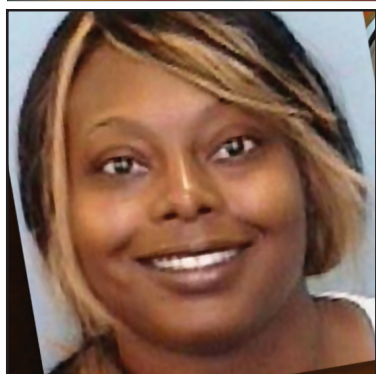


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We must fight for justice and freedom

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As I write this article, I ask myself and others, "How far will this elected government administration go to overthrow the present government and the system that has led to the freedom we have today?" I see Jim Crow Laws and bills being passed with no thought of whether they're right or wrong. It doesn't matter, as long as they keep the party in control. This has begun to move more toward a totalitarian form of government wherein freedom is controlled by whoever is in charge and right or wrong is not a factor. God is not even put into the thought as to love one another as

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Top Black press stories of 2016 reveal need for clear Black agenda

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BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As the Obama era comes to a close, a snapshot of the top Black press stories of the past year alone reveal a need for a clear Black agenda as African-Americans still struggle for equality and justice.

"We are spending trillions in wars without end. Inequality has reached extremes not witnessed since the eve of the Great Depression. We continue to

lock up more people than any nation in the world. On an average day, 27 people die from gun violence in the United States. In Canada and other western nations, the average is fewer than five per day," wrote the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. in a post-Christmas column.

Despite good news - the facts that unemployment and poverty are down and incomes are rising --the African-

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PHOTO BY PETE SOUZA/THE WHITE HOUSE
Two days after the election, President Obama met with President-elect Donald Trump to begin the transition.

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Is civil rights museum being treated fairly?



FILE PHOTO

THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER AND MUSEUM (ICRCM)

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Since it opened to the public on February 1, 2010, the International Civil Rights Center and Museum (ICRCM) in Greensboro has been besieged with more negative headlines than not.

"Sit-in museum owes \$933,155 in loan repayment by 2018."

"Audit reports debt and loss for civil rights museum; director disagrees."

"Greensboro civil rights museum owes \$57K in property taxes."

Through it all, ICRCM CEO/CFO John L. Swaine has battled back, reminding all of the profound significance of the civil rights museum, the unique place in North Carolina, national and world history that it forever holds, and the tremendous economic and civic contributions it has made to downtown Greensboro and the State since its founding in 1994 by Melvin "Skip" Alston and Earl Jones.

Even the former Chief Operations Officer, Bayard P. Love, in an open let-

ter published locally in March of last year, stated, "In my opinion, the majority of local media coverage regarding ICRCM's financial position has been unclear, at best."

"...[R]ecent and historic coverage has clearly misled consumers as to the true financial status, challenges and successes of the organization," Love added.

Owned by the private, nonprofit Sit-in Movement, Inc., the museum is listed as the top attraction for visitors to see in Greensboro by the travel website TripAdvisor. As part of the United States Civil Rights Trail, ICRCM has been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site by the National Park Service.

"As we have demonstrated persistence and success up to this crucial stage, against continuing odds, we will remain a dynamic presence in this historic place for the community and as a resource for educators, students, and lifelong learners," vowed Swaine in a recent 2016 appeal letter to museum supporters.

With a small, but dedicated, staff of four full-time and seven part-time

employees, serving over 70,000 visitors from around the world annually, Swaine says, given all of the obstacles the ICRCM has faced, it is committed, in the spirit of the movement, to "overcome."

That means the museum will continue to boldly represent the proud civil rights legacy sparked by the courage of four African-American N.C. A&T University students, Joseph McNeil, Ezell Blair (Jibreel Khazan), Franklin McCain and David Richmond, who defied segregation laws fifty-seven years ago, when they demanded service at the "Whites Only" lunch counter of the downtown F. W. Woolworth store. This is the very site and building where the ICRCM sits now and where the original lunch counter is still on display.

"ICRCM has every intention of growing and becoming even more of an international symbol of human dignity, and justice," Swaine promises, "and yet, those obstacles have been sig-

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KRISTI JONES



MICHAEL REGAN

Governor Cooper begins diverse administration

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Shortly after 12:00 midnight Saturday, Democrat Roy Cooper was sworn in as North Carolina's 75th governor.

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What kind of supreme court justice will Judge Mike Morgan be?

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL



JUDGE MICHAEL RIVERS MORGAN

On January 4, 2017, Wake Superior Court Judge Michael Rivers Morgan was sworn in as the newest associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Morgan will serve an eight-year term on the seven-member court, and as a Democrat, his addition now shifts the court to a 4-3 Democrat majority. Supreme Court associate justices

review court records generated during lower court proceedings to determine what errors in law, if any, occurred.

To most political observers and many Republican leaders, the expectation now is that Justice Morgan, 60, the only African-American male who will be serving, will automatically side with his party on partisan issues that come before the court.

"Not true," those who know and have worked with Mike Morgan say. They laud him as a skilled legal

practitioner who believes in fairness and impartiality, based on the merits of the case, not politics. It is this standard by which Morgan has built and maintained a stellar judicial career, they add, and by all accounts, he is expected to continue down this path while serving on the highest court in the State. A quick look at one of Morgan's most high profile cases, particularly in Wake County, where he has

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we do ourselves. I find that we,
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 so long that we are easily misled from
 the truth to a personal agenda that
 takes away our freedom and creates
 a "one-race-one rule" government. This
 type of government seeks to serve the
 needs of those in power and not the
 people over all in a free society. This
 is 2017. We must move on! Our people
 have died for our civil rights, and we
 take this too lightly. We seem to think
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However, this most recent
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 even though President Barack Obama
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Bernest L. Hewett is
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American un-employment rate at 8.1 percent is still nearly twice that of Whites at 4.2 percent and remains consistently well above the national average, now at 4.6 percent.

This is partially the reason economic justice remains among the 10 top Black stories of 2016. The following are synopses of other revealing stories told through the Black press last year:

Election of Donald Trump as President of the United States-President Obama has announced a farewell address to be given in Chicago Jan. 10. The end of his eight-year tenure as America's first Black president begins a new era for America. It is one marked by the national shock of the Nov. 8 election of business billionaire Donald Trump - a person who not only tormented Obama with racist questions about his country of birth until the president finally produced his birth certificate as proof that he was born in America - but also a person who won the official endorsement of the Ku Klux Klan. He has since surrounded himself with a cabinet of nearly all White males, including his chief advisor Steve Bannon, a founder of Breitbart news, the voice of the so-called "alt-right" with its White supremacist and racist views.

Racial attacks-Since the Trump election, race-related harassment and intimidation has skyrocketed across the country. In the first month alone (between Nov. 8 and Dec. 12), the Southern Poverty Law Center, a foremost monitor of hate groups and activity, received reports of more than 1,000 incidents - mostly anti-immigrant and anti-Black. "Overall, anti-immigrant incidents (315) remain the most reported, followed by anti-black (221), anti-Muslim (112), and anti-LGBT (109). Anti-Trump incidents numbered 26 (6 of which were also anti-white in nature, with 2 non-

Trump related anti-white incidents reported)," states the organization's website, SPLCenter.org.

Guilty verdict for murderous White supremacist Dylann Roof-A federal grand jury on Dec. 15 convicted 22-year-old Dylann Roof of murdering eight Black parishioners and their pastor last year as they attended Bible study and prayer at the historic "Mother" Emanuel A.M. E. Church in downtown Charleston, S.C. Roof, who represented himself, pled not guilty during the trial although he had confessed to the killings, saying he had hoped to start a race war. He now faces either life in prison or execution. Roof sat for an hour with Emanuel parishioners and their pastor Clementa Pinckney, also a member of the S. C. State Senate, on June 17, 2015, before firing his 45-caliber pistol. President Obama gave Pinckney's eulogy. The shooting sparked the removal of the Confederate flag from public use from many sites across the nation - including atop the S. C. State Capitol.

Death of Gwen Ifill - Gwen Ifill, the iconic, award-winning journalist who broke racial barriers in journalism, was laid to rest in a star-studded funeral after dying of cancer Nov. 14. President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama and former Attorney General Eric Holder were among those who paid their respects. Ifill, 61, spent decades climbing the ranks from print journalist to news anchor and famed political moderator. Last spring, she co-moderated the Democratic primary debate between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. Ifill had performed that role solo during vice presidential debates in the 2004 and 2008 general election campaigns.

Opening of Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC)-More than a century after Black veterans of the Civil War proposed the idea of a Black



GWEN IFILL



GEORGE CURRY



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history museum in D.C., the opening of the NMAAHC on the Mall took place in grand style Sept. 24. Led by Georgia Congressman John Lewis, it was then-President George W. Bush who signed legislation in 2003 that allowed the project to begin. President Barack Obama officially dedicated the museum, saying, "What we can see of this beautiful building tells us that it is truly a sight to behold. But what makes it special are the stories contained inside."

Death of George Curry - George E. Curry, the dean of Black press columnists, died suddenly of heart failure August 20. The funeral service, held in his hometown of Tuscaloosa, Ala., drew national civil rights royalty, including the Rev. Al Sharpton who gave the eulogy, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who preached a memorial, the Rev. Charles Steele, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Curry's life-long friend and comrade; and Dr. Benjamin Chavis, president/CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, where Curry served as editor-in-chief of the NNPA News Service for a collective nine years. Before coming to NNPA, he was editor-in-chief of his beloved Emerge Magazine for seven years until it went defunct. Curry was among the most respected voices in Black press journalism. When he died, he had founded Emergenewsonline.com, a digi-

tal version of the hard copy magazine, which he never gave up hope to revive.

Police shootings and abuse of Blacks- lack Lives Matter activists and civil rights leaders across the country continued to protest police shootings of African-Americans. The controversy came to another peak last year after the police killings of Alton Sterling of Baton Rouge, La. on July 5 by two Baton Rouge, La. police officers Blane Salamoni and Howie Lake and the July 6 shooting of Philando Castile by Officer Jeronimo Yanez, in a suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota. Castile's girlfriend recorded the aftermath of the shooting on Facebook Live as Castile died. Then, on the evening of July 7, 2016, allegedly in response to the two previous shootings Micah Johnson killed five law enforcement officers in Dallas. Johnson was then killed by police operating a robot with a bomb. In another police killing, the trial of Officer Michael Slager, in the videotaped back-shooting of Walter Scott as Scott fled the officer in South Carolina April 4, 2015, ended in a mistrial Dec. 5. Slager is slated to be retried.

Death of Prince - The shocking death of Academy Award winning singer, songwriter and musician Prince on April 21 rocked the entertainment world. He died in his home after accidentally overdosing on opioid fentanyl. The

57-year-old, perhaps best known for his 1984 Academy "Best Original Musical", "Purple Rain", was discovered unresponsive on an elevator in his Chanhassen, Minn. home and recording studio.

Homicides-Street violence continued to be the number one cause of Black males between the ages of 15 and 34, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Perhaps no city has been hit harder than Chicago, which ended 2016 with 762 homicides, 57 percent more than last year. Gun violence plagues the streets of major cities year after year. Despite citizen pleas for new gun laws, partisan stalemates prevent Congress from moving new legislation. Other programs to deal with the social aspects of street violence appear to do little without the balance of the gun laws.

Despite major strides by Obama, particularly in areas of health care and criminal justice reform, civil rights leaders say a clear Black agenda is necessary for major progress. A Jan. 14 march planned by Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network aims toward that end. Trump will be inaugurated Jan. 20. Sharpton said the march aims to "warn President Trump and Congress that the fight for criminal justice, voting rights, affordable health care, improvements in education and other issues around equality and justice continues."

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nificant."

