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JACKSON, JR.

“Michigan poisons  
poor to save  
a few bucks”

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BERNEST HEWETT

THANK YOU  
RALPH AND  
IVORY PARKER

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ralph and Ivory Parker, two people who live in the Southport area, have raised their two children there. At the same time, Ivory taught school for over thirty years, worked in the church, with the Interchurch Fellowship and food bank, and took care of a lady who didn't have a family and was confined to a nursing home. Ralph worked as a teacher,

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## Voter ID trial begins Monday

BY CASH MICHAELS  
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Starting Monday, North Carolina's controversial voter photo identification provision will go to trial in a Winston-Salem federal courtroom.

At issue - is it constitutional to require that all eligible voters show an official photo ID before allowing them to cast their ballot in an election, when not all eligible voters - most likely black and Hispanic - have a photo ID?

According to federal law, one only needs to be at least 18 years of age or older, and be either a natural born or naturalized citizen of the United States, in order to vote. The North Carolina state Constitution does not require a photo ID, despite a 2013 amended state law.

Republicans in North Carolina maintain that the photo ID requirement is a safeguard against in-person voter fraud at the polls, although

they've produced scant evidence of any appreciable voter fraud to safeguard against.

Indeed, attorneys for the plaintiffs in the case assure that the state won't present any evidence of such now.

Last July, presiding US District Court Judge Thomas Schroeder separated the photo ID aspect of the NC NAACP v McCrory lawsuit against the state's Voter Information Verification Act before going to trial. Instead, the three-week proceedings dealt with whether the voting restrictions of House Bill 589 - passed by the Republican-led NC General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Pat McCrory in 2013 after the US Supreme Court gutted Section Four of the 1965 Voting Rights Act - violated the constitutional rights of African-American voters by shortening the early voting



William Barber II, president of the North Carolina NAACP, discusses a legal challenge to state election law outside a federal courthouse in Winston-Salem, N.C., July 8, 2015

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## LONG LIVE THE KING!



PHOTO FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVE AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION /WHITEHOUSE.GOV  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. surrounded by other civil rights leaders and aides leave the West Wing after a meeting with President Lyndon B. Johnson on Aug. 5, 1965, in preparation for Johnson's signing of the Voting Rights Act the next day. King then led the movement toward economic justice, but assassination took his life.

Those who knew Dr. King say his principles  
and voice will guide America for generations to come

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY  
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On March 25, 1968, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, among the leading theologians and Jewish philosophers of the 20th Century, spoke what many historians believe to have been prophetic words about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Only 10 days before he was assassinated, Dr. King was keynote speaker at a birthday celebration honoring Heschel when the Rabbi introduced him to an audience of at least 500 other Rabbis with the following words:

"Where in America today do we hear a voice like the prophets of Israel? Martin Luther King is a sign that God has not forsaken the United States of America. God has sent him to us. His presence is the hope of America.

His mission is sacred, his leadership is sacred. And his leadership is of supreme importance to every one of us. Martin Luther King Jr. is a voice, a vision and a way. The whole future of America will depend upon the impact and influence of Dr. King."

The Rev. Dr. C. T. Vivian, one of the foot soldiers who marched with Dr. King, referred to this historic moment when describing how Dr. King's voice will continue to impact America years beyond the annual national holiday memorializing him this year on Monday, Jan. 18.

"Of all the presidents they could have found space for on the National Mall," Dr. King is the only human being memorialized there who is not a president, says Vivian, speaking of the Stone of Hope statue of King. The only other memorials on the Mall honor Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Vivian believes Heschel's words, spoken almost 48



LINDA COLEMAN

Coleman  
strives for  
lieutenant  
governor  
again

Editor's note - There are a large number of African-American candidates running for office in North Carolina during the 2016 election, certainly one of the largest ever. During this campaign season, we will focus on several of the campaigns so that our readers know more about them.

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

For Linda Coleman, it's about the issues, and whether North Carolina families are being treated fairly by this economy, and their government. With a life steeped in public service, Coleman believes as lieutenant governor, she can

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## Daryl Atkinson, White House U.S. Champion of Change, to deliver keynote at LINC Annual Milestones' Dinner

BY LINDA UPPERMAN SMITH  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Honored by the White House on June 30, 2014 as a "Champion of Change" for his extraordinary work to facilitate employment opportunities for individuals formerly involved in the justice system, Daryl V. Atkinson, an attorney with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, was the only North Carolina-based recipient. According to the White House press release,

"The Champions have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary dedication and hard work to help those with criminal records re-enter society with dignity and viable employment opportunities."

"Daryl has made a huge difference in the lives of people he represents by enabling them to remove barriers that hold them back from advancing their families and their communities. We are delighted that the White House is recognizing him as an inspirational leader," said SCSJ

Executive Director Anita Earls.

In 1996, Daryl pled guilty to a first-time, non-violent drug crime and served 40 months in prison. Since his release, Daryl completed college and law school and has become a zealous advocate for second chances for formerly incarcerated people.

In the Durham area Daryl has led SCSJ's Clean Slate Clinics, and he previously co-managed the

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band instructor, and college  
professor for over thirty  
years. They both worked with  
the Dr. Martin Luther King,  
Jr. celebration in Southport  
from its start. This year, they  
both retired from most of  
these organizations and will  
be missed for the work they  
have done.

Ralph was recognized by  
the Order of Long Leaf Pine  
and awarded a plaque for his  
untiring efforts as he has  
worked in the community and  
with the MLK committee year  
in and year out. Ivory was  
awarded the Walter Welsh  
Award and a plaque for her  
unwavering love. They, as a  
husband and wife team, have  
given so much to their com-  
munity and have never asked  
for anything in return!

