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Actors bring locally-shot film to life



Lance Nichols (left) and Willette Thompson in a scene from 'Susie's Movie' that was shot at the Millennium Center in downtown Winston-Salem.

BY LAYLA GARMES THE CHRONICLE

The story of a courageous Guilford County dog is soon to hit the silver screen.

'Susie's Movie' has been shooting in and around Winston-Salem in recent weeks. The emotionally-charged drama tells the story of Susie, a pit bull mix who was beaten, set on fire and left for dead by her owner LaShawn Whitehead in 2009.

The heinous nature of the act shocked Donna Lawrence, who adopted the canine after her harrowing brush with death. Lawrence led the charge to have acts of animal cruelty be more severely punished

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Photos by Todd Luck

Two of the 20 vehicles in the Classic fleet.

'Classic' Tale of Business Success

Immigrant is living the American Dream with successful taxi fleet

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Abdul Barry began Classic Cab Company in 2008 with just one vehicle and a dream. Back then, he was a one-man operation, shuttling clients here, there and everywhere in between, day and night.

Today, Barry's company boasts a fleet of 20 vehicles - including cabs and minivans - 30 drivers and two full-time dispatchers.

'It's the American dream,' said Barry, a native of the West African nation of Senegal. 'It's hard work but ... like my father always said, 'If you think of it, you can make it happen.''

His father was a real estate and farming entrepreneur back in Barry's native Thies, Senegal, where he grew up with three brothers and six sisters. He and his siblings worked the fields at one of the farms their father owned on weekends and after school.

From an early age, Barry wanted to be like his dad. 'It was seeing my father running his businesses successfully,' he said. 'I wanted to follow in his footsteps.'

Barry prepared himself with education, earning degrees in math and physics from Cheikh Anta Diop University in Senegal. A longtime fascination with America and his comfort with speaking French - one of the many languages spoken in Senegal - bought him to North America. He enrolled at Laval University in Quebec City, Canada where he earned a degree in business.

Once he'd perfected English, he went to New York City, where he attended Long Island University. It was there that he met and married his wife, Tiffany, who is originally from Clemmons and now works at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Barry said he moved to Winston-Salem at the suggestion of one of his brothers, who lived in the area and thought it would be a nice, quiet place for Barry to raise a family. 'I came here and fell in love with the city,' said Barry, who

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Abdul Barry



Photo by Steve Jones

Hall of Fame inductees (from left): Michael Cole, nephew of the late Larry Hatton, Theodore Allen, Hubbard Alexander, Frank Bohannon Jr., Albert Jordan, James Harris, Bernard Foster, Esther Graves, daughter of the late Elmo Hodge, Rev. Theodore Rice, Nathan (Bill) Revel, Donald Jackson, Willie Rogers, Robert Redd, Marion Sewell Jr. and William 'Billy' McKoy.

Atkins sports legends recognized

BY LAYLA GARMES THE CHRONICLE

Former Coach Hubbard Alexander has received his share of accolades during his remarkable career, which included 15 years coaching in the NFL.

'It's the best thing ever because you're working with the best football players in the world,' the Tennessee State University alumnus said of NFL coaching. 'It's especially great when you're in the Super Bowl. I've got three Super Bowl rings and two national championships.'

Still, the city native said he was honored and humbled to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at his alma mater, Atkins High School.

Alexander, one of 16 inductees in the 2012 Hall of Fame class, credits the Atkins, the city's first African American high school, with giving him the tools he needed to succeed in his career and in life.

'This is the reason why I'm where I am right now, because of the background that I got from Atkins High School and everybody that I met who pushed me on this journey,' declared the grandfather of four. 'I owe everything to them.'

Oklahoma City resident Willie Rogers said his proudest accom-



Photo by Layla Garmes

See Atkins on A3 Dr. James Ewers delivers the keynote address.

Researchers look to find keys to long life

Local blacks needed for international study

BY LAYLA GARMES THE CHRONICLE

Researchers at Wake Forest Baptist Health are currently recruiting African Americans 65-years-old and older to participate in an international study to determine whether simply taking aspirin may extend lives by delaying the onset of illnesses.

'We have really been concerned about what it is that is actually the cause of death of older people if it's not an easy to define stroke or heart attack,' said Dr. Jamehl Demons Shogog, principle investigator for the local ASPREE (ASpirin in Reducing Events in the Elderly) study. 'We have a lot of people who just have this decline. Some of it's related to dementia, but some of it we're just not sure what it's related to ... we want to know what it is that's causing decline and disability and dementia in older adults and what we can do to prevent it.'

ASPREE - the largest international trial ever funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) - will follow 19,000 adults in the US and Australia for up to five years. Wake Forest Health is serving as

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Photo by Layla Garmes

Carver High School Golf Coach Fred Marshall is an ASPREE participant.

Good Food, Good Conversation



Photo by Todd Luck

Veterans (from left) Jimmy Boyd, Mike Phillips and Clarence Gilliam swap stories at a Memorial Day picnic on Monday hosted by the veterans advocacy group HARRY at Granville Park. Read more about the event on page B1.

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