In a December 18, 2016 email response to officials with Duke Energy, regarding a \$19,781.38 outstanding utility bill, Swaine wrote, "As you are aware, a number of organizations have pulled back support for the institution as a direct result of negative news coverage, which has made it more difficult to seek support." Swaine, who indicated that ICRCM had just sent in an \$11,730.00 partial payment, asked that a scheduled utility service disconnection be postponed while he raised an additional \$8,000 to forestall any further action.

Swaine says the museum has paid Duke Energy, which now controls the facility's electricity and gas, over \$1.2 million for service through the years but still squabbles when it comes to making sizable donations to the institution. It vexes him that other well-known museums across the state are treated much differently by the corporate community, which gives "... large amounts of support to some similarly situated museums and not others."

Because the ICRCM does not attract the big million dollar contributions like other facilities that do not share its uniqueness, Swaine says he spends most of his time fundraising, writing grants, and cutting costs where possible, all the while developing new programming to keep the museum alive and relevant. Swaine credits "employee and institutional enthusiasm" and commitment for keeping the doors open during tough times.

"How do we take this institution, that really stands for something significant in this town [as] it attracts people from across the world who want to come to Greensboro for the sole purpose of studying human rights and civil rights. If any other city had an organization in its midst that attracted people from across the globe, they would put money there to make sure that it had what it takes to have a proper curatorial department, proper programming every month, and proper monies to operate," said Swaine. "This is a challenge for me."

has been vocal opposition to the very existence of the ICRCM from politicians.

During a 2015 Greensboro City Council candidates' forum for mayor and at-large, then-mayoral candidate, Devin King, who is Black, alarmed many by suggesting that the civil rights museum be moved to the Greensboro Historical Museum, and the F.W. Woolworth building be instead used for commercial purposes.

Referring to the museum, King, who eventually lost his bid, said, "...there has been nothing but negative from it." It also didn't help when officials in the city administration, including the city manager (who serves on the ICRCM board) and Councilman Mike Barber, among others on the City Council, have also thrown shade on the viability of the civil rights museum. Mayor Nancy Vaughn even raised the prospect of the city's taking the museum over.

The council gave ICRCM a \$1.5 million forgivable loan in 2013, with the final payment installment now due by February 2018. Yet, there has been controversy about the timeliness of the payments.

"I see this place as being singled out, and it's unfortunate that I have to say it, but it seems like [the ICRCM] is just being shoved to the side in anticipation of a shutdown," the CEO/CFO says, noting how he's always being asked about "how stressful" managing the museum must be by those who could easily write a check to help, but don't.

"I don't think they would do this to any other organization," Swaine said, later adding, "If you are not supporting the culture in your city, then how can you say that you are part of the social fabric?" The Virginia native recalls working with top educators in

the Guilford County Public School System to design lesson plans for elementary and middle school students, as an extension of the museum's educational outreach had the work endorsed by educational leaders from grade school to university, and even the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, only to have a foundation which initially showed strong interest, to reject it for some dubious reason.

Swaine, who joined the museum in 2009, first as a Director of Finance and Administration, acknowledges that, in earlier years, ICRCM had a turnover in management, and some foundations and corporations still use that as a reason not to generously fund its operations, but, as a certified public accountant, he insists that every dollar raised has been accounted for. Furthermore, proper austerity measures have been put into place to maintain costs at bare minimum. This is why he has been serving both as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the museum since 2014.

In fact, Swaine was recognized in 2013 as one of *Triad Business Journal's* Financial Executives of the Year when he was just the CFO. Still, it was one of the rare times when local Greensboro media has lauded the ICRCM for much.

As indicated before, a large part of the museum's negative perception problems was because of inaccurate news coverage and inflammatory editorials by local media. Swaine says the major paper in the market has been the source of much of the confusion in recent years but recently has moderated its stance, even issuing a public apology recently for incorrectly reporting that

ICRCM owed "close to \$26 million," which was never true.

"Many of these folks do not understand an audit or a balance sheet, or anything like that. They do not understand it," Swaine said, noting that all of the museum's current debts add up to less than \$1.3 million.

Indeed, last August, the museum retired the \$35.6 million in tax credits that funded the rehabilitation of the F. W. Woolworth Building by paying off the annual \$196,000 debt service.

The ICRCM's Carolina Bank loan is the biggest part of that \$776,000 from a \$4 million note in 2009.

Recent local headlines that there are plans to purchase a second building, based on a profitable October, are untrue," Swaine says. The museum board has never discussed purchasing more property in his presence, he insists. There have been discussions outside of board meetings about the need for additional office space, but those conversations have never reached board level.

"I assure you that there is no intention to go out and buy another building," Swaine insists, also knocking down recent reports of The Reverend Jesse Jackson's wanting to donate his civil rights papers once a new building was had."

"Several years ago," Swaine said, "Jackson raised the possibility during a museum walk-through with a former director, but nothing was ever formally discussed or finalized since then." The Reverend Jackson also attended NC A&T State University during the 1960s.

"It's taken a long time to raise a little bit of money to meet short-term obligations," Swaine says, "and we will be operating very responsibly."

"What is a priority now,



JOHN SWAINE

besides retiring lingering debt, is getting the ICRCM properly accredited," Swaine says. He also sees stabilizing finances and attracting sizable endowments as key goals.

For 2017, CEO/CFO Swaine sees increasing fundraising efforts based on having a strong handle on "expected costs" of museum operations.

On February 1, 2017, the 57th anniversary of the Woolworth sit-in, the museum is planning for a local telethon. Its annual gala is scheduled for February 4, 2017, where civil rights veteran, Diane Nash, and Congressman G. K. Butterfield, among others, will be honored. Further staff training and growth are also needed as more exhibits and programs are developed and the civil rights struggles and new social movements from around the world are explored. An international gallery is also on the drawing board for funding. All of this and more is planned for the "second stage" of the ICRCM's founding as a national and international museum.

"I want to grow the institution from the ground up," says Swaine, "and have a firm foundation for every step that we take."

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STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION PROBING ALLEGED OFFICER ASSAULT ON A ROLESVILLE STUDENT

[ROLESVILLE] The SBI is leading the investigation into why a Rolesville police school resource officer picked up a teenage female student at Rolesville High School Tuesday morning,

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presided for many years, gives some sense of his judgment.

In July 2016, Judge Morgan rejected a petition from Republican State lawmakers to either dismiss a challenge to the 2013 Voter ID Law, that it violated the North Carolina Constitution, or send it to the State three-judge panel for a decision.

The question before Morgan was what are the eligibility requirements to vote in North Carolina, according to the state Constitution, and did the voter ID law violate the Constitution by requiring state-issued photo ID?

By effectively maintaining control of the case through trial, Judge Morgan indicated that he felt the constitutional challenge was valid. Conservatives disagreed and tried to force Morgan off the

and, according to a cell phone video posted on Twitter, slammed her bodily to the ground, before picking her up and taking her off. The student has been identified as Jasmine Darwin, and her friends say she was trying to break up a fight between her sister and someone else, when Officer Ruben De La Santos came out of nowhere and allegedly assaulted Darwin. The officer has been placed on paid administrative leave. Ms. Darwin was taken to the hospital Tuesday

night by her mother.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPOINTS FIRST BLACK SHERIFF

[FAYETTEVILLE] For the first time since 1994, Cumberland County has a new sheriff. The County Board of Commissioners named Chief Deputy Ennis Wright to the top post Tuesday, making him the first African-American ever to serve in that capacity. Sheriff Wright is a 23-year veteran of the Cumberland

County force, a Fayetteville native, and retired US Army sergeant. He completes the unfinished term of long time predecessor Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler, who officially retired Saturday, Dec. 31st.

JOSH STEIN SWORN-IN AS NEW STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

[RALEIGH] Former state Sen. Josh Stein [D - Wake] was sworn-in as the new NC Attorney General Sunday at 12 noon. Stein, who used to work in the office under pred-

ecessor-now Gov. Roy Cooper in the consumer protection division. "I'll work closely with communities across the state to ensure that I'm hearing from North Carolinians about how best I can serve them," Stein said in a statement.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION PICKS ATTORNEYS TO FIGHT GOV. COOPER'S LAWSUIT

[RALEIGH] Last week, then Gov.-elect Roy Cooper filed a lawsuit calling the

GOP-led legislature's law combining the state Board of Elections and the State Ethics Commission in order to undermine his authority over the state elections process as unconstitutional. This week, the State Ethics Commission met, and decided to fight Cooper's lawsuit with lawyers from the state Attorney General's Office. A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Wake Superior Court today.

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case before trial started in September. The Civitas institute alleged that it was a conflict of interest because he was also running for the NC Supreme Court and would benefit from the exposure of such a high profile case. However, Judge Morgan got the go-ahead from the NC Judicial Standards Commission and refused to step down.

In a statement from the bench, detailing why he wasn't stepping down during a court hearing, Judge Morgan did not name his accusers or even say that he was running for another office, as to not be accused of using the court to campaign for office. The trial was ultimately postponed until the federal appellate court's decision and an appeal to the US Supreme Court was exhausted.

"As a dedicated community member with a strong commitment to his church, Mike understands what ordinary families are going through, and he has a track record of administering fair and impar-

tial justice," President Obama said of Judge Morgan in October right before the election. He's got the experience, temperament and judgment to serve the people of North Carolina on the Supreme Court."

Last week, colleague, Orange Superior Court Judge Carl Fox called Justice Morgan "...fair, hard working and a conscientious judge with a wealth of experience." Others in North Carolina's legal profession have lauded Morgan for his integrity and his being "beyond reproach."

"I have known Justice Morgan since he became a

lawyer in North Carolina," says Attorney Irving Joyner, law professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, and Chairman of the NC NAACP's Legal Redress Committee. "He entered the legal profession with an outstanding reputation as a highly intelligent litigator and as a great person."

"As a youth, growing up in New Bern, he was properly seasoned as a tremendous human being by parents who expected and demanded the very best of conduct from him. Over the years, that reputation increased and was shared by more and more people due to

his outstanding legal advocacy, which always evidenced an understanding of the law and the rights of people with whom he encountered," Professor Joyner continued.

For the first time in North Carolina history, Justice Morgan's addition to the State's High Court, along with Associate Justice Cheri Beasley, who was elected in 2014, means there are now two African-Americans serving there at the same time.

Even though Morgan is very much aware of this historical significance, he said it was important in that his election added a valuable perspective to

the court's deliberations - that of an experienced Black male - which was certainly needed.

"In every respect, he was professional and exhibited a calming and knowing demeanor," Attorney Joyner continued about his colleague, Mike Morgan's, legal career. This same calm and highly skilled demeanor followed and guided his work as a Superior Court Judge. His outstanding work was recognized by citizens as he was regularly re-elected to that position."

Joyner ended by saying, "Justice Morgan is the ideal person to now join the North Carolina Supreme Court."

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By Tuesday afternoon, keeping a campaign promise to form a diverse administration and cabinet, Governor Cooper announced his first two secretary-nominees. One of them, Michael Regan, is an African-American, and Cooper's pick to head up the NC Department of Environmental Quality.

Regan is a ten-year veteran of the US Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D. C. and the Research Triangle Park until 2008. In February of that year, Regan served as National Director of Energy Efficiency and Southeast Climate & Energy Policy, and then Associate Vice President, US Climate and Energy & Southeast Regional Director, for the Environmental Defense Fund in Raleigh until July 2015.

In September 2016, Michael Regan founded M. Regan & Associates in Raleigh "...to help organizations find transformational solutions for the most important energy, environmental and economic challenges."

Regan hails from eastern North Carolina, and is an alumnus of N. C. A&T State University in Greensboro.

"Michael Regan has the environmental background to know that protecting State resources is vital to our State's health and economic climate," Governor Cooper told reporters Tuesday. "He also has the government experience and diplomacy to understand that working together is the way to get things done."

Regan pledged to build a good working relationship with State lawmakers and industry, as well as the environ-

mental community, which hailed his appointment.

