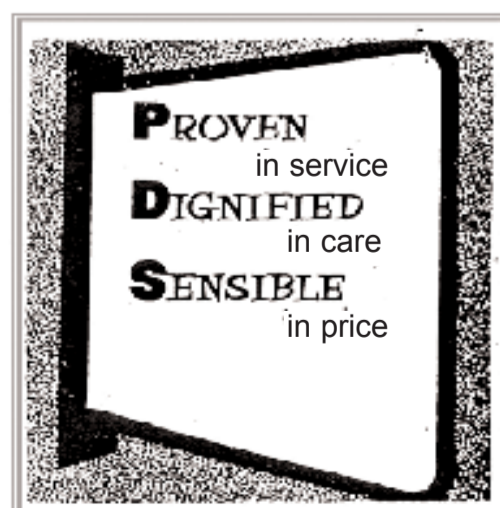
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**New Hanover County**

**Bowens Chapel** will sponsor a Musical Convention each Saturday in March at 4:00 p.m. at Anderson Tabernacle, corner of Ann and 17th Sts. For more information call Pastor Reginald Bowens at 910-763-5060.

**Joyce Jones Ministries** will present the 2015 Women of P.O.W.E.R. Gathering from Monday, March 16th- Saturday, March 21st at Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Dr., 7:00 p.m. nightly and Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Contact Dr. Joyce Jones for more information contact Dr. Joyce Jones at 910-620-5103 or 910-392-3206 or 910-524-2811.



**Religious Briefs**

**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**, 3701 Princess Place Dr., Easter Services, "Journey to Jerusalem" will be held on the following Wednesdays from 12:15 p.m.-12:50 p.m. March 11th- Minister Danielle Glaze, "Jesus Decides", March 18th-Reverend R.C. West, Jr.-"Blessed be the King, March 25th- Reverend Eric Porterfield, "A Time of Prayer" and April 1st- The Honorable Judge James Faison, "In the Courtroom"

**Mt. Zion AME Church**, 1111 N. 5th St., will hold a musical program (Gospel Explosion) sponsored by the stewards and trustees featuring Mt. Nebo Men's Choir, Mt. Olive AME Mass Choir, Tyuan Bryant, Brothers in Christ, First Baptist Church (Scott's Hill), St. Andrew AME Zion Men's Choir, Adrianna Flowers (Dance Ministry), TLC Praise and Worship Team, Sounds of Joy and Gospel Love Express on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**, 701 S. 12th St., youth choir will celebrate their anniversary on Saturday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m. Also on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m. the church will hold a program, "The Deacon Speaks." The speakers will be deacons from the surrounding area.

**Praise and Deliverance AME Church**, 3601 Princess Place Dr., will hold a Trustee Program on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 p.m. with special guest Reverend James L. McKinnon of Island Creek Missionary Baptist along with his choir and congregation.

**Rachel & Joy** will hold their anniversary celebration featuring Shawn Brown & Da Boyz, Brian McIntosh, New Creation, PC & Praise, Spiritual Voices and Sons of Gods on Saturday, March 21st at Freedom Way Ministries, 1952 Dawson St. at 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information contact Rachel Dixon at 910-297-7469.

**St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion**, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will have Family and Friends Day March 15th during the 11:00 a.m. service. The guest speaker will be Brother William Boykin accompanied by the Mass Choir of St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church. The Rev. Lester Jacobs, Presiding Elder of the Washington District in the N.C. Conference and formerly of Wilmington & a pastor on the Wilmington District will be the special guest at 4:00 p.m. He will be accompanied by none other than the Edgerton Singers of Price Cathedral A.M.E. Zion Church. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. For more information call the Family & Friends Day Chair Sister Carolyn Nixon at St Phillip 910-251-9892 or Dr. Nixon at 910-540-4406. The Annual Tom Thumb Wedding weekend of events will begin on March 27th with a rehearsal dinner: A delicious spaghetti dinner is planned with a salad, garlic bread and tea for a donation of \$5.00. On Saturday, March 28th at 3:00 p.m. the Annual Tom Thumb Wedding will be held. Sponsored by the Christian Education Dept. Lil' Miss. Aniyah Colston will be the bride and Master Charles David Boykin will be the groom. This program will benefit the church's Building Fund Project 2015. For more information, you may call Sister Dentrail Boykin at 910-200-4953 or Sister Dorothy Nixon at 910-538-2845.