Ralph helped bring "Project  
Do Something" into the  
Brunswick County Public  
Schools. This year, there was  
a commitment from all the  
schools in Brunswick County  
as they took part in this pro-  
gram.

Ivory and Ralph Parker  
will be missed by this com-  
munity as they move toward the  
happy life of retirement. As  
you have given so much, we  
now give back to you that  
which we can: "Thank you!  
God bless you both! We bid  
you God's speed!! Bernest L.  
Hewett is President of the  
Brunswick County Branch of  
NAACP

## VOTER ID

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period, and eliminating same-  
day registration and provision-  
ality of the stringent voter ID  
restrictions.

Despite their defense of the  
voter law, Republican lawmak-  
ers were apparently concerned  
enough about the constitution-  
ality of the stringent voter ID  
provision that they, without  
notice and just prior to the July  
trial date, moved to soften some  
of its restrictions in hopes that  
the judge would accept it.

Instead of requiring a gov-  
ernment-issued photo ID, like a  
driver's license, for voting pur-  
poses, the amended version  
now allows those without ID to  
vote due to a "reasonable im-  
pediment" after they fill out a  
form, and then present alterna-  
tive identification like a utility  
bill barring their proper name  
and address.

Judge Schroeder determined  
that there were still constitu-  
tional issues worth considering  
and thus delayed hearing argu-  
ments on it until now.

At press time, Judge  
Schroeder had yet to render his  
decision on the issues dealt  
with in the first trial, and may  
wait until after this 4-7-day pro-  
ceeding to deliver a complete  
verdict. However, last Friday,  
Schroeder did deny the NC  
NAACP's petition for a prelimi-  
nary injunction to block the in-  
person voter ID requirement in  
the upcoming March 15th  
North Carolina primaries, say-  
ing that the state had undertak-  
en a wide-ranging campaign to  
educate voters as to the change  
in the ID law.

The NC NAACP charged last  
week that that campaign has  
only confused voters because it  
is filled with false information  
about the requirement for a  
photo ID to vote. They main-  
tained that voters were not  
being properly educated as to  
their rights if they didn't have  
a photo identification, or being  
instructed on what to do if they  
had any reason for not having  
one when they showed up to  
vote.

Rev. Barber added that poll  
workers had not been properly  
trained yet as to how to instruct  
voters when they did come to  
the polls without photo ID.

While attorneys for the state  
are expected to argue in court  
starting Monday that the law  
has now been relaxed enough  
to pass constitutional muster,  
as shown in South Carolina  
when the same "reasonable im-  
pediment" was applied to its  
voter ID requirements, attor-  
neys representing the NC  
NAACP, the US Justice Dept.,  
and the Washington, D.C.-based  
Advancement Project will

maintain that any requirement  
to vote beyond the age of eli-  
gibility and citizenship is a viola-  
tion of constitutional rights, in  
addition to the 14th and 15th  
amendment to the US  
Constitution.

"Our challenge to voter ID is  
that it is an unconstitutional  
burden on the right to vote,"  
Attorney Irving Joyner, chair-  
man of the NC NAACP Legal  
Redress Committee told  
reporters last week. "The  
Constitution is the guiding  
principle that we have."

Joyner said the "reasonable  
impediment" feature may solve  
some problems, but not all of  
them, and some people could  
still be denied the right to vote  
as a result, which is why even  
the modified voter ID law is  
being challenged.

"Real people" are being  
injured by North Carolina's vot-  
ing restrictions, said Denise  
Lieberman, senior attorney for  
the Advancement Project.  
People like plaintiff Rosanell  
Eaton, a 94-year old black  
woman who was denied the  
right to vote 70 years ago when  
she was forced to take a literacy  
test. Now, as an eligible voter of  
seven decades, again she's hav-  
ing to unconstitutionally prove  
her citizenship beyond what is  
required.

Another attorney for the  
plaintiffs, Michael Glick of the  
Washington, DC firm Kirkland  
and Ellis, told reporters  
Tuesday that "...the state knew  
that both the photo ID require-  
ment and the need to go  
through this separate "reason-  
able impediment" process  
would burden African-  
Americans, and further deter  
them from coming to the polls  
in the first place in light of that  
burden."

Attorney Glick added that  
unlike in-person voting, there  
is no photo identification  
requirement for absentee vot-  
ing, which is fundamentally  
unfair because it's more likely  
to be used by white voters,  
whereas black voters demon-  
strably favor early in-person  
voting.

NC NAACP President Rev.  
William Barber says the fact  
that the state was forced to soft-  
en the voter ID law prior to trial  
is a sign that the Forward  
Together Movement is winning  
the battle over voter restric-  
tions in North Carolina. Win or  
lose, the NCNAACP will still  
lead the Tenth Annual Moral  
March on Raleigh/ Historic  
Thousands on Jones Street  
People's Assembly Saturday,  
Feb. 13th, to push for voter  
registration for the upcoming  
March 15th primaries and the  
Nov. 4th general election.

"We still believe that [voter  
ID] will not ultimately stand up  
in court," assured Rev. Barber.

## KING

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years ago, are just as applica-  
ble today as they were then. His  
dream of racial justice and  
equality are crucial and yet  
unmet, says Vivian. But he con-  
cludes that Dr. King's greatest  
legacy is his stance for non-vio-  
lence in his demonstrated "non-  
violent direct action" and his  
vehement advocacy again war.