However, there are some Republican legislators who may have problems with Regan's appointment, given that the Environmental Defense Fund and NC General Assembly have clashed in the past over laws that freed up many businesses from environmental regulation.

Objections to Regan's past stances on environmental policy might be raised when the State Senate begins its confirmation process of Governor Cooper's incoming appointed cabinet officers.

"Members of the Senate will look forward to reviewing the qualifications of Governor Cooper's cabinet nominees and exercising their constitutional authority to vet them during the upcoming long session," said Senate President Pro tem, Senator Phil Berger [R-Rockingham] in a statement.

One Cooper administration appointee not needing Senate approval is Chief of Staff Kristi Jones, the first African-American woman ever to hold that position in North Carolina state government. Jones served in a similar capacity for many years under Cooper when he was State Attorney General. When Cooper won last November's election, Jones helped to head up his gubernatorial transition team, which included issuing letters to many of former Governor Pat McCrory's cabinet and administration officers advising them that December 31, 2016, was their last official day in office and thanking them for their service.

Governor Cooper's inauguration is scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2017, in front of the State Archives Building on Jones Street in Raleigh.

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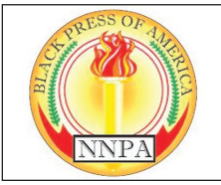
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Our Voice

CHILDWATCH

Prayers for the work ahead for our children

This has been a trying year for so many children in America - confused, consumed by and afraid of the intolerance, hatred and anger of adults. How do we keep the promises we have made to our children? How do we make a better America that values each and every child, regardless of skin color, faith, gender, sexual orientation, disability or immigration status? How do we remind our political leaders with unwavering clarity that every child is sacred and that God did not make two classes of children? This is not a time to weep. This is a time for work to ensure justice.



Marian W. Edelman

As we look to a new year, here are a few prayers to help guide us for the work ahead.

O God, help us recover our hope for our children's sake. Help us recover our courage for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our discipline for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our ability to work together for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our values for our children's sake.

Help us to recover a spirit of sacrifice for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our faith in Thee for our children's sake.

We pray and stand for children who need our voice.
 We pray and stand for children blessed by parents who care and for children without a parent or anyone who cares at all.
 We pray and stand for children filled with joy and hope and for children whose days and nights are joyless.
 We pray and stand for children with hope and for children without hope whose spirits have been dimmed and dashed.
 We pray and stand for children high on play and study and laughter and for children high on heroin, cocaine and ecstasy.
 We pray and stand for children for whom we pray every day and for children who have no one to pray them along life's way.

We pray and stand for children poised by circumstance to soar and conquer life's challenges and for children bogged down by hunger and homelessness and violence and miseducation and struggling so hard to survive.

We pray and stand for children who love to read and for children who can't read at all, for children who learn with excitement and for children told by adults they cannot achieve.

We pray and stand for children who we expect and help to do well and for children whom no one believes in or helps succeed.

We pray for parents, grandparents, teachers, preachers, political and community leaders that we will be a help and not a hindrance for children we call our own and for all the children God created who are part of our family too.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation where small babies die of cold quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation where small children suffer from hunger quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation where toddlers and school children die from guns sold quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation that lets children be the poorest group of citizens quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation that lets the rich continue to get more at the expense of the poor quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich and powerful nation which thinks security rests in missiles and bombs rather than in mothers and in babies.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation for not giving You sufficient thanks by giving to others their daily bread.

O God, help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in Your sight.

Help us to stand together and vote to make America just and right for all Your children.

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

Visual Voice



Your Voice

"FENCES"

The trigonometry of August Wilson's *Fences*, Negro League Baseball and Denzel Washington's recreation of his 2010 Broadway play is an algebraic equation which depicts America, baseball, history, authentic vintage literacy supreme and artistic theater. This movie had to be a dream of Denzel's. The incubation process for the organization of Negro National Baseball League started from a mustard seed per the vision of Andrew "Rube" Foster. As a Hall of Famer he was an outstanding pitcher whom is credited with improving the pitching career of the great Hall of Famer Christy Mathewson. Foster's vision to form a league comes into fruition February 14, 1920 with the following eight teams as the original members. They were: Detroit Stars, Chicago Giants, Indianapolis ABCs, Dayton Marcos, St. Louis Giants, American Giants, Cuban Stars and Kansas City

Monarchs. A few of the notable players from the 20s, 30s, and 40s leading up to the time August Wilson's main character Troy, in the play *Fences* were William "Judy" Johnson, John Henry "Pop" Lloyd, Willard Brown, Norman "Turkey" Stearns, Leon Day (native Virginian) Satchel Paige, Larry Doby and Joshua Gibson. *Fences* takes place in 1957, ten years after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier for Major League Baseball. At the opening of the 1957 baseball season there were "42" baseball players of color on major league teams. If Jackie Robinson had not retired in 1956 that number "42" would have been different. Even if August Wilson's character, Troy in *Fences*, had been in the league his baseball talent would have also been challenged. Troy's "wanna be a major leaguer" appears disgusted with the performance by George Selkirk and he has confidence that he can hit Sandy Koufax and or Warren

Spann. His bodacious comments to his family and friends are just passing thoughts, (and the BLUES) even though he shares his account of hitting homeruns off the great Satchel Paige. August Wilson is credited in *Fences* with sharing an African American family's experience about modern America by using colorful dialogue and humor. Denzel Washington is masterful in illustrating and sharing that experience. When Jackie Robinson crossed the color line, the young Frederick August Kittell, August Wilson's given birth name, was two years old and living in a mixed race neighborhood in Pittsburgh, PA., which is the setting for *Fences* and many of his plays. Play writer August Wilson, Negro League Baseball and Denzel Washington all exhibit values of excellence, artistic richness, imagination and learning which are at the forefront of this movie. With their every performance the results are a

game winning ninth inning homerun from Pittsburgh's very own Hall of Famer, Josh Gibson. The scene of Troy and Jim Bono in the Crawford Grill, located in the Hill District of Pittsburgh was owned by Gus Greenlee. The grill became a vital inclusion of the community were all the action took place. Gus also owned the Pittsburgh Crawfords, a Negro League baseball team. The 1936 Pittsburgh Crawfords, were the Negro National League's Eastern Region Pennant Champs. A historic marker is located on Somers Drive in the Hill District recognizing Josh Gibson, the greatest slugger in Negro League Baseball. Josh Gibson played for the Homestead Grays and the Pittsburgh Crawfords from 1930-1946. Denzel made August Wilson proud with this production and hit a "GRAND-SLAM."

Derrick Jones, Wilmingtonian Virginia Beach, VA

Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

As Obama departs, we owe him our thanks

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The final days of the Obama presidency are upon us. His popularity is rising with the economy, and with the increasingly stark contrasts to his successor. It is worth being clear about the legacy that he leaves behind.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Obama came to office facing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The global financial system

teetered on collapse; the auto industry faced bankruptcy; the economy was shedding 400,000 jobs a day. He also inherited the catastrophe George Bush had created with the debacle in Iraq and government misrule dramatized by the shame of Katrina and New Orleans. Now, eight years later, the economy nears full employment, with more than 15 million jobs created and private sector jobs growth at a record 81 consecutive months and counting. Wages are beginning to rise, after long years of stagnation or worse. The auto industry has enjoyed some of its most prosperous years.

This isn't an accident. Obama helped rescue the economy by passing the largest stimulus in history, the most ambitious financial reform since the 1930s, and daring and direct intervention to save the auto industry. Economic growth helped lower the annual budget deficit to less than half the level he inherited. Obama also passed the largest health care reforms in six decades, providing health insurance for 20 million Americans. His reforms saved those with pre-existing conditions, provided the young with protection under their parents' programs and, although most Americans

don't realize it, slowed the rise of health care costs dramatically. Running for re-election in 2012, Obama recognized that income inequality had become "the defining issue of our time." With his progressive tax reforms both in his health care plan and in the partial repeal of the top-end Bush tax cuts, and with expanded tax credits for low-income workers and families with children, Obama made a significant beginning in addressing that inequality. Abroad, Obama struggled

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Renewal

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

For years, I've listened with great interest to messages of inspiration, hope and motivation. Some may think many are too commercial, but I welcome the perspectives of positive speakers like Dr. Willie Jolley, Joel Osteen and Michelle Obama. Each, in his/her own way, seems to live the messages of self-help she/he delivers and has prospered from it. They affirm their belief that the same prosperity is available to those who would only reach for it in true faith. I take great solace from the messages of inspiration delivered by many great theologians who reach out with messages designed to provide uplift to those weary with and overcome by the trials and tribulations of daily life. They serve



Dr. E. Faye Williams

as a beacon of hope to those willing to live their lives in faith. In my own life, I've made self-directed and aspirational motivation a part of my daily routine. I'm rooted in the belief that the essence of a healthy life is a healthy mind and place the health of my mind in the hands of God. I believe that, in periods of distress or trouble, He is willing to protect me and can deliver me from any misfortune. I have great faith in my God and the skills and gifts with which He has endowed me. I cannot allow myself to believe that He would place an insurmountable obstacle in my way. The greatest motivator and guide through this life we live is God. Most of His greatest life-remedies can be found in the Book of Proverbs. In fact, if you look closely enough, most, if not all, of the recommendations suggested by great speakers can be found in Proverbs - hidden in plain sight! Irrespective of any individual life, God's plan for His Creations is one of renewal and redemption. I know

you've heard it said that "God is a God of Second Chances." In His infinite Wisdom, He has given us markers and transition points by which we can measure our success, the limits of our tolerance or at which we must start or start again. In our lives we use seconds, days, weeks and years as these markers. God also uses each sunrise, sunset and changing of the season as markers for us to use in navigating through life. Each of these transition points signals a beginning or ending, and gives us the promise of something new to come - something new for which we can look forward. By providing us with these markers, God signals us that any problem we encounter is temporary at best (or worst) and that with faith we can move through it and past it. Looking forward to 2017, I see and believe we have a need - greater than before - for the faith to move into the future. Current circumstances suggest that this year, and the coming four years, will change the nature of our

country and the world. Security for the vulnerable seems at risk while the rich and powerful seem to be welcoming a period of greater prosperity. The politics of divisiveness appear to have overtaken the aim of seeking a society of greater commonality and good. Health and education appear to be moving into a period where the right to both will be dictated by the depth of one's bank account. As with the fox and henhouse, the administration of (in)justice appears to be moving into the hands of those intent on turning back the clock of progress. Despite the appearance of a future filled with great negativity, I know that God will cause the sun to rise, the seasons to change and fill our future with the opportunity to renew and do greater good. I wish you a Happy New Year. Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women. 202/678-6788. www.nationalcongressbw.org.

VOICE YOUR OPINION!!
WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

JACKSON

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against great opposition to reduce America's exposure in the wars without end in the Middle East. His nuclear agreement with Iran not only dismantled its nuclear weapons capable facilities, it also provided the most comprehensive and aggressive verification mechanisms in the history of arms control. In opening relations with Cuba, he helped reduce America's isolation in our own hemisphere and made the historic turn from a policy of embargo that had failed for five decades.

His most historic contribution was to understand the clear and present danger of catastrophic climate change. The agreement with China and subsequent Paris Accord cemented a global consensus on the need for bolder action

on global warming. On his watch, America began to reduce its reliance on coal and its greenhouse gas emissions.

Obama won a majority of the votes in both his election and re-election, something neither his predecessor nor successor achieved. He governed with grace and dignity, despite grotesque and too often racist provocations. His family provided a model for all Americans, with Michelle winning hearts across the country. He and his administration were remarkably free of scandal. His administration demonstrated once more that competence could be valued in Washington.