**Brunswick County**

**Blackwell Chapel AME Church**, will hold a Variety Show to help with their Building Fund Project. The program will be held at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall, 801 South 10th St. on March 21st at 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Sister Helen Waddell at 910-371-2206.

**By His Grace Ministries** will present "Gospel Explosion" with various musical artists on Saturday, March 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the Waccamaw Community Building, 5585 Waccamaw School Rd., Ash, NC. Accepting school supplies for those in need.

**Mt. Pisgah Missionary Church** will hold their Spring Revival Wednesday, March 18th-Friday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. nightly with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jerry Corbett.

**Myrtle Grove AME Church**, 216 Old Fayetteville Rd. will celebrate their Women's Day on Sunday, March 15th at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Lula Mae Webb of New Townsend Temple Holiness Church, Bolton, NC.

**Walk into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries** will be accepting clothing donations at 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC for the Free Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, April 25th from 7:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Please call Evangelist Utrillia Bryant at 910-294-0656 or Overseer Elgin Blake at 910-557-0438.

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**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**Birthday Fellowship Celebration**

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

What a beautiful sunny day for us seniors to come together one more time! We met today for our birthday celebration. We always enjoy

our gatherings wherever we are because the presence of the Lord is always there. We were greeted by President Eloise Purdie. Minister McQuillian came to say the prayer and grace and to give thanks to God for this day and the many blessings He

has given us. After the meal, we were given a lot of valuable prizes that we all needed. We can never get enough of what we don't need. We all had a great time, and there was much laughter. We had Announcements were given, and visitors were introduced.

They were Mrs. Queen Ester Levy and Ms. Dorothy Denkins.

We sang "Bind Us Together." Prayer was offered by Elder Aaron Moore.

There were fifty-three present

**SENIOR MOMENTS**

**The concept of prayer**

My fellow seniors,

When I was just a little girl, my mother caught me praying against my dad. We had just finished our family prayer, with everyone kneeling around the fireplace. My father had prayed for sunshine so that we could finish picking our cotton.

But I knew if the cotton was wet we couldn't go to school. So I went into the next room and prayed for rain. My mother over heard

me. She called me a bad girl. So I offered to take back my prayer.

But mama said "Don't bother. The Lord doesn't have to listen to you nor your daddy. He already knows what to do and, since that day, I have always been uncertain about our concept of prayer: I wondered how God could answer all prayers when everyone was praying for something different. I finally came to the conclusion that prayer doesn't change the will of God. It changes you. It is your faith that makes everything all right. I might ask for many things, but I always end with "not my will, but thine be done." Since everything is in His hands, I know all is well. But I still wonder about the

Christian concept of Satan. Does he really exist? If so, for what purpose? I heard a lot about the Devil when I was growing up. But I didn't tell my children, and, for many years, I didn't take them to church. I thought they would hear something disturbing, something that would cause them to have nightmares, such as my brother had when he was a child.

I never spoke to my children about the hereafter because I have seen what it does to people at funerals of their loved ones who were not "saved." I wondered how my parents and grandparents could believe in a God who would allow the existence of a place called "hell." I didn't know what to tell my chil-

dren, and that's why I didn't take them to church at an early age.

But then came the sixties, a whole different world. Many colleges and universities began referring to the Bible as literature. At the same time, I noticed that many churches had very little to say about hell.

So I started taking my kids to church. Nothing was ever said that would cause them to have nightmares about the afterlife. Anyway, they are grown up now, and they all have open minds. They belong to the Christian community. They enjoy the fellowship, and so do I.

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

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**"Deception Part 2- Sign of His Coming"**

**"A**nd Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.'



**Sylvia Hooper**

Deception: The act of misleading and causing one to believe

an untruth

One of the signs of the coming of the Lord in these last days is the increase in volume of deception. There are people even now, who come in the name of Jesus for the purpose of premeditated deception. The target may be a novice, new convert, or may be one of the very elect of God. That is why we must all pray and study to show ourselves approved unto God. Deception can be avoided, if one has knowledge and understanding of the Word of God and is able to spiritually discern truth from

untruth. Matthew 4:4 says, "But he answered and said, It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

God has set in the church the five fold ministry of the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The Word of God is quick, sharp, and more powerful than a two edged sword! When you hear it, your faith will be edified, uplifted, illuminated, and encouraged. At other times, the Word of God will be used to instruct, correct, and reprove the people of God.