"Martin King was the first  
minister in the Western World  
to get the Nobel Peace Prize,"  
Vivian points out. "I think in  
terms of Martin as the contin-  
uation of the great need we have  
to go beyond violence. And so,  
that will not end and that will  
continue to be greater and  
greater and greater...In the  
East, there's [Indian leader  
Mahatma] Gandhi, who really  
created it. It was Martin who  
continued it."

Among millions this week  
and throughout the holiday  
celebration, those who marched  
with King recall what they  
believe has actually defined  
King's legacy - especially his  
final years.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.  
recalls King's last birthday, Jan.  
15, 1968. He was with King that  
day as they convened a group of  
African-Americans, Hispanics,  
and Native Americans to plan  
the Poor People's Campaign,  
King's movement for economic  
justice that was never complet-  
ed due to the assassination.

"He felt that money that was  
being spent on the military  
should have been "spent for our  
cities. We had the best military  
in the world, but the most  
decayed cities," Jackson said. "I  
have a dream was poetry with-  
out the budget obligation. But,  
the Poor People's Campaign  
involved what we needed - a  
White House conference on vio-  
lence and urban reconstruc-

tion. That requires a budget  
and legislation. That was the  
real fight. That was the fight he  
was engaged in. That was the  
substance of the dream."

Lonnie King, an Atlanta-  
based professor who was a co-  
founder of the historic Student  
Nonviolent Coordinating  
Committee, recalls he first met  
Dr. King in 1945 when he joined  
the Ebenezer Baptist Church at  
only 8-years old. As a child, he  
was amazed by Dr. King's abili-  
ty to orate, a power that contin-  
ues to grip America when  
recordings of his voice are  
heard.

"Dr. King was a 17-year-old  
going to Morehouse at the time.  
He was always a gifted speaker;  
having been raised up in a fam-  
ily of preachers. I remember  
that he used to practice his  
preaching in church on  
Thursday nights as my mother  
attended choir rehearsals in  
the basement. He was very  
good also because he contin-  
uously practiced his craft," says  
Lonnie King, now 79. "His gift-  
ed oratory and ability to quote  
Shakespeare, Tolstoy, Aristotle,  
and the Old Negro Spirituals  
with equal aplomb. *Time* mag-  
azine once stated that King was  
so gifted as an orator that he  
could make maids shout to a  
quote from Shakespeare. In  
addition, I thoroughly enjoyed  
his use of metaphors and simi-  
les to make his points. He was  
especially adept at 'making it  
plain' to the average person."

But, their relationship didn't  
just stay in the church. Lonnie  
King grew up and became a  
young activist as well.

"My most memorable  
moment was when I convinced  
him to go to jail with me at a sit-  
in at Rich's Department Store  
on October 19th, 1960. This was  
the first time that Dr. King had

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**MLK MEMORIAL GARDENS TO BE EXPANDED**

[RALEIGH] The city of Raleigh is spending \$1 million to expand the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Gardens, complete with additional parking, a picnic area, restrooms, and large grassy area for programs to be held. The bronze statue of Dr. King, and the famous memorial brick wall will remain, along with the water memorial. The gardens were dedicated in 1990, and have been visited by



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thousands of citizens from across the state and nation. The Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Dept. is overseeing the expansion, which should be completed by 2017.

**NCCU EAGLES HONOR CANCER-STRICKEN CHANCELLOR**

[DURHAM] The North Carolina Central University Eagles men's basketball team made it clear this week that the school's chancellor, Debra Saunders-White, is in their collective prayers as she battles kidney cancer. They wore special warm-ups with her name emblazoned on them during Monday night's game against Hampton University. Ulti-

mately the Eagles lost by one point, but Coach LeVelle Moton told the team that some things are more important than basketball, and honoring their chancellor in her gallant fight against cancer was one of them.

**WEBSITE OF DR. KING'S FULL ROCKY MOUNT "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH LAUNCHED**

[ROCKY MOUNT] On what would have been Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s actual 87th birthday, NCSU Prof. W. Jason Miller, who originally discovered a tape of Dr. King's Nov. 27th, 1962 first "I Have a Dream" speech in Rocky Mount, unveiled a website where now the whole world can

hear the entire 55-minute address. The website address is [www.kingsfirst-dream.com](http://www.kingsfirst-dream.com) and features photos and information about Dr. King's visit to Rocky Mount. Prof. Miller is the author of the book, "Origins of the Dream," and co-producer of the upcoming film, "Origin of the Dream," about the intellectual relationship between Dr. King and poet Langston Hughes.

**CONFEDERATE FLAG WAS FLOWN AT STATE CAPITOL SATURDAY**

[RALEIGH] Unless you were in downtown Raleigh Saturday near the state Capitol Building, you wouldn't have known that the

Confederate national flag was flown there to honor the birthday of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, which was actually Tuesday. Reportedly it was a small flag flown right under the North Carolina state flag, and it was flown Saturday because the Sons of Confederate Generals were having a program on the state Capitol grounds. Gen. Lee's birthday was actually Tuesday, Jan. 19th. The Confederate national flag looks more like the American flag than the controversial Confederate battle flag.

**WAL-MART CLOSING 269 STORES, 17 IN NORTH CAROLINA**

[DURHAM] The Wal-Mart Stores chain has announced

that its closing 269 stores worldwide, with half of them in the United States. 17 of those shuttering are right here in North Carolina, and while most of them will be smaller Express stores in Four Oaks, Broadway, Red Springs and other smaller Eastern North Carolina communities, the large supercenter in Durham near NCCU is also slated to be shut down. Wal-Mart operates 11,000 stores worldwide. Some 10,000 employees reportedly will be affected by the closings.

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make a difference for those families, which is why she vying again this fall for the office.