He did all of this while facing unprecedented, unrelenting partisan obstruction, with the Republican leader of the Senate opposing him at every turn, intent on making him a one-term president. In part because of that opposi-

tion, much remained undone. The stimulus would have been larger and the recovery stronger except for Republican opposition. The national minimum wage would have been raised. A national infrastructure project to rebuild America would have been launched. Progress on making America the leader of the green revolution, the next global industrial revolution, would have been greater. Guantanamo, the shameful prison in Cuba, would have been closed. The Voting Rights Act would have been revived, and much more.

For most Americans, the recovery was slow; for many it was invisible. Donald Trump won election promising working people a better deal. He appealed to our weariness with war, suggesting a less interventionist policy. He played upon divisions, rousing fears about immigrants and Muslims. He

pledged to "make America great again," in part by undoing everything Obama.

So it is worth marking what Trump will inherit, as we head into what is already a rocky and tempestuous presidency. Unemployment under 5 percent. Eighty-one months of jobs growth and counting. Average wages rising at 2.4 percent over the last year. Growth at 3.5 percent over the last full quarter. Inflation at 2 percent. 20 million more Americans with health insurance. America one of the global leaders in the green industrial revolution. A president respected at home and abroad, known for his thoughtfulness and his great eloquence. Let us hope that Trump can build on that legacy, and not lead

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BLACKONOMICS

Black-owned Comprotax is one of the best in the business

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Having written many articles on what takes place from January through April, each year; relative to our tax payments and refunds, I understand that we need reinforcement and repetition on certain issues. Just as advertisers and marketers understand the power of continuous exposure to their messages, Black folks need the same thing, especially when it comes to getting us to act on basic, sound, practical, and collective economic and business principles. So please take a little time to read my latest repetitive missive on one of this nation's finest Black-owned businesses: ComproTax.



James Clingman

The tax preparation industry generates between \$6 billion and \$9 billion annually, which indicates that there are plenty of tax returns to go around – the IRS estimates that there will be over 250 million filed by 2018 with revenues of \$11 billion! Compared to our percentage of population (13 percent), Black-owned tax preparation businesses should have revenues of at least \$1 billion. As far as I am concerned, ComproTax alone should be a billion-dollar business, considering it has some 220 affiliates throughout the nation.

One advantage that ComproTax brings to its customers is year-round services. That's because ComproTax is more than a tax preparation service. Most of the large chains only come into our neighborhoods for four months or so, until around April 15. ComproTax is always there, providing Tax Preparation Training, Insurance Products, Bookkeeping Services, Payroll Services, Business Mentoring, and Small Business Consulting.

Additionally, ComproTax Founder, Jackie Mayfield, and his two co-founders, Yusuf Muhammad and Craig Johnson, believe in something many Black businesses only talk about: Giving back. They return some of their profits to community activities and charitable causes, and they provide sponsorships for many Black events across the country. In other words, they are "Conscientiously Conscious" business owners.

Mayfield stated: "When it comes to tax preparation, you have a lot of choices. So, why choose ComproTax? ComproTax provides complete and professional tax preparation and bookkeeping services with the personal attention that you deserve. We have over 220 offices nationwide and we are steadily growing. In addition to our convenient office locations, we have hundreds of mobile affiliates that will come

directly to you. Our tax preparers are committed to ongoing training to ensure that you get the best service and the best tax refund available. In short, we offer a vast network of trained professionals that are ready to serve you in tax season and out of season."

He continued: "At ComproTax we are about relationships. We work hard to get your business and develop a relationship of trust. We do this by being knowledgeable about new laws and requirements that affect your taxes, being reliable, and being confidential. That's why our customers come back to us year after year. Don't trust just anyone to handle your taxes and confidential books. Contact a ComproTax professional and begin a relationship with someone that you can trust."

One thing I personally love to brag about is the Compro Event Center, a full-service convention center built, owned, and operated by ComproTax a few years ago and located in Beaumont, Texas. Managed by Fred Zeno, another ComproTax stalwart and long-time business associate to Mayfield and the co-founders, the Event Center is a spacious and luxuriously appointed venue that can be used for weddings, various meetings and conventions, parties, and banquets. I am proud to say that THE One Million Conscious and Conscientious Black Contributors and Voters will hold our quarterly Training and Orientation gathering there January 6-8, 2017. It would be great of other Black groups would do likewise; it is one thing to talk about supporting Black venues, but it is much better to act upon those words.

ComproTax was founded in 1982 and has since created a platform for true economic empowerment via entrepreneurship, by modeling a high level of conscientious consciousness in addition to merely talking about it. As Brother Mayfield said in a speech 16 years ago at a MATAH conference in Philadelphia, "Not only should we be conscious, our consciousness must be disturbed enough for us to do what must be done to achieve real economic power."

To that I say Ase (Ashe) and Amen! We should support this and other Black owned businesses that believe in reciprocity and providing top-quality goods and services to their customers. For more information on ComproTax and to find an office near you, go to www.comprotax.net or call 1-888-884-2829. In any case, however, use a competent Black-owned tax firm this year.

James Clingman is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His latest book, "Black Dollars Matter! Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense," is available on his website, Blackonomics.com.

CASH IN THE APPLE

Happy New Year

My prayers join your prayers in hoping for all that's holy that this is a blessed and peaceful new year; and that Almighty GOD will keep us safe.

MORE TO IT, ANTHONY - In a recent interview, celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain, a self-described "liberal elitist," said it was the fault of folks like him that white working class Americans were so angry this past presidential election, causing them to vote Donald Trump into office.

Bourdain accused liberal elitists like himself of having "utter contempt" for these working class people. Upon seeing this, I responded with the following on my Facebook page:

Here's my problem with this - I'm certainly NOT an elitist, very much believe in the common man and consider myself one of them. And yes, I've had my share of problems with uppity liberals who enjoy patting accomplished black folks like me on the head and telling us, "You

know, you really are very articulate!"

MEMO TO OTHER IGNORANT LIBERALS OUT THERE - only children are told to their faces that they're "very articulate," NOT grown men and women of color!

But the reason why so many of those "God-fearing, Bible-toting, gun-loving" folks are usually the butt of many jokes, is because many (not all) are also racist, and allow slicksters in the Republican Party to use their racial bias to convince them to vote against their own interests, and it's darn sickening to see!

These people are convinced that black folks "have all the rights they need and are trying to take mine." These people rally around the false cries of "taking BACK THEIR country" and "making America great AGAIN." These are the folks who swallowed the pure b.s. of a man who has done nothing but taken advantage of them by building his empire on cheap foreign labor. Even the so-called "christians" of the bunch voted for this man, believing that despite clear and indisputable evidence that the only "God" he believes in is himself, he'll give them an America based on Christian principles.

No, I'm sorry. The America I've worked hard to bring about is one where all men and women are respected and cherished, because they're children of GOD! Where unless the laws of man are violated, I do not sit in judgment of others, provided their words and actions do not threaten my freedom, to embrace my own.

And I certainly don't respect those who lie, and KNOW they're lying, just for the sake of obtaining more power; at the expense of my freedom, and the freedom of others.

[On January 20th]...we are going to feel a cold wind blow across this land, and the people who will certainly be among those who will most suffer are those who were once again suckered to install people who, despite all of their claims to the contrary, do NOT believe in a free and just America, but rather an America where the power to dominate and rule with an iron fist is the coin of the realm, and the top priority of all likeminded. Decency, statesmanship, honesty will all become obsolete. The law will mean absolutely nothing! Fairness and sacrifice will mean nothing! Patriotism will be redefined by those who

only wish to deceive, and have no interest in freeing people's minds and hearts.

No, I'm not letting true liberal elitists off the hook for their vulgarities, but the mindless minions who elected Trump, and have backed hate mongering right-wingers ever since Pres. Obama's election, have done more to cripple this country than anybody I can think of. In my book, I owe them NO apologies. My community has had to suffer for generations because of their ignorance.

As far as I'm concerned, if they're so darn angry about being so gullible and dumb to allow this country to drift towards the hell that they've created, then as far as I'm concerned, they might as well drift right along with it!

Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011.

Until next week, keep a smile on your face, GOD in your heart, and The Wilmington Journal in your life. Bye, bye

Celebrate the Panthers to celebrate resistance

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Matthew "Peanut" Johnson was sixteen when San Francisco Police officer Alvin Johnson killed him. The unarm ed teen was said to have been fleeing a stolen car, and Johnson claimed that he feared for his life, so he shot. The September 27, 1966 slaying was too much for African Americans in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco, and folks took it to the streets in protest. Through the lens of "law and order", the uprising was so out of control that Governor "Pat" Edmund Brown called in the National Guard.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Some thought that calling the National Guard was an inflammatory overreaction. As the history website FoundSF writes of the scene: "Perhaps the best indication of both the essentially passive character of the response of black males in Hunters Point and the unreasonable magnitude of white fears is the fact that, aside from long-range brick throwing, less than a half dozen assaults by blacks against whites were recorded in the course of five days of rioting." According to some reporters, the police were overaggressive. In one case, police officers opened

fire on a community center full of children because they thought the children were armed. But when the children escaped, police reportedly entered the building looking for weapons, of which none were found.

The San Francisco Sun Reporter, the premier African American newspaper in the Bay Area (full disclosure, I got my start as a column writer from them in 1980), reported on Peanut Johnson's death with a front page headline, "Cop Kills Negro Youth; Blood Flows in SF Streets". I had an opportunity to see a copy of the paper when I toured the Oakland Museum of California and spent a couple of hours inhaling the exhibit All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50. In walking through the exhibit, one is struck with a sense of both progress and regress, a horrible sense of déjà vu, an ugly reminder that for all the change we have experienced, there is a rigid racism that determines the way some people treat Black people. And our community seems to be somewhat unimaginative in managing solutions.

The young man who was killed on September 27, 1966 was named Matthew Johnson, but he could have been named Philando Castile, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, or let's just call the roll. The officer who shot him was, of course, acquitted. The killing, and the acquittal, both galvanized people around the Black Panther Party fifty years ago, just as the killing of Michael

Brown galvanized the Black Lives Matter movement a couple of years ago.

A review of the Black Panther Party Ten Point Platform reminds us that things like culturally sensitive education, jobs, decent housing, food, and health care are still not assessable for all Americans, and that African Americans are far less likely to have access than others. The platform is displayed prominently in the multi-media exhibit space, along with pictures of many of the Panther founders, a film featuring Bobby Seale and other Panther leaders, including Erika Huggins, music of the times, and copies of the Black Panther newspaper. More than a walk down memory lane, the exhibit was, for me, a reminder of an audacity that so many African American young people exhibited in the face of oppression. One of the Panther newspapers had the headline, "Capitalism Plus Racism Breeds Facism". That is, perhaps, a timely slogan for these troubling times, but few mainstream African American politicians will use the word facism in a sentence.

The more important part of the story of the Black Panther Party is the story of resistance to injustice, resistance despite the interference of the FBI, Herbert Hoover, and Cointelpro. If the Panthers could develop more than 40 chapters without the assistance of the electronic media, is there any limit to what we can do now?

We limit ourselves. There is an unseemly caution among African American people. Too many have learned how to color within the lines; many have been rewarded for it. Insanity means doing the same thing over and over, then hoping for different results. And so too many, including leaders, have taken the "go along to get along" approach, forgetting that sometimes getting along is not enough.

If you are tired and dispirited in the wake of the 2016 elections, the Power to the People exhibit at the Oakland Museum might be the energizer that you need. Perhaps you need to be reminded that a group of audacious young people, facing obstacles, and lacking substantial resources, were able to raise important issues and make some changes in the ways Black people thought about themselves. And the Black Panther Party may also have made a difference, if just a bit of one, in the way that Black people are treated.

When we celebrate the Black Panther Party, we celebrate the concept of resistance. In these coming years, when resistance to oppression and unfairness will be critically necessary, celebrating the Black Panther Party is an opportunity for renewal.

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Historians rank President Obama's legacy

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Supporters and critics alike may eventually come to view President Barack Obama's two-term White House tenure the same way.