The Word of God should not be used to beat people down, but instead to build up the people. It's message is sent to convict, not to condemn. It should always reflect the grace, the mercy, and the love of God, which passeth all understanding.

Matthew 7:15 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they

are ravening wolves." We cannot assume without knowing the life of a person that everyone wearing a cross and a clerical collar is a righteous man or woman of God. If someone approaches you in the name of the Lord, but their conduct and character are contrary to the teachings of Christ, consider them to be modern day deceivers.

Matthew 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." If someone preaches or teaches against the Word of God, eliminate his or her influence in your life. If this relationship compromises your walk with God or weakens your faith in Jesus Christ, take heed that you be not deceived.

Matthew 7:20-22, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Deception, Signs of His coming, II Timothy 4:2-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables."

Prayer: "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!

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Wilmington Health & Rehab. Funeral were held Monday, March 9th at Union MB Church. Burial followed in Calvary. Lea Bell Ransome "Katie Lee", daughter of the late Benjamin and Nora Tindall entered this life on June 14, 1941 at Community Hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina. Katie as a child was blessed with a musical gift and began playing the piano at the age of seven. At the age of ten, she started to play for her mother's group and Ms. Carrie Mae Boone of the Wrightsboro Community. The group originated from Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist, where her family grew up, and she was a member for many years. Katie's musical career expanded throughout the city of Wilmington where she became the musician for various churches and groups. Just to name a few: The Shining Light Gospel Singers, The Gospel Pearls, Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Hanks Chapel AME Church, Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church and many more. Katie also filled in for the Gospel and Male Choirs of Union Missionary Baptist Church and the Youth Choir of Old Scotts Hill AME Church. Katie will be truly missed by those who knew and loved her. In addition to her parents, Katie was preceded in death by four brothers: Benjamin

Tindall, Jr., Sidney (Pocahontas) Tindall, Bobby McFarland, and Charles Tindall; two sisters: Loreine (Geraldine) Tindall Swint, and Susie Tindall Boone; two grandchildren: Shawn Beethoven Tindall and Antoinette Cromartie, and one great-grandchild, Miyah J. Davis. Mourning her loss is her children: Bruce A. Tindall (Ronda), of Gastonia, NC, Angela Ballard (Reginald) of Castle Hayne, NC, Sabrina Tindall of Wilmington, NC, and Kim Marlow of Raleigh, NC; thirteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Lydia Taylor of Philadelphia, PA; one brother, Johnny Boy Tindall (Peggy) of Wilmington, NC; three special nieces, Vivian Green (James), Diane Mitchell, and Wanda Tindall Johnson (Reggie) all of Wilmington, NC; two special cousins, Elaine Smith of Wilmington, NC, and Jimmie Delois Lewis of Houston, TX; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Margaret Henry Hill**

Margaret Henry Hill 76, formerly of Wilmington, NC died March 2nd at Yale New Haven Hospital. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 9th at Beulah Height Church, New Haven, CT. McClam FH, CT. Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**John K. Newton**

John K. Newton died Tuesday, March 3rd at his residence. Visitation was held on Saturday, March 7th. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 8th at Macedonia MB Church. Burial in Enoch Chapel Cemetery. John K. Newton was born August 29, 1923 at James Walker Hospital to the late Ed "Buck" and Eliza Newton, the youngest of three boys. At an early age, John accepted Christ and joined Enoch Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He was an astute scholar, graduating number five in his Class of 1941. John began his early working career in the Shipyards of Wilmington and later progressed to the State Ports to become a longshoreman. Due to hard work and tenacity, he eventually became Vice-President and short term President of ILA Local 1426-A. John was an avid gardener and shared his crops throughout several counties, to the widows and elderly. In addition, he instituted the Newton Family Labor Day Outing which has lasted for over thirty years, bringing family and friends together for food, fun and fellowship. Over the years in service to God and to his community, John was a Trustee at Enoch Chapel for over forty-seven years and was instrumental along with Deacon George Spicer in starting a Tuesday morning prayer group.