"Public service is what I love," Coleman once told a questioner while campaigning in Greensboro in 2012.

First Ms. Coleman has to win the March 15th primary against Democratic opponents Holly Jones, Ron Newton, and Robert Wilson. If she wins that, Coleman will be on the November ballot, along with Libertarian J.J. Summerell, seeking to unseat first-term Lt. Governor Dan Forest, who defeated Coleman by a slim margin in 2012.

She wants that rematch. "The Republican majority running things in Raleigh continues to unravel so much of what built our great state..." Coleman says on her campaign website, "... and all the while they've had a cheering partner in our lieutenant governor. It's time for a different approach."

Lieutenant governor is an elected position separate from governor in North Carolina, meaning theoretically Republican Gov. Pat McCrory could win re-election, and Coleman, a Democrat, could be elected as Lieutenant Governor.

Beyond being the next in line constitutionally in case, for some reason, the elected governor is unable to fulfill his duties, or presiding over important events in the governor's absence, the NC Lt. governor also presides over the NC Senate, voting there only to break a tie. The Lt. governor also chairs various state boards and commissions, including the state Board of Education and board of Community Colleges.

"Of course education is very key to our future and our children's future," Coleman told the African-American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party last November in Chapel Hill.

"And community colleges are important because they connect businesses to the workforce training that's done for this state."

Beyond all that, service as lieutenant governor can be a springboard for possible run for governor in the future, political observers say. Indeed, Gov. Beverly Perdue first served as a state lawmaker, then as a Lt. governor before finally winning the top seat in 2008, making history as the first woman governor in North Carolina history.

If Coleman indeed wins in November, she would be only the second African-American in the history of the state to be a member of the NC Council of State - a constitutional panel of the state's nine top elected officials, chaired by the governor, who make important decisions about the borrowing of money, the sale of state property, and other matters.

When both governors Perdue and Pat McCrory wanted approval of the Dorothea Dix property in Raleigh, they both brought the matter to the NC Council of State, where the governor, Lt. governor, secretary of state, attorney general, commissioner of Agriculture, commissioner of Insurance, commissioner of Labor, supt. of Public Instruction, state treasurer and state auditor then voted on it.

The only African-American ever to serve on it was the late Ralph Campbell Jr., the state auditor from 1993 to 2005. Coleman is the mother of two, a grandmother of two, and "a proud product of the public school system of this state."

She was born and raised in Greenville, earning her B.A. from NC A&T University on Greensboro. She later earned a masters in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

In her public life and after teaching in the classroom, Coleman was elected to the

Wake Board of Commissioners, chairing that body. She was then elected to the NC House, serving three terms, helping to pass the Earned Income Tax Credit "which helped put money back into the pockets of working families," she says.

As a state lawmaker, Coleman also helped to pass the Racial Justice Act, which helped correct racial-biased death penalty sentences. Both laws have since been repealed by the Republican-led NC General Assembly.

Coleman is also proud of what Democrats accomplished in giving women access to affordable health care in the state, tax incentives to small businesses, in addition to more funding for education.

Indeed Coleman has blasted Lt. Gov. Forest for suggesting that public education in the state can be funded through the sale of license plates, like the special one he has on his car.

"It is the General assembly's job to fund education, and that's what we need to do," Coleman said recently.

Coleman then went on to lead as the director of the Office of State Personnel from 2009 to 2012. She left that post in 2012 to first run for Lt. governor. She lost by a razor-thin 6,800-vote margin to Dan Forest with 2.1 million votes cast for her statewide.

"Raleigh is just not working for us anymore. We are working for Raleigh to fund the wealthiest among us," Coleman told the AAC-NCDP in November, noting how Republican tax reform has shifted the tax burden from the rich to working families, and eliminated the childcare tax credit.

"We need somebody to go to Raleigh and say, 'Listen, let's start working for the people of North Carolina,'" Linda Coleman says about her candidacy for lieutenant governor. "Let's bring North Carolina back."

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Collateral Consequence Assessment Tool (C-CAT), an online searchable database that allows the user to identify the civil disabilities triggered by North Carolina arrests, indictments, and convictions. Because of Daryl's intimate knowledge of collateral consequences he was chosen to serve on an advisory committee for the American Bar Association's collateral consequence project.

Daryl has been active in both the prisoner reentry and legal service communities. He is a founding member of the North Carolina Second Chance Alliance, a burgeoning statewide coalition of advocacy organizations, service providers, faith-based organizations and community leaders that have come together to achieve the safe and successful reintegration of adults and juveniles returning home from incarceration.

**KING**

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voluntarily gone to jail, and was the first time he had spent the night in jail. We shared the same cell for a number of days until the Mayor of Atlanta arranged the release of the students," he recalls.

Like Vivian, Lonnie King also believes "Dr. King's oratory was so strong that it will be replayed for centuries to come. His message is just as relevant today as it was in the 1960s. He realized that America was one of the most racist countries ever known to mankind, but he had hope that one day Black and White people would be able to sing together old Negro spirituals that called for peace, harmony, and spiritual reconciliations."

Despite Dr. King's commitment to his church and his call to ministry, it was not always clear starting out. Some recall how, as a teen, the eventual Nobel Peace Prize winner and iconic civil rights leader was initially uncertain about his destiny.

In a 2010 interview by a class of Howard University students for the NNPA News Service, the revered Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, recalled her first moments with Dr. King before she later marched and organized alongside him.

"I met Dr. King when he was 15 at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Mays [Benjamin Mays, then president of Morehouse College] ... Dr. King was trying to figure out what he wanted to become. Law... Divinity... He had analyzed the fields," recalled Dr. Height who died in 2010 at the age of 98. "You never know when you're talking to people who they are going to become."