His determination for change never appeared to cause him to stumble on his goals, be it Obamacare or commuting the sentences of so many who were imprisoned for so long - primarily because of antiquated laws that punished mostly low-level minority drug offenders.

Even as Obama is set to leave office, he took unprecedented steps to retaliate against alleged Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Obama labeled Russia's action as significant, malicious and cyber-enabled and sanctioned six Russian individuals and five Russian entities while ordering dozens of Russian diplomats to leave the country.

The president also gave them and their families just three days to pack up and leave.

"These actions follow repeated private and public warnings that we have issued to the Russian government, and are a necessary and appropriate response to efforts to harm U.S. interests in violation of established international norms of behavior," Obama said in the statement released by the White House.

It's the kind of action that some said will make them miss the progress of the past eight years and critics will come to realize that Obama's place in history will be a lofty one.

"The biggest tragedy of the Obama presidency was the relentless and often irrational unwillingness of Republican lawmakers to work with him to achieve meaningful objectives," said Mario Almonte, a

public relations specialist who also blogs about politics and social issues. "Even so, many years from now, when the history of his presidency comes into better focus, our society will come to recognize the enormous impact Barack Obama had on American culture and possibly world culture as the first Black president of the United States."

And, as Kevin Drum a writer for "Mother Jones" noted, Obama has moved forward on eight substantial executive actions over the past month - aside from the Russian sanctions - including enacting a permanent ban on offshore oil and gas drilling in areas of the Arctic and the Atlantic Seaboard; he's refused to veto a UN resolution condemning Israel's settlements in the West Bank; designated two new national monuments totaling more than 1.6 million acres - Bears Ears Buttes in southeastern Utah and Gold Butte in Nevada; and he's instructed the Department of Homeland Security to formally end the long-discussed NSEERS database.

Obama has also instructed the Army Corps of Engineers to deny final permits for the Dakota Access Pipeline where it crosses the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation and he's issued a final rule that bans the practice among some red states of withholding federal family-planning funds from Planned Parenthood and other health clinics that provide abortions.

Also, the outgoing president completed rules to determine whether schools were succeeding or failing under the "Every Student Succeeds Act."

"He was most effective as a normal president, and he helped put the presidency back on a human scale," said Stephen Walt, a professor of international affairs at

Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. "He was a devoted and involved father, a loving husband, a man with acknowledged - albeit - vices and someone who made it clear that he did not regard himself as omniscient."

Walt continued: "As president, he showed that effective governing requires careful deliberation, discipline, and the willingness to make hard and imperfect decisions, and he let us all watch him do just that."

Walt added that future historians will give President Obama "full marks" for never acting impulsively or cavalier.

Daniel Rodgers, the Henry Charles Lea Professor of History, emeritus and historian of American ideas and culture who taught at Princeton University, wrote that what buoyed Obama's aspirations was not a program, but a dream that in his person, the people might come together and shape politics to their will and common aspirations.

"That was what the 'we' in the brilliant 'Yes We Can' slogan in the 2008 campaign was essentially about," Rodgers said. "He has not called the nation to new feats of courage - ala Kennedy - to make war on poverty - as Johnson did - even to dream more freely than ever before - as stated by Reagan. What Obama's words have called for is for Americans to be the people they already are."

The single, biggest impact on Obama's presidency has been the shattering of psychological obstacles in the American psyche toward electing a non-White president, Almonte said.

"When Hillary Clinton first ran for president, her gender was a major issue among voters. The second time around, it was not," Almonte said. "With this psychological barrier

removed, in future elections, we will see candidates from all walks of life, genders, nationalities, and possibly even lifestyles pursue the presidency with greater ease than they could have before."

Even as Donald Trump and other Republicans promise to do all they can to repeal the Affordable Care Act, known as Obama's signature piece of legislation, historians wrote in New York magazine that it has been the president's greatest accomplishment.

They noted that presidents from Harry Truman to Bill Clinton failed to accomplish a passable affordable health care law.

"Obamacare is easily the signal accomplishment of this president, assuming current efforts to unravel it will be defeated," said Thomas Holt, the James Westfall Thompson Professor of American and African-American History at the University of Chicago.

"It's an achievement that will put Obama in the ranks of [President Franklin Delano Roosevelt] with social security and Lyndon B. Johnson with Medicare because of its enduring impact on the average American's well-being," Holt said. "He won't need bridges and airports named after him since opponents already did him the favor of naming it 'Obamacare.'"

The Affordable Care Act's progressivism stands out as the embodiment of Obama's best intentions, said Nell Painter, an American historian notable for her works on southern history of the nineteenth century and a retired professor at Princeton University.

"Some three million poor people have gained access to health care, thanks to the extension of Medicaid. But those people will not be in deep-southern states where



PHOTO BY Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA

Historians agree that the Affordable Care Act will stand as one of President Obama's greatest achievements during his tenure in The White House.

poor people are numerous, but Republicans rule," Painter said. "I see this convergence as a consequence of watermelon politics, as unsavory a legacy of Obama's time as Obamacare is fine."

Finally, one historic trendbreak that occurred during Obama's presidency that has major significance for the well-being of African-Americans has been the beginnings of a decline in the national prison population, after decades of expansion, said Gavin Wright, professor of American Economic History at Stanford University.

"The Administration deserves a fair share of credit," Wright said. "In 2010, Obama signed the Fair Sentencing Act, reducing prison time for convictions involving crack cocaine."

Wright continued: "Under Attorney General Eric Holder, sentencing guidelines were made retroactive, leading to the release of thousands. To date, the reductions have been small compared to the total incarcerated population, but the reversal is historic, and its disproportionate significance for African-Americans is evident."

The CBC celebrates history with 49 members in the 115th Congress

BY FREDDIE ALLEN
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NEWSWIRE

During the Ceremonial Swearing-In event a few blocks from The White House, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., honored Rep. Cedric L. Richmond (D-La.), the new chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and members of the CBC that will serve during the 115th Congress.

A. Shuanise Washington, the president and CEO of the CBCF, said that 115th Congress will have the largest CBC in history with 49 members.

"While the CBC grows in numbers, there remains a lack of diversity and inclusion when it comes to senior staff placement in senate and congressional offices," said Washington. "The CBCF is committed to doing its part to change the landscape of Capitol Hill and we're doing so with one of our newest initiatives: Emerge 535."

Launched in 2013, the Emerge 535 program will enable the CBCF to expand opportunities for young people of color by providing 535 scholarships and fellowships to work on Capitol Hill.

During her comments at the CBC ceremony, House Minority leader Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) blasted Republican lawmakers for blocking President Barack Obama's last Supreme Court justice nominee and efforts to pass an updated Voting Rights Act (VRA).

Pelosi also noted the irony in the fact that some of the same Republicans, who attended the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the fiftieth anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Ala., refused to work with Democrats on Capitol Hill to restore the protections of the VRA.

"It's not about Democrats, it's not about Republicans, it's about America," said Pelosi. "The greatness of America is affected by how [Republicans] have rejected the ability of our president to appoint a [Supreme Court] justice, how they have rejected our calls for correcting the injustice of

the Supreme Court decision [in *Shelby v. Holder*]. It's all about justice."

Pelosi called the CBC the "conscience of the Congress and indeed of the country," and she added that it was exciting to see that some of the newest members of the CBC were representing districts that had never elected a Black lawmaker to serve in the U.S. Congress.

The newest members of the CBC are: Senator Kamala Harris, who is California's first African American senator; Rep. Val Demings (D-Fla.); Rep. Lisa Blunt-Rochester (D-Del.), the first African American woman to serve in Congress from Delaware; Rep. Anthony Brown (D-Md.); Rep. Dwight Evans (D-Pa.) and Rep. Donald McEachin (D-Va.).

After the ceremonial oath of office was performed, outgoing Chairman G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.) said that 2016 is now in our rearview mirror.

"We find ourselves facing a difficult, political and legislative environment, unlike any that we have ever seen before, but I promise you that the CBC will rise to the occasion and we will meet these new challenges," said Butterfield. "The consequences are too enormous for us to be indecisive and to allow conservative forces and forces of the alt-right to defend our nation. We will be strategic and we will be unified in our work."

While many of the CBC members are "baby boomers," Butterfield said that there is no question that Richmond, who is a part of Generation X, is well-suited and well-prepared to lead the CBC in confronting these new challenges.

During his remarks at the ceremonial swearing-in event, Richmond said that CBC members represent 78 million Americans, 24 percent of the population and 17 million Blacks representing 41 percent of the African American population in this country.

"There are many Americans, especially Black Americans, who can't understand how we got here today, coming off eight years of hope, pride and inspiration," said Richmond. "They are fearful of the current state of

division, hate and pettiness.

Richmond continued: "Many of our young people are frustrated with the fact that they seem to be fighting the same causes that Dr. King and Reverend Jackson and John Lewis and many others galvanized the country behind during the Civil Rights Movement; and that's jobs justice and common humanity."

The Louisiana congressman noted that while others have thrown up their hands, hung their heads, paralyzed by frustration, CBC members have remained focused and driven.

Richmond acknowledged that members like Shirley Chisholm work on poverty and expanding opportunities for women in the labor force and children in the classroom, Charlie Rangel on economic inequality and John



CBC members celebrate new CBC Chairman Louisiana Congressman Cedric Richmond (seated) at the ceremonial swearing-in event for the 115th Congress at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C.



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Members of the Congressional Black Caucus participate in the Ceremonial Swearing-In event for the 115th Congress at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Conyers on criminal justice reform.

Richmond said that the CBC members are committed to do their part, to provide leadership, engage the people across this country and fight shoulder to shoulder to ensure that the arc, but they cannot do it alone.

"We need the fire, passion and talent of young people to use the tools and resources of today to capture the nation and to give life to our movement,"

said Richmond, adding that it was young women and young men who were on the frontlines of the fight for freedom during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

Richmond said that fighting injustice will also require the wisdom, clarity and foresight of our elders, because, "if we do not learn from our past, our future will be more of the same."

The new CBC chair said that during 115th

Congressional session, CBC members will continue to confront those who seek to divide the country and that they will be clear about their demands, on behalf of Black people. He added that CBC members will also venture outside of Washington to engage everyday people where they live, work and worship.

"We will heed the many lessons of our leaders that came before, but we will innovate

and evolve to tackle the challenges of today," said Richmond. "We will be deliberate in our thoughts and actions and we will engage on our own terms."

Richmond continued: "We have the strength and the courage of our ancestors that survived the Middle Passage, who survived slavery and segregation and Jim Crow; and in that spirit we won't give in, we won't give up and we won't fall back."

New Hanover County

Carolina Communications will hold a Minority Business Seminar on Friday, January 6th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Hampton Inn, 2320 S.17th St. The seminar is to provide specific information on how minority and small businesses can effectively build relationships with local entities, UNCW, CFCC, NHC, NHRMC and NHCS. For more information contact Harry Dorsey at 910-343-9600.