He leaves to cherish his memories: five sons, Alton K. Newton (Gloria), Tina S. Newton, Jeffrey E. Newton (Sue), Reginald W. Newton, and Terrence J. Newton (Katrina); sister-in-law, Bessie Graham of East Arcadia, NC; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; four great-great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends, including special friends John and Annie Galloway, Emily Bradley, James and Bernice Callier, and Ed Hamlin; special neighbors, Tony and Wanda Johnson, Brice and Becky Francis, Brenda Vesliag (lawn keeper); those with care and concern, Kathy Green (cousin and keeper of the house), Linda Rogers, Linda Lerch, Letha Smith, Essie Clay, Geraldine Webb, and Mae Nixon. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Ronald "Cuda" Gooden**

Ronald "Cuda" Gooden died Monday at NHRMC. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 7th at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Ronald Gooden, son of the late Flossie Wells Gooden and Albertus Gooden was born on November 28, 1955, in Wilmington, North Carolina. "Cuda" was educated in the New Hanover County Schools in Wilmington, North Carolina. After schooling, he

moved to New York where he worked as a Licensed Electrician. He later returned home to take care of his parents, who along with his three brothers, Ashley "Duck", Raymond and Albertus preceded him in death. "Cuda" was a friendly people's person with many, many, friends. In his own way, touched the lives of many people and will be greatly missed.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one niece, Candance Gooden of Fernandia Beach, FL; two aunts, Rosa Shannon of Wilmington, NC and Queenester Williams (Thomas) of Thomasville, NC; two uncles, Tommy Williams of Cary, NC and Moise Pack (Veronica) of Columbia, SC; two special cousins, Geneva Spencer of Greensboro, NC and Tanya Scarbrough of Cary, NC; two very special friends, Vanessa Roland and Sylvia Pierce; two special friends that he loved like brothers, Desmond Green and Larry "Goofy" Murray; his godson, Da'Quan Roland; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Mary "Kitty" Fulton**

Mary "Kitty" Fulton died Sunday at NHRMC. Funeral services were held Friday, March 6, 2015 at St. Mark Episcopal Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest. Mary Catherine Fulton was born in

the Wrightsboro Community on March 29, 1939. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Robert and Louise Williams. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by sisters, Willie Deloris, Verna and Celia; brothers, James Henry and Pembroke. She attended Williston Industrial School in New Hanover County, graduating in the Class of 1956. She met, fell in love and married Julian Fulton in 1956. She gave her life to Christ at an early age, attending St. John AME Church in Wrightsboro and also later, St. Augustine Episcopal Church in New Jersey. Returning to Wilmington she joined St. Marks Episcopal Church where she served on the choir, a Sunday School Teacher, a part of the Saint Ann's Guild, served on Vision Task Force and Episcopal Women United. She worked for Belk Berry for a number of years before doing what she loved, teaching children. She worked at New Hanover High School until her retirement in 2007.

She leaves to mourn her passing; her husband of 58 years, Julian Fulton; children Gail, Edwardina, Julianna (Tony), Betty, Julian (Darlene), Dereck (Anecia); brothers, George (Annabell), Robert (Louise); sisters, Iola Mae, Easter; 14 grandchildren a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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

This the 26th day of February, 2015

Elton Orlando Newkirk, Administrator  
4709 Patrick Ave.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

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

This the 26th day of February, 2015

William G. Boston, Jr., Executor  
2220 S. Canterbury Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

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

This the 26th day of February, 2015

Regina Fargnoli, Executor  
141 Foxwood Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28409

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Carol M. Atkins**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of June, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Paul Charles Atkins, Sr., Executor of the Estate of Carol M. Atkins  
404 Bayfield Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Mamie H. Thomas**, late of 1301 King Street, Castle Hayne, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **June 5, 2015** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of March, 2015.

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator  
Estate of Mamie H. Thomas  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Billie Ann Burnett**, 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 **19th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of February, 2015

Constance Drain Greene, Executrix  
416 North Seventh Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Public Administrator of the Estate of **William Edward McMillan**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Mark A. Rutledge, Jr., Public Administrator  
401 Chestnut Street Suite F  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Anika Aikman**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Kevin Aikman, Executor  
2516 Ashby Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28411

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Rosa A. Redfearn AKA Rosa Anna Hamer**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Sophia Givens, Executrix  
1204 S. 9th St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **David R. Parker, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of June, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Kevin A. Parker and Lauris P. Long, Executors of the Estate of David R. Parker, Jr.  
7024 Airlie Oaks Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Joan Jarden Boyer**, 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 **5th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of February, 2015