Most notably, Daryl and the Durham Second Chance Alliance led the first successful Ban the Box campaign in North Carolina, which resulted in the City of Durham adopting an administrative policy that removed the question about criminal convictions from the city employment application.

Daryl Atkinson is currently on leave from his position as a staff attorney at SCSJ focusing on criminal justice reform issues. He is serving an 18 month fellowship with

the U.S. Department of Justice under the leadership of U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

The Milestones Dinner will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Riverside, Friday, January 29, 2016, 7:00 pm, with a reception starting at 6:00 pm. For tickets and more information please contact LINC at 910-332-1145 or [info@lincnc.org](mailto:info@lincnc.org). Tickets may also be purchased on the LINC website, [www.LINC.org](http://www.LINC.org).

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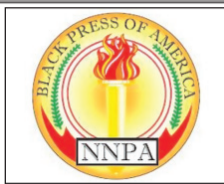
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## Our Voice

RAINBOW COALITION  
GUEST EDITORIAL

### Michigan poisons poor to save a few bucks

(Via George Curry Media)

Flint, Michigan is impoverished. The auto plants have closed. Forty percent of the city's 100,000 residents live below the poverty level. It is majority minority. It's been in fiscal crisis since 2011, with the state taking over budgetary control and a state-appointed "emergency manager" driving policy focused on cutting spending.

Flint residents are Americans, but like many impoverished Americans they are forgotten. And state officials led by Gov. Rick Snyder have shown that they consider the residents disposable.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

In Flint, the water supply has been poisoned by lead. Police are now delivering bottled water from door to door. But it may be too late for hundreds of kids who are already suffering from elevated levels of lead in their blood. The damage done is irreversible with lifelong consequences, including lowered intelligence and long-term mental and emotional damage.

How did this happen? The emergency manager - accountable only to the governor and state officials - decided to save money by switching Flint's water supply from Lake Huron to a cheaper source, the Flint River. Only the river had been poisoned by waste from nearby factories for generations. The toxic wastes not only turned the water brown, it corroded the aged pipes of Flint's water system, unleashing lead into the water. Federal law required that the water be treated, but that would have cost \$100 a day, so it was not done.

Parents began to complain of rashes and hair loss. The state's environmental quality agency denied there was a problem. High-level state officials knew that the water supply was lead poisoned for six months before declaring an emergency. Finally, a Flint pediatrician tested the blood of children and discovered lead levels double and even triple the prior amounts. State officials denounced her work before realizing the truth could no longer be hidden.

Finally, Gov. Snyder ended the denial. He declared an official emergency, and four days later called for delivering bottled water. The head of his environmental agency resigned. Snyder apologized for the catastrophe, but calls for him to resign continue to build.

Flint is not alone. Across America, in ghettos and barrios, reservations and rural valleys, the poor are isolated and too often forgotten. Systems basic to civilization - plumbing, water systems, school houses, garbage collection and treatment, roads and public transport - are in squalor, lacking even the investment to keep them up to minimum standards. Impoverished neighborhoods often lack hospitals, grocery stores, and decent public spaces. The poor are left to fend for themselves, rising to attention only when violence breaks out, when innocents are shot, when tragedies like Flint become public.

The cost of this callousness - in lives lost, disease, mental damage, crime, drugs, hopelessness - are immense. This isn't about money. We pay more on the back end - in prisons and emergency rooms, cops and guards, prisons and addiction centers - than we would have to spend on the front-end investments that would give every child a chance.

Conservatives continue to call for dismantling environmental regulations. They slash budgets for policing violations by corporations or cities. They want to slash support for poverty programs and block-grant them to the states and localities. The next time you hear that rap, think of Flint, its poorest children betrayed by state officials. Think of Flint deprived even of safe water in order to save a few bucks. Think of Flint and investigate your own community - the horrors of Flint are not exclusive to that city. *Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can keep up with his work at [www.rainbowpush.org](http://www.rainbowpush.org)*

## Visual Voice



## Your Voice

I REMEMBER AS A CHILD WATCHING SILAS GREEN

and that they didn't have a stage but that didn't keep them from performing and the folks in the community appreciated them. Today in our communities when it comes to community based theater and working together, I think that a strategic understanding needs to be a flowing with an understanding that we do not pull against each other, but work on ALL level as a strength based enti-

ty helping our People through performances that will enhance their understanding of our cultural identity.

Theater and performing serves the communities in many ways and one of the variables is a healing of the spirit as we are (most of us) a wounded People. Let us try to be more supportive, attend community based events that we are associated with and enjoy as well as encourage each other, share other resources and keep in mind that our

Many organizations func-

tion without writing a proposal and it is very difficult because funding should not be the first priority, but seeking support be it technical or otherwise from our community to create a vested interest in enriching our community. Far too many see community based performances as "not yet there," but that is not true. Instead of going over to Tremont St. theater area or out of town, we should be thinking of ways to build our own theater area.

Our history, our culture defines who we are so we can become refined and more

appreciative of each other. That is the kind of impact theater, especially community based theater about our People and performed by our People can have. We should not separate because we have a little more than the other groups, because there is a bigger picture which is to entertain and educate. People need to be reminded of our important heritage and our Majesty.

Thanks.

Haywood Fennell  
Native Wilmingtonian  
Boston

## Matters of Opinion

BLACKONOMICS

### Unrepresented by our representatives

(Via George Curry Media)

Does it really matter who wins the presidency? How can it matter to Black folks, considering the way we "play" politics? We have no power, no leverage, and little or no influence in the political arena. Even worse, it seems we are reluctant to do what it takes to gain any political clout. So why do we care so much about the upcoming election?