The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men--and their partners--who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

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NHC NAACP to hold Annual MLK, Jr. Breakfast

The New Hanover County Chapter of the NAACP hosts its 13th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast at 9 am on Saturday, January 14th at Union Station, 502 N. Front Street, Wilmington, NC. Guest speaker for the 2017 Breakfast is Dr. Rev. Conrad Pridgen, Presiding Elder, Western North Carolina Conference of the AME Church. Mistress of Ceremony is Frances Weller, WECT News Anchor. Reverend Robert Campbell of New Beginnings Christian Church will be recognized as Minister of the year. And the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wilmington will be honored as Church of the Year. Faith Ambassadors will also be recognized. Tickets are a \$25 donation

and can be purchased at the Wilmington Journal, 412 S 7th St., and Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Street. On line tickets can be purchased through the eventbrite.com event NHC NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. Tickets may also be ordered from the New Hanover County NAACP, P.O. Box 2199, Wilmington, NC 28402. Founded February 12,1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. Its more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world advocate for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Our children in our modern society

Today our children are growing up in a modern society wherein the computer has a special place in their lives. Many children know much more about the use of computers than adults. This knowledge, in many cases, starts at a very young age. Having a variety of safe toys to play with can be helpful in their gaining a good degree of independence. These are changing times. Children observe so much, much more than we might ever think, and, many times,



Verniece Stanley

their behaviors are mirror images of what they see in adults. Therefore, their behaviors indicate what they believe will, or will not, be accepted in any given situation. They usually know the difference between acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Most of the time, they choose the behavior they want to display in a given situation. I recall observing two young boys a few days ago at Walmart. These boys were with their parents, and it was interesting to observe that they seemed to be on their best behavior. It occurred to me that these same children chose the behavior they wished to display at the time, and they could choose, if they wished, the same good behav-

ior in a classroom or elsewhere. Parents want the best education for their children and they want them to grow up in the best environment possible. Parents love their children and show their love in a variety of ways over a lifetime. Hopefully, they love them for nine months before they are born and for a lifetime after birth. Love is deep affectionate concern for another human being. Brotherhood, or brotherly love, is a love through which we find a certain peace of mind and peace with one another. If we love another, we seek to help others enjoy comfortable surroundings in whatever way we can. We ought to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. In so doing, we will help those in need.

Again, by being a loving and helpful neighbor, one ought to find a certain peace of mind!
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.

"A Time Of Remembrance"



JAVOKE AND JENNIFER TERRELL



SPEAKER REVEREND DR. CLIFFORD D. BARNETT, SR.

BY SHAWN THATCH OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On Friday, December 16, 2016, Davis Funeral Home hosted a meaningful evening of remembrance. Over a hundred families attended the Holiday Memorial Service: "A Time of Remembrance". This event was initiated to allow the community to come together to honor loved ones who have died. The event featured a soul stirring message by Rev. Dr. Clifford D. Barnett, Sr., Pastor of Warner Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, opening prayer by Rev. Marie Howard-Griffin, Pastor of Vision Center Church, ministry in song by Keon Harrison and the W.T. Howard Gospel Singers, Trumpet solo by Jerrita

Waters. Javoke and Jennifer Terrell shared that it is their desire that Davis Funeral Home not only serve the community when death occurs, but to also be a positive influence to and supporter of the community. "Countless families have called to say how inspired they were after attending the service and how much it was needed", says Javoke. With the level of attendance exceeding what was expected, the Terrells plan to make the Service of Remembrance an annual event. Jennifer says, "This was a time of healing for so many and we want to make sure that families have an outlet during the holiday season to come together and remember their loved ones."



KEON HARRISON AND THE W.T. HOWARD GOSPEL SINGERS

Young At Heart Club holds annual celebration

BY DELORES HALSEY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It was a cold, windy and rainy day on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 but the outside climate condition of the weather did not prohibit the gathering of the Young At Heart Club of Wilmington, NC. It was the annual celebration of the Christmas Season and the appropriate time to honor one deserving of a pre-retirement luncheon at Golden Coral. The beautifully decorated center pieces on the table and the brightly wrapped gifts brought sunshine on this otherwise dismal day. What an opportunity to brighten the lives of Rev. Anthony and Mrs. Atheda Watson for their unselfish love and friendship to the membership of our organization. No gift or recognition of honor could reward for the many ways this man of God has blessed us even though many of us or not under his pastorate at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church. Just to see their faces light up with genuine smiles of thanks as they were presented with gifts of our appreciation. Rev. and Mrs. Watson are a blessing not only to the church but to the community. After a delicious meal, shared fellowship and exchange of gifts, we ended the meeting with singing, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."



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Monique Moses

Heiris Monique Burwell (Moses), age 37, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2016. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 31, 2016 at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Monique was born on November 1, 1979 in Wilmington, NC to Kathy Holmes Moses and Ralph Leo Burwell. She departed this life on December 25, 2016 at nine fourteen pm, at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center.

Monique attended New Hanover County schools, graduating from Cape Fear Community College Adult Education Program; She attended North Carolina Central University and Miller Motte Business College.

Monique received Christ at an early age and was baptized at Union Missionary Baptist Church, where she sang on numerous choirs. Monique along with Sonya and Tonya Melvin formed a singing trio by the name of "Trinity." She was a wedding and funeral psalmist with a BEAUTIFUL and MELODIOUS voice.

She was preceded in death by her twin daughters; Taylor and Tatyana in June 1999 and daughter, little Miranda preceded Monique in death in October 2009.

She leaves to cherish her memories a devoted mother, Kathy Holmes Moses; and father, Willie (Pete) Moses; a dear and loving sister,

Monica Michelle Moses (Lorenzo); siblings, Krishanta Jones, Courtney Billingsley, Sharonda Lewis (Darryl), Erica Jones, Tia Jones, and Romello Seth all of the city; grandmothers, Elizabeth Holmes of Arlington, TX, Mary Louise Burwell and Elder Annie Carraway both of the city; uncles, Kenneth Spain, Eugene Carraway of the city, Kevin Holmes (Karen) of Arlington, TX, and Harvey Moses (Wendy), of Lydia, SC; aunts, Lisa Carraway, Angie Burwell, Haveyl (Dale), Aris Sisco (Carl), LaKecia Haywood (Elijah) of the city, and Sharon Burwell of Norfolk, VA; a special nephew, Braelyn Todd Costin of the city; her life long time friend and caregiver, Escoletia Smith; a dear loving and devoted friend, Blake Greenfield; supportive cousin as well as a long time friend, Anthony (Tony) Hurd; two godmothers, Studie Powell and Carolyn Waddell-Mack; caring friend, Dominic Santana; Monique is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Clure A. Fisher, Jr.

Clure A. Fisher, Jr., age 73, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2016. Funeral services were held

Friday, December 30, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Cure Alexander Fisher, Jr., affectionately known as "Fisher", was born to the late Clure Alexander Fisher, Sr and the late Eunice Wright Fisher on September 11, 1943 in Wilmington, NC.

He attended Williston Sr. High School and later joined the Airforce, where he served as a military police officer for 6 years. Shortly after being honorably discharged, Clure became employed at General Electric where he was a loyal employee for 38 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory; loving wife of 49 years, Ann; three wonderful children, Tony of Wilmington, NC, Michael (Beth) of Spartanburg, SC and Sharon (Cory) of Greensboro, NC; nine grandchildren; sister-in-law, Blanche Carmon; brother-in-law, Louis Gardner; two nieces, Eunice Fox and Jacqueline Fox; nephew, Harold Fox; special friends of the family, Angela Simmons, Deann Barnhardt, James Williams and Albert Blue and a host of other relatives and friends. He was loved by many and his memory will be cherished deeply. With God's Grace he was able to see Caison, his youngest grandson. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Elaine D. Wade

Elaine D. Wade, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, December 26, 2016. Friends may visit with the family from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Myrtle Grove Long Leaf Kingdom Hall. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Sharon D. Watson

Sharon D. Watson, age 57, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2016. A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Gracie A. Bryant

Gracie A. Bryant, age 82, of Bolivia, passed away Friday, December 30, 2016. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Piney Grove Community Cemetery. Burial will follow in Piney Grove Community Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Leroy Peoples, Sr.

Leroy Peoples, Sr., age 91, of Castle Hayne, passed away Tuesday, January 03, 2017. Services are pending and will be announced. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Alphonzo Sidney Yates "Piney"

Alphonzo Sidney Yates "Piney", son of the late Janie Mae Yates and Alfred Sidney Clark was born on September 27, 1955. He departed this earthly life on Saturday,

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Card Of Thanks



It is with sincere appreciation that we extend our deepest thanks for your presence, deeds of kindness, calls, flowers, cards and prayers. May God's grace and mercy shine upon each of you for your expressions of love and messages of comfort extended during the illness and passing of our Mom. Our prayer is God will forever keep and bless each of you.

The Family of Doris Mae Robbins

Acknowledgement



The family of Alphonzo Sidney Yates (Piney), wishes to acknowledge with sincere gratitude your expressions of love, kindness, calls and visits. Your presence will forever be embedded upon our hearts and memory. We pray above all that You be blessed for being such truly wonderful friends. A special Thanks to Reverend James H. Nixon, Staff and Church family for the use of their beautiful sanctuary. We pray God's continued blessings upon each of you.

The Family



Mrs. Ezmas Marscine Carmichael



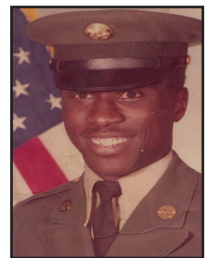
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Grandmother Marscine, Juanita, Julia, Wanda and Kenneth, the physical you are gone but your memories will always be with us and they will be passed down to the children and hopefully they will pass to their children. The smiles and love of family was demonstrated by the things you did to help us, keep us on the right path and above all keep the religious training that we were taught as children to love the Lord and keep Him as the focus point of our lives. As long as we live right, we will see each other someday.

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Jennifer A. Terrell and Javoke S. Terrell

New Hanover County

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Road, will hold their District Youth Revival (one night only) on Thursday, January 12th at 7:30 P.M. The guest speaker will be Elder Ryan Godfrey, pastor of Baum Temple Church (Summerville, SC) and New Vision Church (Charleston, SC)



Religious Briefs

The Better St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. (in the Wrightsboro community), will present their Annual 7 Ups Program on Sunday January 8th at 3:30pm. The speakers are as follows "Wake Up" - Elder Carolyn Jones of Life Changing Ministries, "Look Up" - Sis. Corrine Roll- Brown, Pastor of Zion Chapel A.M.E.Z Church, "Get Up" - Elder Sharon White, of New Covenant Holiness Church, "Grow Up" -Elder Patricia Mattison of Life Changing Ministries, "Fed Up" - Elder Paula Moore of Full Gospel Nondenominational Church, "Shut Up" -Sis. Jo Ann Hinson of Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church, "Caught Up" - Sis. Dentrail Boykin of St. Phillip A.M.E.Z., "Broke Up" - Elder Cheryl Sparks Of Ephesus Seven Day Adventist Church, "Rise Up" - Sis. Pamela Evans of St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church and "Sum It All Up" - Rev. Carolyn Lewis, Pastor of Bowen Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. For more details or any information, please call Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon at 910-540-4406 or sister Dentrail boykin at 910-200-4953.

The United Methodist Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church are coming together on January 14, 2017 at 3:00 pm. at Warner Temple A.M.E.Zion Church. United Methodist's Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will be present. A reception will follow this service at Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church located at 620 Nixon St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401. If you should have any questions, please call the 910-763-6308.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church will hold their Holiday Banquet, "Holidays Under the Stars" on Saturday, January 7th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Colors are black, silver and white.

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Alphonzo was educated in the New Hanover County School System, thus graduating in the class of 1974 and going on to attend Shaw University in Raleigh NC.

He joined St. Phillip AME Church as a teenager and throughout his adult hood before moving to Charlotte, NC, he attended and joined

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend J.A. Cuthbert. Piney, a self-employed craftsman and welder, never missed an opportunity to help someone. His Graphic Designing skills allowed him to design a logo for his job when he worked for International Paper on Twenty Third Street in the late seventies.

His family was everything to him. He often neglected himself for others. He would say, please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best. Just say I tried to do what's right. I want no more than I deserve. Don't just remember the good times remember all the bad. To those I wronged, hurt and disappointed—my special friend, ex-wives, children, family and friends—forgive me so your hearts may cease from being destroyed. It is without a doubt he always would tell us he knew God and loved Him...Piney loved and had a relationship with God.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother Louis Clark three sisters Maggie C. Irving, Willie Mae Spann and Barbara Jean Ray. Two sons Larry Darnell McKoy and Jose' Shaw "Peedee" and a granddaughter Ava Elise Ballard.