George Whitfield Jarden, IV, Administrator  
8109 Masonboro Sound Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Lubin F. Bullard, Jr.**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Norman D. Bullard, Executor  
PO Box 10243  
Wilmington, NC 28404

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Ira Edwin Lowe**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 19th day of February, 2015

Marie Diana Lowe, Executrix of the Estate of Ira Edwin Lowe  
9030 St. Stephen Place  
Wilmington, NC 28412  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Besty McCall Todd**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Stephanie Gwen Todd, Administratrix  
302 Gregory Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Faye Elizabeth Craig**, 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 **19th day of May, 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 February, 2015

Karen Lynn Chapman, Executrix  
302 Gregory Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Martha Scarborough**, deceased, late of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **10th day of June, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address below.

This the 3rd day of March, 2015

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

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 15 JA 36**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
S.C. (Dob: 2/2/2015)**

**TO: KAYLA CLARK,  
RESPONDENT-MOTHER and  
MICHAEL SCHLEETER, BIO-  
LOGICAL FATHER OF THE  
ABOVE-CAPTIONED FEMALE  
CHILD.**

Take notice that a pleading has been filed in the above-entitled action. The New Hanover County Department of Social Services filed a Petition on February 9, 2015, alleging your daughter to be neglected.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following March 5, 2015, which is the date of first publication of this Notice. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Attorney Christine Farrell has been appointed as provisional counsel for Kayla Clark and may be contacted at (910)763-1100, 2802 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403, cfarrell@mulliganepstein.com.

Attorney Barry Henline has been appointed as provisional counsel for Michael Schleeter and may be contacted at (910) 523-6831, 925 S. Kerr Avenue, Suite D-4, Wilmington, NC 28403, barryhenline@outlook.com.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE MERITS OF THE JUVENILE PETITION** is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

Failure to attend said hearing may adversely affect any custodial or visitation rights you may have.

This the 5th day of March, 2015.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street

Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3511  
(910) 798-3772 \* fax

March 5, 12, 19, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Violet Roth Wark**, 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 **12th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Jonathan Peter Wark, Executor  
PO Box 1871  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Lethia Sherman Hankins**, 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 **12th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Angela Hankins Metts, Executrix  
2519 High Valley Court NE  
Bohovia, NC 28422

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S  
In Re The Estate of ROBERT  
DENNIS MADSEN, Deceased**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ROBERT DENNIS MADSEN**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **06/12/2015** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, March 12, 2015.

Charles Hurst Pennington,  
Personal Representative  
c/o Sherman & Rodgers, PLLC  
by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr.,  
Attorney for the Personal Representative  
PO Box 250  
Burgaw, NC 28425

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Elizabeth McLaughlin Hunter,  
Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Elizabeth McLaughlin Hunter**, 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 **June 14, 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 12th day of March, 2015.

Michael S. Hunter  
Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth McLaughlin Hunter  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 15 JT 34**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
FILE NO. 15 JT 34  
F.D.D. (Dob: 10/05/2014)**

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following March 3, 2015, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18th, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 24th day of February, 2015.

LeeAnne Quattrucci  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Tel.#910-798-0230  
Fax#910-401-1485

March 5, 12, 19, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
FILE NO. 13 CVS 3078**

**JOHN B. CHEEK V. OSW ENTERPRISES, LLC, OMAR S. WASHINGTON, MILA B. TOBIN, SEAN TOBIN, WHITNEY TOBIN, TIMOTHY ZWARD, AND HUELO M. PEARSALL**

**TO: HUELO M. PEARSALL**

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 negligence.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than **April 17th, 2015**. Upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 2nd day of March, 2015

Matthew F. Altamura  
Dodge & Altamura  
615 Sunset Ave.  
Asheboro, NC 27203  
(336) 625-0791

March 5, 12, 19, 2015

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LEGAL NOTICES

**RENOUNCE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER 14 SP 422**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Lewis G. Martin and wife, Jussara T. Bastos to Trustee Services, Inc., Trustee dated June 3, 2008, and recorded in Book 5319, Page 2638, New Hanover County Registry Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5815 at Page 700 of the New Hanover County Registry.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Lewis G. Martin and wife, Jussara T. Bastos, dated June 3, 2008, and recorded in Book 5319 at Page 2638 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina (the "Deed of Trust"), because of default in the failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, and subsequent to the termination of the automatic stay under the Bankruptcy Code, the undersigned, Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 18th day of March, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. on the steps of the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of 617 South 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and on Exhibit 1 attached hereto which descriptions are incorporated by reference herein. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21, this sale may be held up to one (1) hour after the sale time stated above.