Having "played" this political game for more than 50 years, getting thousands of Black folks elected to public office, and even a Black POTUS, we are still far behind and even nonexistent in serious public policy discourse and legislative initiatives. As we face yet another "most important election" of our lifetime, what are you willing to do to improve our political situation in this country? Hint: Handwriting won't help.

Is our political strategy, "I got plenty of nothing, and nothing is plenty for me?" Or, "You got to give the people what they want?" Do we even have a strategy other than listening to flowery words from politicians and watching them give speeches and participate in debates?



James Clingman

We, the bi-polar electorate, have empowered an aristocratic class of pompous, self-righteous, lying, condescending, affluent, aloof, money-grubbing, narcissistic, insincere, unconcerned, yet powerful individuals that many of us hold in high esteem for reasons unbeknownst to me. They play with our emotions and draw on our sympathies, the result of which is a never-ending roller coaster ride. Even sadder is the fact that many of us believe they will save us.

All the incumbents and candidates need are a few nice sounding phrases to make us think we are in high cotton. To make matters worse, Black "leaders" once again are telling us to vote, but they are not in specific discussions about who to vote for and why. Oh yeah, I forgot; the NAACP is "nonpartisan" (yeah, right) and cannot endorse or support any candidate. How convenient; and what a joke that is.

The vast majority of Black folks are already in the tank for Hillary; anyone can see that. Black organizations will feature her at their conventions, and preachers will invite her to their pulpits. On the other hand, Bernie is courting Blacks via his Black Lives Matter rhetoric, and Trump is saying how much Black people love him, while the other Republican candidates - including Uncle Ben - are reluctant to seriously lobby the Black vote. We are merely props for a circus act.

The day after the State of the Union speech, many of our people were more interested in what Michelle Obama wore than what her husband said - or did not say. She wore a dress originally priced at \$2,095, made by Narciso Rodriguez, a non-Black gay designer; and we went bonkers. Preceded by Michael Kors, Azzedine Alaia, Jason Wu, Barbara Tfank, Rachel Roy, and Isaac Mizrahi, I must ask if there are any Black designers' dresses good enough for the SOTU soiree?

Where does all of this political high drama leave us? Our unemployment rate is still double that of Whites, and we are not creating jobs. Our health is the poorest in the nation, especially with illnesses such as diabetes, and we don't own a dialysis center. Our education is substandard, and we are not establishing our own schools. We are disproportionately incarcerated, but we are not selling anything to the prisons. Many economic solutions are in our hands.

And here's a political solution proposed years ago by then-Missouri Congressman William "Bill" Clay: "If you want equity, justice, and equality, you must...become irritants, become abrasive. Your political philosophy must be selfish and pragmatic. You must start with the premise that you have no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interests."

We have set politicians up as kings and queens, the price for

which can be found in 1st Samuel, Chapter Eight: "This is the way the kind of king [you want] operates. He'll take your sons and make soldiers of them... regimented in battalions and squadrons. He'll put some to forced labor on his farms, plowing and harvesting, and others to making either weapons of war or chariots in which he can ride in luxury. He'll put your daughters to work as beauticians and waitresses and cooks. He'll conscript your best fields, vineyards, and orchards and hand them over to his special friends. He'll tax your harvests and vintage to support his extensive bureaucracy. Your prize workers and best animals he'll take for his own use. He'll lay a tax on your flocks and you'll end up no better than slaves. The day will come when you will cry in desperation because of this king you so much want for yourselves. But don't expect God to answer [The Message Bible]."

Unnerving, isn't it?

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## TO BE EQUAL

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Gospel of Action

(Via George Curry Media)

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is no shortage of words in the English language to describe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By now - more than five decades after his fiery delivery of the iconic "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. - you may feel as though you have heard them all: leader, hero, visionary, champion, inspiration, pacifist, orator and preacher, to name a few.

Of all the possible descriptions and titles that have been assigned to Dr. King, history has proven that his legacy

endures in our collective American imagination and our national politics not because of what he was, or who he was, but because of what he did.



Marc Morial

Dr. King changed our society with action. Soaring rhetoric may move our hearts and imagination, but it is action that translates our seemingly impossible dreams into reality.

Dr. King's all-too-short life was a monumental one that moved our nation to enact large-scale, course-correcting policies, including the Civil

Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and genuinely contemplate a day when we would "transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood," but he departed from this earth with unfinished business.

Our nation has made undeniable progress since Dr. King described his dream of an America set free from the bondage of racial animosity, injustice and economic inequality. Today, people of color are achieving milestones that would have been impossible without the decades-long accumulation of constant acts of courage to make change happen. But Dr. King did not dedicate himself to a life of action only to create wealth and

opportunity for a privileged few, to diversify the palette of America's corporate offices, or even the White House.

While Dr. King would have likely been proud to live in a country that judged an African-American not on the color of his skin, but the content of his character, and elected him president, he would be disheartened to witness the mounting rollbacks in voting rights, disappointed to stand at the cusp of the ever-widening chasm of economic inequality, and disillusioned at the loss of Black lives at the hands of law enforcement. Progress must not grow into passivity. Complacency will only serve to erode the gains our nation have made and can make under the constant vigilance and

activism of its citizenry.

In his last State of the Union address to Congress, President Barack Obama acknowledged the necessity of every day acts of courage and quiet citizenship to move our nation closer to fulfilling its founding promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all its people. "What I'm asking for is hard. It's easier to be cynical; to accept that change isn't possible, and politics is hopeless, and to believe that our voices and actions don't matter. But if we give up now, then we forsake a better future."