Piney's Legacy of Love, cherished survivors son: Rishene Tyson (Maria); Daughters: Shakyra Yates, and Akilah Shaw; Grandchildren: Jordyn Yates-Johnson, Kiyon Yates-Johnson, Amaya Shaw, Stan Ballard Jr., Kalise Ballard, and Rayla Ballard; Brothers: Wilbert Yates, John Tucker III (Barbara), and Jerome Yates; Sisters: Dianne Hayes (Bob), Liz Yates, Mamie Jackson (Marvin), Beverly Yates, Willie Mae Hill (Bill), Geneva Hawes (Lennon), Roberta C. Salley, Learnice Clark, Joyce O. Clark, Patricia Bozier, and Della Bozier; Aunts: Ernestine Allen and Violet Yates; Uncles: Gaston Yates and Jacob Clark; Devoted Loving Friend: Wanda Marshall; Special Sister: La'tonya Glenn; Brotherly Cousin:

Thomas Sweets; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Rudolph Stanley, Jr.

Rudolph Stanley, Jr. was born April 25, 1952 to the late Lillie Mae Wells and Rudolph Stanley, Sr. He departed this life on December 18, 2016 at home.

Rudolph was a man of simple needs. He was a good and caring individual that was devoted to his family and friends. Rudolph was preceded in death by both of his parents. He is survived by: three brothers, Randolph Stanley, Harry Norris Stanley (Cheryl) and Billy Stanley; two sisters, Diana Stanley and Faye Wells; a devoted companion, Myra Thomas; and a host of other relatives and friends. His funeral service was held Friday, December 30, 2016 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Robert Bowden, Jr.

Robert Bowden, Jr., born December 12, 1928 and peacefully entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, December 28, 2016. He was the son of the late Maggie Smith and Robert Bowden, Sr. Robert was preceded in death by his wife Bernice Dickey Bowden; daughter, Joanna Bowden and siblings, Ruth Hamilton, Etta Thorpe, Margaret Vincent, Curley Williams, Clayton Bradley and Blanche Singleton.

As a young adult, he was baptized at Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He retired from St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church in 1999 after serving over 40 years. Robert was an original charter member of Progressive Lodge # 830 F&M (PHA). He leaves to cherish his memories; three daughters, Bernice B. Pugh, Deborah Borden, Brenda Bowden; one son, Robert Bowden III; one sister, Janie B. Shaw; four sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; four grandchildren, Twalla English, Keziah P. Lampkin, Slesia Bowden and Jamal Bowden; great-grandchildren; Christian English, Tyra English, Amadia Bowden, Acajha Bowden, Asiya Bowden and Marcus Lampkin; one great-great grandson, Xzadrien Caldwell; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Signs of his coming"

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olivets, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered, and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24 1-6

Deception : A Sign of His Coming
Deceive - To mislead or trick by falsehood

With the occurrences of so many casualties and catastrophic tragedies becoming common place in the world, many in the Body of Christ may be wondering if the end of the world is near. Others who may or may not be disciples of Christ could also be pondering in their minds, "Are these the signs of the end of the world and also of the coming of Christ?"

If one really wants to know what is going on, and what the future holds, then we must look to , the One who holds the future , the Lord himself. That is what the disciples did, both then, and now! When the disciples (followers of Christ) asked Jesus what would be the signs of His coming and of the end of the world, his first answer to them was, to take heed that no man deceive them. One of the first true signs of the coming of the Lord and the end of the word is the magnitude of deception. We see it in the world, and we see it also in the church! That is why Jesus said to his disciples, "Take Heed".

The first record of deception occurred in Genesis 3:1-4. When satan seduced Adam and Eve to doubt God's Word....that is when sin and

deception entered into the world. Doubt and unbelief are still among the greatest areas of deception to come upon the Body of Christ. To doubt means to be uncertain about something . Doubt also means to distrust the source of information. Unbelief is not accepting something said as truth. Doubt and unbelief entered their heart and mind, and caused them to disobey the Word of God. When we see doubt and unbelief affecting many in the Body of Christ, then we know that these are also signs of His coming!

Jesus told the disciples to take heed that no man deceive you. He said in Galatians 6:7-9, And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We have all heard for so long that Jesus is soon to come. Frankly, some of our brothers and sisters believe that, and some don't. The evident sign of doubt and unbelief is willful disobedience to God's Word. That is why we see throughout the bible, the words of warning and encouragement, "Be not deceived!" BE NOT DECEIVED; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7-8. Deception is a definite sign of His coming!

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of

themselves with mankind, nor thieves nor covetous, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Cor. 6:9-11

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." I Cor. 15:33 "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men." Proverbs 22:24 "Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. Proverbs 24:1 "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? II Corinthians 6:14

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 The bible was not written for the world, it is written to the church, the Body of Christ. The spirit of deception brought in doubt and unbelief. The spirit of unbelief will spawn a spirit of disobedience. Unbelief is a sin with catastrophic consequences (Revelation 21:

As disciples of Christ, we must take heed and prayerfully watch that we do not be deceived by others, neither should we deceive our selves! "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Book of

James. So when we see and hear of a lot of things happening in the world and in the church, think it not strange, it is just another Sign of the Times.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inso much that , if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Jesus told his disciples then, and he is yet saying to them, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24:24 Deception: A Sign of His Coming.

Prayer: Father in the Name of Jesus, I pray that you will keep my heart and mind from being deceived in these last days. Help me to hold fast to my faith in your Word, for I know that your Word is true. Amen.

Tell Somebody !!!

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

She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

The Impact Network expands its reach through Comcast Xfinity

BY ROZ EDWARD OF THE MICHIGAN CHRONICLE

The Impact Network, the only independent African American-owned and operated Christian television network in the United States, will now be available in even more homes, thanks to an expanded distribution agreement with Comcast's Xfinity TV platform. The Impact Network features programming on urban ministries, gospel music, lifestyle and entertainment.

"We're excited about the commitment Comcast has made to continue to increase diversity in all communities and to the African American community by expanding distribution of The Impact Network," said Bishop Wayne T. Jackson, the co-founder and CEO of the Impact Network.

The Impact Network's mission is to provide Christian and educational programming designed to "empower the spiritual, physical, financial and emotional needs of the community and viewers."

The network line-up includes television ministries by The Impact Network's co-founder Bishop Jackson, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Dr. Creflo Dollar, Pastor Paula White, Pastor Rod Parsley, Bishop I.V. Hilliard, Bishop Charles Blake, Bishop Stanly Williams, Bishop Paul Morton, Bishop Henry Fernandez, Pastor Joel Osteen and more. It also offers original programming such as Dr. Beverly Jackson's "Living Free," "The Jewel Tankard Show," and "Impact Better Health/Diet Free Life" with Dr. Robert Ferguson.

The Impact Network was founded in 2010 by Bishop Wayne T. Jackson and Dr. Beverly Jackson in Detroit, Mich., and is the fastest growing African American-owned and operated independent, Christian television network in the U.S.

Expanding on Comcast's Xfinity TV, The Impact Network will now reach over 75 million households in the U.S., Africa, The Bahamas, and Virgin Islands on various distributors. Before Jackson purchased the station in 2010, there wasn't a single African American Christian-owned



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE IMPACT NETWORK

Dr. Beverly Jackson (left) and Bishop Wayne T. Jackson, are the co-founders of The Impact Network, the fastest growing African American-owned and operated independent Christian television network in the U.S.

television network in the country or the world. Black preachers were at the mercy of mainstream networks, that were prone to pull the plug on their Sunday morning shows for reasons as simple as personal disagreements and as complex as racial and religious oppression.

"Anytime we wanted to [air] broadcasts, we always had to go to other people to get our ministries shown to television audiences," said Bishop Jackson.

With the assistance of broadcast programming veteran Terry Arnold, former president and CEO of Bell Broadcasting Company (WCHB and WJZZ), Jackson was able to form an unprecedented alliance with AT&T's DIRECTV and on November 30, 2015, the bishop was able to extend The Impact Network family of programs with a launch on the multi-channel platform. This was not the first partnership of its kind for the fledgling network.

"In 2011, we were able to partner with Dish Network, which gave us a much broader national audience covering the continental United States.

Then we got with Comcast which gave us Michigan, Arkansas, Kentucky and Indiana," said Bishop Jackson.

Impact Network would go on to strike similar deals with The Bahamas and several African nations, placing faith-based programs in 950 million households worldwide, a real coup d'état for African American Christian television. The addition of DIRECTV access adds 20 million more viewing households to Impact Network's viewing audience.

Minority- and women-owned broadcasts currently represent only five percent of all broadcasts currently airing in the United States.

Bishop Jackson admitted there was some initial discussion about basing the network's headquarters in the suburbs, but decided to keep the network based in Detroit.

"We are helping to power the revitalization of Detroit. While we have Dan Gilbert, Roger Penske and Mike Illitch who are doing great things in our city, there are African Americans doing great things in Detroit, and we are going to

tell those stories," he said.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper - Association (NNPA), said that the partnership between Comcast and The Impact Network is good news for Black America.

"We congratulate both Comcast and The Impact Network for working together to significantly enhance television broadcast opportunities for Black America," said Chavis. "The NNPA and Comcast are also business partners in the marketplace across the nation and we support Black-owned businesses like The Impact Network."

The Impact Network is now broadcasting 24-hours a day, seven days a week and can be viewed on DIRECTV's channel 380 or on channel 268, DISH Network Channel 268 and Comcast's Xfinity TV channel 400. Check local listings in your area for more information.

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Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE& WBE firms for Contract DA00307 in Gates & Perquimans Co.'s bidding on 1/18/17. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 1/9/17 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

January 5, 2017

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Pursuant to 55-14-03 of the North Carolina General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned corporation has executed Articles of Dissolution by affirmative vote of the sole shareholder and such Articles of Dissolution filed with the Secretary of State of North Carolina. Claims against the corporation will be barred unless proceedings to enforce such claims are brought within five years of publication of this notice. Claims may be presented to the corporation at the following address:

Remote Data Systems, Inc.
c/o LM Properties of Wilmington, LLC
3805 Wrightsville Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

Any claims presented for payment shall include the name and address of the claimant (or agent) and a statement of the nature and amount of the claim.

REMOTE DATA SYSTEMS, INC.

By: Robert L. Moul, Vice-President

January 5, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 16 JT 10

IN THE MATTER OF: M.R.I.W. (dob: 15 May 2003)

TO: ANDRES IBARRA-RAMOS

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 M.R.I.W. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 29, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Mr. Ibarra-Ramos you are assigned Attorney Emily Jones. Counsel may be contacted at (910)762-7771, 110 N. 5th Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 29th day of December, 2016.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3612
(910) 798-3772 * fax

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY File No. 16-SP-743 New Hanover County, North Carolina

Under and by virtue of the Declaration recorded in Book 2420 at Page 13, Book 2422 at Page 495, and Book 2857 at Page 168, New Hanover County Register of Deeds, and the provisions of Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes, and because of the Respondent's failure to pay assessments duly assessed by Waterfronte Villas Owners Association, Inc. ("Association") as shown by the Claim of Lien for Assessments filed on September 20, 2016, File No. 16-M-1140, 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 December 14, 2016, the Trustee will expose for public sale at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on **January 18, 2017 at 11:00 am**, at the usual place of sale in the New Hanover County Judicial Building in Wilmington, North Carolina, the following property (including any improvements thereon) located in New Hanover County, North Carolina: Being all of Boat Slip Number 16, of Waterfronte Villas and Yacht Club as shown on map of same recorded in Map Book 38, at Page 92 of the New Hanover County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

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

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 by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. 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 19th day of December, 2016.