The real property to be offered pursuant to this Renounce of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed or the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the real property being offered for sale and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

**EXHIBIT 1**  
Being all of Tract 2 as same is shown on Map of Survey entitled "Lewis G. Martin and wife, Jussara T. Bastos", Portion of Lot 4 and Lot 5 Block 75 Official Plan of the City of Wilmington, Recorded in Map Book 48 at Page 291 in the New Hanover County Register of Deeds. Sometimes known as: 617 S. Third St. Wilmington, NC 28401

The real property will be sold subject to any and all prior and superior deeds of trust, mortgages and liens, restrictions, easements and other matters of record, if any, and to all unpaid ad valorem taxes and special assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable Federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The record owners of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Renounce are Lewis G. Martin and wife, Jussara T. Bastos.

Any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the tax of Forty Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308 (a)(1).

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

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

This the 12th day of February, 2015.

Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee  
1427 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 208  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
(910) 399-3447

March 5, 12, 2015

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY File No. 14-SP-857**

Under and by virtue of the Declaration recorded in Declaration in Book 1345 at Page 867 and Book 1364 at Page 1331, New Hanover County Register of Deeds, and the provisions of Chapter 47C of the North Carolina General Statutes, and because of the Respondent's failure to pay assessments duly assessed by Oakmont Condominium Owners Association, Inc. ("Association") as shown by the Claim of Lien for Assessments filed on August 18, 2014, File No. 14-M-954, in the Office of the New Hanover County Clerk of Superior Court, and pursuant to an Order Allowing Foreclosure of Claim of Lien for Assessments entered by the New Hanover County Clerk of Court on February 4, 2015, the Trustee will expose for public sale at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on March 6, 2015 at 1:30 pm, at the usual place of sale in the New Hanover County Judicial Building in Wilmington, North Carolina, the following property (including any improvements thereon) located in New Hanover County, North Carolina:

Being known and designated as Unit 5, Phase I-B, of Oakmont Condominium, as the same is shown and described on a map therefore recorded in Condominium Plat Book 8, Pages 5 through 10, in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Irene Millman.

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

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

To the extent this sale involves residential property with less than fifteen (15) units, you are hereby notified of the following:

- (a) An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to § 45-21.29 of the North Carolina General Statutes in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold; and
- (b) Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement upon ten (10) days written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This the 11th day of February, 2015.

Bonnie M. Braudway, Trustee  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
N. C. State Bar No. 35183  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
Telephone: (910) 815-0085  
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February 19, 26, 2015

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ADVICE

**ASK ALMA with ALMA GILMORE**



**I didn't arrest my cop friend's attention**

Dear Alma,  
Ok, I was with a police officer for 10 years. He did some awful things in our relationship. Meaning he cheated on me. A lot of it was through the Internet or through the phone. Meaning he was sexting many other women. Which he considered not cheating. We were living together and I was battling lupus. He said it was because I was sick often and didn't like to do the things I used to do. Long story short, I found a side phone with over 30 different women in the phone. I was devastated! Here I am battling lupus and he can't be loyal. I was heartbroken, so I kicked him out and our relationship over. He has tried to be my friend ever since, but I'm so angry that he hurt me. He's apologized and begged me to forgive him. He wants to be friends and be a part of my life. What's your take on this?  
Name withheld

I'd have to say I'm glad this relationship is over and no, you don't need him as a friend. Friends don't deliver hurt and pain; friends show up with tissue and support.

Nobody wants to admit it, but it's hard to love yourself more than the one you love when they instantly break your heart. Love's not like a cell phone, you can't turn it on and off ~ or put it on silent when it's convenient for the situation. Sounds like you still have feelings for him and if you can't have him as a lover, you'll consider allowing him to be your friend. Don't! You can forgive him, but don't forget.

My "Ask Alma" super girl powers tell me that you're beautiful, smart and worthy of someone who will give you his best. You've spent enough time allowing Robocop to block your blessings. Unpack your big girl bloomers and let him bounce! Surround yourself with friends and family who love and support you - everybody else has got to go. You're living with lupus. God bless you! You ain't got time for no foolishness.