That better future is what Dr. King saw on the mountaintop. He did not live to get there with us, but his clarion call to justice lives on. We, as the heirs of the change he sought, can make

this holiday a more meaningful one by engaging in civic, community and service projects.

Each year, we can spend MLK Day doing what Dr. King did for a lifetime: serving others. But this is about more than a day. Full, unfettered access to voting will not be restored in one day. Police brutality in communities of color will not end in one day. Economic inequality will not be resolved in one day. It will take days, years, decades and perhaps generations, but if we are wedded to the idea of a more perfect union, it is imperative that we continue Dr. King's long and worthy climb to the mountaintop. *Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.*



CHILDWATCH

Keeping children healthy, in school and learning

(George Curry Media)

Brandon, a 6-year-old in the Houston Independent School District, had two working parents until his father was laid off. Brandon lost his health insurance when his father lost his job. Brandon's mother quickly scrambled to try to enroll her son, who has asthma, in new coverage, but met some obstacles and didn't know where to turn. Then, the school district, which had been working with the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and the School Superintendents Association (AASA) through a partnership supported by The Atlantic Philanthropies, stepped in and helped her find coverage for Brandon under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

With his new health coverage, doctors discovered Brandon also had high blood pressure and prescribed medicine to control it. Now, the school nurse monitors his blood pressure every day and Brandon is healthy and happy to be in school learning.

This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Acting Deputy Secretary Mary Wakefield on behalf of HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell and Acting U.S. Department of Education Secretary John King, spoke recently in Brandon's school district to encourage other districts across our country to take important steps to ensure

children everywhere are in school each day healthy and ready to learn.

The Secretaries urged state and local health and education entities to collaborate around five action items:

1. Helping eligible students and family members enroll in health insurance;
2. Providing and expanding Medicaid reimbursable health services in schools, including immunizations, health screenings and others;
3. Providing or expanding services that support at-risk students, including through Medicaid-funded case management;
4. Promoting healthy school practices through nutrition, physical activity, and health education; and
5. Building local partnerships and participating in hospital community needs assessments.

The Departments of Health and Human Services and Education have created a toolkit of existing resources to support real action in states and communities to strengthen the link between health and education. CDF and AASA's school-based child health outreach and enrollment model that links health enrollment to school enrollment is one the Secretaries highlight as a best practice to increase enrollment in health coverage for students and their families.

After five years of piloting school-based child health outreach and enrollment in Texas, in 2007 CDF began working in partnership with AASA to introduce and expand health enrollment as a routine and ongoing part of school district operations. The model provides a basic question for districts to add to their school registration

materials: "What type of medical insurance do you have for this child?"

Parents who answer "none" are noted and able to receive information from school district staff on Medicaid, CHIP, or other health coverage options. But it doesn't stop there. Parents can receive help applying for or renewing coverage for their children and for themselves and are introduced to community partners who can help them successfully navigate the process.

CDF and AASA over the years have partnered with school districts in Texas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi, including urban, rural and suburban school systems serving elementary through high schools and hundreds of thousands of Black, Latino, Asian and White students. This work has gotten many children health coverage and led to an increased awareness among school superintendents, staff and parents about the important and positive connection between health and academic success.

In one of these districts, the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District (ECISD) in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, health coverage screening has been built into the daily operations of Parental Involvement Assistants, or PIAs. Each of the district's 41 school campuses has a PIA who, among other responsibilities, calls absent students' homes every morning to ask why students are missing school. The PIAs make a home visit that same day if they don't reach anyone, about 80 visits each day. If a child is home sick, the PIA asks about their insurance status and, if the student lacks coverage, offers

the parent assistance filling out the application.

Sandra Rodriguez, the district's PIA Coordinator, is especially excited they have a new school-based health center attached to the district headquarters to refer families to through a partnership with the Doctors Hospital at Renaissance.

For many Edinburg families this is the first time they can receive care near their home, school, and work, and regardless of their immigration status. Thanks to additional support from another local health system, the 945-square-mile district will soon have two mobile clinics making scheduled visits to school campuses farther from the clinic site.

More students and families need these kinds of supports. It is critically important that school districts and community partners across the country respond to Acting Secretary King's and Secretary Burwell's call to action to connect children to needed health coverage and ensure they're in school and ready to learn. As Superintendent Lillian Maldonado French of the Mountain View School District in El Monte, California puts it, "Being in school matters and if we can do something to make sure our kids are in school every day, then that's what we need to do."

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](http://www.childrensdefense.org)

CURRY'S COMMENTS

Dr. King did not dream of winning the lottery

(George Curry Media)

Evidently, neither you nor I had the Jan. 13 winning Powerball combination: 4, 8, 19, 27, 34, (10). After allowing ourselves to dream of winning it all, fantasizing about how we would spend the first few millions, and vacillating between whether to take our share in an annuity or a lump sum payment, reality has set in. We did all that dreaming for nothing.

But it was fun while it lasted, which wasn't long. I don't usually purchase lottery tickets. But after spending Christmas and New Year's in Georgia and attending a funeral in Alabama, heading back home I bought tickets in Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

It takes neither a rocket scientist nor a social scientist to figure out that 1 in 292,201,338 are not good odds. As we kept being reminded, we had a better chance of getting struck by lightning (1 in 134,906), being attacked by a shark (1 in 11.5 million) or dying in a terrorist attack on an airplane (1 in 25 million) than winning the Powerball drawing.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wasn't the only person who had a dream.