Bonnie M. Braudway, Trustee
Craig & Fox, PLLC
N. C. State Bar No. 35183
701 Market Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: (910) 815-0085
Facsimile: (910) 815-1095
E-Mail: bbraudway@craigandfox.com

January 5, 12, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Edward Rodman (16-E-1451)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 1, 2017** 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 21st day of December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Edward Rodman
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Hassan Abdulkadir (16-E-1559)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 1, 2017** 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 21st day of December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Hassan Abdulkadir
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Marguerite Anne DiFulvio**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of March, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of December, 2016

Courtney D. Newcomb, Executrix
2535 Tar River Road
Creedmoor, NC 27522

December 15, 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Katherine White**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of March, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of December, 2016

Joyce Irving Jones, Executrix
319 Bristol Road
Wilmington, NC 28409

December 15, 22, 29, January 5, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Gene Francis Rackley (16-E-1225)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 25, 2017** 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 16th day of December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Gene Rackley
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Judy Ann Moses Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of April, 2017**, 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 29th day of December, 2016

Gaye L. Bradley, Administrator
119 South 10th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Andrea Jaffe**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of March, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of December, 2016

Ira H. Jaffe, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Andrea Jaffe
1806 Odyssey Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Don Wilson (16-E-1522)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 1, 2017** 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 21st day of December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Don Wilson
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 19, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Mary Elizabeth Janicki Blanchard**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of March, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of December, 2016

Margaret Blanchard Jones, Executrix
6104 Sycamore Ave.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

December 15, 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Charmian Hand**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of March, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of December, 2016

Courtney B. Hand, Administrator
311 S. Lasalle St. Apt. 51D
Durham NC 27705

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Gladys Dickie (16-E-1371)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 22, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of December, 2016

Richard Dickie, Executor of the Estate of Gladys Dickie
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as CTA administrator of the Estate of **Susan Peck (16-E-1523)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 25, 2017** 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 16th day of December, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Susan Peck
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 22, 29, 2016, January 5, 12, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Wilson Bruce Thigpen**, 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 **3rd day of April, 2017**, 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 3rd day of January, 2016

Yolanda T. Holmes, Executrix
1201 Stanley Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Yvonne Butler Morgan**, 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 **3rd day of April, 2017**, 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 3rd day of January, 2016

Rickey Butler, Administrator
2206 Branderwood Drive
Greensboro, NC 27407

January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **George Junious**, 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 **3rd day of April, 2017**, 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 3rd day of January, 2016

Dorothy Howard Junious, Executrix
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January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

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NOTICE 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 16 SP 696

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of H.E. Mintz Company, Inc. to Walter G. Rogers, Trustee dated October 8, 2008, recorded in Book 5351, Page 2185, New Hanover County Registry Chiaki Ito, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 6009 at Page 1571, New Hanover County Registry

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by H.E. Mintz Company, Inc., dated October 8, 2008, and recorded in Book 5351 at Page 2185 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, ("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 and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Chiaki Ito, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the **17th day of January, 2017, at 12:00 p.m.** on the steps of the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina, or such other place where public sales are held at said Courthouse, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of **2919 Orville Wright Way, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405**, and more particularly described in the Deed of Trust and on **Exhibit 1** attached hereto, which descriptions are incorporated by reference herein. This sale may be held up to one (1) hour after the time stated in this Notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat § 45-21.23.

The real property to be offered pursuant to this Notice 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.

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.

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat § 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, ter-

minate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. 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 owner 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 Notice is H.E. Mintz Company, Inc. also referred to as H.E. Mintz & Company, Inc.

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 N.C. Gen. Stat § 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 (\$.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C. Gen. Stat § 7A-308 (a)(1).

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

This the 16th day of November, 2016.

Chiaki Ito
Chiaki Ito, Substitute Trustee
113-B Dock Street
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EXHIBIT 1

BEING all of Lot 9, Phase 3, Section 1, North Kerr Industrial Park, as the same is shown on that map of said subdivision recorded in Map Book 50, Page 305, New Hanover County Registry.

Subject, however, to covenants, restrictions, right-of-way and easements of record affecting said property, including that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for North Kerr Industrial Park recorded in Book 2510, Page 368, New Hanover County Registry, as amended pursuant to instrument recorded in Book 2599, Page 969, New Hanover County Registry and as further amended pursuant to instrument recorded in Book 5118, Page 2101; ad valorem taxes not yet due and payable; and all governmental land use statutes, ordinances and regulations, including, without limitation, zoning, subdivision and building regulation.

January 5, 12, 2017

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 14-SP-455

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of EAST COAST DEVELOPMENT II, LLC, Grantor,

TO: TRSTE, INC., Trustee, As recorded in Book 5329 at Page 263 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that Deed of Trust and Assignment of Rents from the above-named Grantor, as successor by merger to Movies One, LLC, to TRSTE, Inc., the trustee ("Trustee"), dated July 3, 2008 and filed for record in Book 5329 at Page 263 of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (the "Registry") on July 3, 2008, as amended by that certain Modification of Deed of Trust and Notice of Future Advance between Grantor, Trustee and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as successor in interest by merger to Wachovia Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") dated July 18, 2012 and filed for record in Book 5672 at Page 1615 of the Registry on September 18, 2012 (collectively, as amended, or as may be amended from time to time, the "Deed of Trust"), and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for New Hanover County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, TRSTE, Inc., Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the **20th day of January, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, N.C. 28401**, the real property located in New Hanover County, North Carolina more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (including any improvements thereon) and the personal property more particularly described on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Trustee may sell any and all personal property located on the property described on Exhibit A or described on Exhibit B in which the beneficiary of the deed of trust has a security interest in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 25-9-604, 25-9-610 and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items or together with the real property and improvements as the Trustee in his sole discretion determines is appropriate.

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

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

The buyer shall be responsible for the payment of

any excise or transfer stamps required by law.

The record owner of the real property described on Exhibit A as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice was East Coast Development II, LLC.

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

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of an amount not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, the bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30(d) and (e).

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

This the 9th day of December, 2016.

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EXHIBIT A

Commencing at a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the northwestern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation and being the true point of beginning and along said right of way line North 05° 20' 58" West 65.91 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, thence continuing along said right of way along a curve to the right having a radius of 246.10 feet and an arc length of 150.61 feet to a point, said curve also having a delta of 35° 03' 51" with a tangent bearing and chord of North 12° 20' 54" East 148.27 feet, said point being the southeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation and being the true point of beginning, thence from the above described true point of beginning and along said right of way line North 05° 20' 58" West 65.91 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, thence continuing along said right of way along a curve to the right having a radius of 246.10 feet and an arc length of 150.61 feet to a point, said curve also having a delta of 35° 03' 51" with a tangent bearing and chord of North 12° 20' 54" East 148.27 feet, said point being the southeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Macris as recorded in Deed Book 1734, Page 771 of the New Hanover County Registry, thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Macris the following courses and distances: South 51° 00' 45" East 67.31 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, North 38° 59' 15" East 52.27 feet to a point in the western right of way of North 3rd Street and being the southeastern corner of Macris, thence leaving Macris and along said right of way South 08° 44' 06" East 222.35 feet to a point in said right of way and being the northeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation. Thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation South 38° 44' 40"

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West 23.37 feet to a point. Thence continuing along said line South 84° 48' 57" West 273.94 feet to a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the point and place of beginning containing 1.29 acres as surveyed by James A. Lewis, PLS L-4562 on June 27, 2006.

Such property being described in the Deed of Trust as follows:

Commencing at a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the northwestern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation and being the true point of beginning, thence from the above described true point of beginning and along said right of way line north 05° 20' 58" West 65.91 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, thence continuing along said right of way along a curve to the right having a radius of 246.10 feet and an arc length of 150.61 feet to a point, said curve also having a delta of 35° 03' 51" with a tangent of 77.75 feet and a chord bearing and chord of North 12° 20' 054" East 148.27 feet, said point being the southeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Macris as recorded in Deed Book 1734, Page 771 of the New Hanover County Registry, thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Macris the following courses and distances: South 51° 00' 45" East 67.31 feet to an existing P.K. Nail, North 38° 58' 15" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, South 38° 58' 15" East 33.00 feet to an existing iron pipe, North 51° 00' 45" East 44.00 feet, North 38° 59' 15" East 52.27 feet to a point in the western right of way of North 3rd Street and being the Southeastern corner of Macris, thence leaving Macris and along said right of way South 08° 44' 06" East 222.35 feet to a point in said right of way and being the northeastern corner of a tract of land owned now or formerly by Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation. Thence leaving said right of way and along the line of Wilmington Union Bus Station Corporation South 38° 44' 40" West 23.37 feet to a point. Thence continuing along said line South 84° 48' 57" West 273.94 feet to a right of way monument in the eastern right of way of North Front Street and being the point of beginning containing 1.29 acres as surveyed by James A. Lewis, PLS L-4562 on June 27, 2006.

TOGETHER WITH all rights reserved by, granted to and provided for under that certain UCC filed in the New Hanover County Registry on January 21, 2011 in Book 5541 at Page 461 and filed in the Office of the North Carolina Secretary of State on January 24, 2011 as File Number 20110006892M.

Exhibit B

All of East Coast Development II, LLC's right, title and interest now owned or hereafter acquired in and to all fixtures attached to the Land or any buildings or improvements or personal property situated thereon as such Land is described in the legal description in the attached Exhibit A, including, but not limited to, any such fixtures or personal property described in that certain UCC filed in the New Hanover County Registry on January 21, 2011 in Book 5541 at Page 461 and filed in the Office of the North Carolina Secretary of State on January 24, 2011 as File Number 20110006892M, including, without limitation: all buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected on the Land; all fixtures attached to the Land or any buildings or improvements situated thereon; and all estates, rights, tenements, hereditaments, privileges, rents, issues, profits, easements, and appurtenances of any kind benefiting the Land, all means of access to and from the Land, whether public or private, and all water and mineral rights.

January 5, 12, 2017

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I hooked up with a loser, now I'm pregnant

Dear Alma,

I have made the mistake of a lifetime and I just don't know how to get over it. I was out with friends, met a guy at the club and we hooked up. He was never anyone I'd ever want to get in a relationship with. He didn't have a steady job and was still living with his mom. He is cute, but doesn't have anything going on right now. I recently found out I was pregnant. Yep, I'm having a girl. I sent him a text for us to meet, so I could tell him, but didn't show up. I called and we talked and decided to meet. AGAIN, he didn't show up. I have my own job and my own place. I don't know why he won't step up and take responsibility. He won't even answer my text messages anymore or answer the phone. I don't understand how he could act this way, when I meet all the requirements of being a good woman; he is just throwing it all away. I could go back to the club and see him. I know where he hangs out. How in the world can I raise my baby by myself? Alma, what can I do to get him to do the right thing?

Signed, One-Time Hookup, Lifetime Responsibility

Dear One-Time,

Stop blaming him for your baby blunder. That's right, I said it. He wasn't "good father" material when you met him. What were you thinking, if you watched "Daddy's Girls" and clicked your heels three times, things would work in your favor? You put yourself in a position to become a single mom, so rise above the foolishness and handle your business. Do what you gotta do to build a home for you and your daughter. Plan, budget, save. You can do it.

Stop depending on someone, who isn't dependable. Stop reaching to rely on someone, who is not reliable. Stop reacting to someone, who is not dealing with the reality of having a child. I could see if he had a job, could pass a drug test and scheduled regular yearly teeth cleanings, but that's not who you're dealing with. The truth of the matter is, you don't even know this guy.

Your daughter is a blessing, so act like it. This sweet baby can't make your one-nighter all of a sudden become mature, love or want to be with you, so remove her from that role. It won't be easy cause life ain't easy but your days can be full of love and laughter. Why don't you focus and commit yourself to being the best mother you can be. This isn't the end Sweet Pea, it's the beginning. The beginning of a new love called parenting. Give her the amazing future she deserves and, in turn, she'll be the motivation you need to be the greatest you can be. Why don't you chose to make the rest of your life the absolute best of your life. I know you can do it!

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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