Lupus didn't give you a choice, but you can chose to have devoted, faithful, compassionate friends and relationships that'll bring you joy. Don't be afraid of not having him in your life. He doesn't hold your happiness in the palm of his hand. Your light of happiness lives inside of you, under your control, 24/07.  
**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. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and twitter @almaaskalma*

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ENTERTAINMENT

**Reel-ality TV Talk By Marquesa LaDawn**



The Real Housewives in Atlanta were sassy, sarcastic and sneaky this week - and that was just the beginning. Kandi decided to drop by her friend Phaedra's house to check in and invite her to a dinner with all of the housewives. Did you notice the hypocrisy on Kandi's part? She says in her off-camera interview that Phaedra did not want to talk about her husband and the surrounding drama. But getting Kandi to talk about anything relating to her family is like pulling teeth, so she shouldn't be surprised.

Given that reality, I'll talk about Phaedra's business for her. As we all know Apollo Nida is sitting in jail reflecting and I hear missing his kids like crazy. But, before he checked in for his 8-year prison stint, left a bombshell behind: Phaedra (my wife) is cheating on me with some guy and the proof is here in the texts I took from her phone.

Phaedra denies having an affair and I have to admit, I'm straddling on the fence on whether to believe Phaedra. I have trust issues and she does not have a history of truth-telling in past seasons. I know you're thinking: How could I believe Apollo, the jailbird husband, over Phaedra. I didn't say I said. It's just that she brilliantly deflected (or at least tried to) Apollo's claim by sharing her fears. Little did she know, the rumor went from Peter to his wife, Cynthia, then to Claudia and Kenya. We all know that means drama is sure to follow.

I have to say when Phaedra does something, she does it big. Exhibit A in that department: Two big security guards, changing all the locks, a security fence around the yard, a new assistant, some type of folks that cleared out the evil spirits in her home and the list goes on.

Fast forward to the dinner. They may have eaten in a Brazilian themed restaurant with lots of meat, but nothing had more spice than their exchanges.

Cynthia timidly kicks off the conversation by sharing what she's heard and Kenya can hardly wait to volunteer her thoughts. Then, it happens, Kenya speaks, Phaedra motions as if to throw her bag at Kenya but pulls back and exits the restaurant. Team A joined her (Nene, Porsha and Kandi followed a few steps behind).

Meanwhile, Team B got up to exit as well (Claudia, Kenya, Demetria and Cynthia), a few words were exchanged, and then Nene reminded Phaedra to leave before she puts her legal career in jeopardy. The were all gone. Looks like next week will pick up with more craziness. Wonder what will be the desert?

The Housewives of Beverly Hills served up the spiciest meal, which I will get to later. Can I say how much I enjoyed Amsterdam? The bicycles, the windmills, the fancy, brightly colored hotels, the "special cake" places (who new), but I experienced it all via the RHBH. But, we all know a trip abroad of any housewives franchise leads to much drama. I got a lot to say about the dinner, so grab your coffee and listen in.

Yolanda, the perfect one, tried to start the evening off with a "let's get closer" talk by revealing something near and dear: Lisa R. begins to share her deeply painful memory of losing her sister to drugs and Kim was on the attack!

Shoot, aim, fire...  
Victim #1: Lisa R.  
Kim begins to attack Lisa's husband by hinting about a deep dark secret. Lisa's reaction: Glass thrown with wine in it. Lisa missed Kim but still she was irked!

Victim #2: Eileen  
Kim calls her beast for interjecting. Eileen responds with, I don't like you either.

Victim #3: Kyle (her sister)  
Kyle wants Kim stop it, but is met with: You are so non-supportive!

Victim #4: Lisa V  
Lisa says Kyle does provide support you. Of course, Kim ignores her and rants about feeling attacked.

Everyone leaves the room except Kim, Brandi and Yolanda. Kim stood there like Muhammed Ali and felt like she knocked out all of her enemies.

Of course the ladies all left in tears (the victims) and retreated for the night - shocked and horrified.

Knock, knock...  
It's Kim at Kyle's door in the morning. The look on Kyle's face was priceless. She let her in, listen to her excuse-based apology and that was that.

This was one heck of a dinner. I felt spoiled - we got two big crazy dinners in one week and I barely saw any food!  
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