After tithing, sharing some of my winnings with relatives, setting up trust funds for the grandkids, stashing money away in some conservative long-term investments and setting aside allocations for the tax man, I wanted to figure out a way to help save my alma mater, Knoxville College, which is perilously close to permanently closing its doors.

I have always dreamed of setting up a family education fund to support any relative who will need financial assistance in the future to attend college. Winning even a third of the Powerball would have provided enough funds to endow that project.

On a smaller scale, I also dreamed of funding my new business venture, *Emerge NewsOnline.com*, a digital version of *Emerge: Black America's Newsmagazine*, where I served as editor until it closed 15 years ago. Winning the Powerball would have allowed me to discontinue my GoFundMe campaign to raise funds to make that a reality.

Ah, dreams are so nice - until you wake up to the cold reality of not having Powerball numbers 4, 8, 19, 27, 34, (10).

As I mentioned, I don't usually buy lottery tickets. It's not a regular habit I am about to adopt now. I am going to bring a digital version of *Emerge* back in the next month or so and continue writing my weekly syndicated column. Instead of merely dreaming about winning the Powerball, I have an obligation to write about the downside of state-sponsored gambling.

One of the cruelest aspects of lotteries is that they prey on people who can least afford to stand in those long lines to buy tickets.

Writing in the *Washington Post*, Petula Dvorak observed, "In many states, it's the poorest counties bringing in the most lottery revenue. North Carolina Policy Watch found that counties where nearly a quarter of the population lived in poverty sold as much as \$434 a person in lottery tickets.

"Why? Maybe because most of the lotto machines are in the poorest neighborhoods, in the liquor and convenience stores and delis that are more prominent in low-income areas.

"Some studies estimate that the poorest households - those bringing in less than \$13,000 a year - spend an average of 9 percent of their income on lottery tickets."

Like conservatives, some states have misappropriated Dr. King's name - and dream - to sell lottery tickets.

Kasey Henricks, a law and social science fellow at the American Bar Foundation, who has a book coming out later this year on 'State Lotteries' argues there's also been a racial component to states' increased reliance on lottery revenues, since people of color play the lottery more, even controlling for income," according to *Fortune* magazine.

"In an interview, Henricks noted that advertising in the 1980s by the New York and Washington D.C. lotteries actually played off Martin Luther King's famous 'I have a dream' speech. 'All you need is a dollar and a dream,' was the New York slogan. DC proclaimed: 'His [Martin Luther King's] vision lives on ... honor the dream.'"

We're expected to feel good about buying lottery tickets because most of the money goes to good causes, such as scholarships and improving schools. But even that often has a catch to it.

One report concluded, "There is a growing body of research that concludes that the reverse Robin Hood effect is indeed a problem when lottery revenues fund merit-based scholarships. Two recent studies have examined Georgia's HOPE scholarship and Florida's Bright Futures scholarship.

"Rubenstein and Scafidi (2002) estimate the tax incidence of the Georgia lottery combined with the incidence of the benefits of the HOPE scholarship for households in each of Georgia's counties. Their results indicate that lower income and non-white households purchase a disproportionately large number of lottery tickets; whereas, higher income and white households receive a disproportionately large number of HOPE scholarships."

That's not honoring Dr. King - it's turning his dream into a nightmare.

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The State of the Union Address: Class act, crass responses

President Obama did his thing when he delivered the State of the Union address (SOTU) on Tuesday night. There was confidence in his speech, some off-the-cuff humor and a little swagger when he rattled off his accomplishments and asserted that the SOU is "strong." While I disagree with parts of the address, especially around economic issues, I was delighted with the President's forceful tone, and with his insistence of speaking both of issues and

of our toxic political climate. Our President is, above all things, consistent. He loves these United States of America, and he always has. He believes in our unity. He believes that we can come together, transcending party lines, for the good of our nation. As he always has, he spoke of bipartisan cooperation, holding out an olive branch to House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI), pledging to work with him on poverty and criminal justice reform. And our president humbly shared "one of the few regrets of my presidency - that the rancor and suspicion between the parties has gotten worse instead of better".

President Obama appeals to our common sense, to our better selves, to the notion that we are all in this together in the name of our democracy. "Democracy grinds to a halt without a willingness to compromise, or when even basic facts are contested, or when we listen only to those who agree with us. Our public life withers when only the most extreme voices get all the attention. And most of all, democracy breaks down when the average person feels their voice doesn't matter; that the system is rigged in favor of the rich or the powerful or some special interest."

Thus, with spirit, Obama offered important facts about economic distribution - "After years now of record corporate profits, working families won't get more opportunity or bigger paychecks just by letting big banks or big oil or hedge funds make their own rules at everybody else's expense. Middle-class families are not going to feel more secure because we allowed attacks on collective bargaining to go unanswered. Food Stamp recipients did not cause the financial crisis; recklessness on Wall Street did. Immigrants aren't the principal reason wages haven't gone up; those decisions are made in the boardrooms that all too often put quarterly earnings over long-term returns. It's sure not the average family watching tonight that avoids paying taxes through offshore accounts."

President Obama offered a meaty speech, with much to chew on. Much as I applauded, I was disappointed that he overstated our nation's economic success. Yes, the unemployment rate is lower,

but too many people have dropped out of the labor force. Yes, there are more jobs than there were eight years ago, but there are fewer jobs than there should be. Wages are stagnant. It would not have hurt our President to examine some of our economic weakness, especially if he highlighted the legislation he has sent to this Congress that would employ more people. Touting a strong economy genuflects to those who are enjoying this strong economy. Too many are not. I'm not sure I'd call the SOU "strong".

The President said many of the right things about education, women's issues, income inequality, and immigration; he could have said things differently, but one doesn't expect policy details from a SOU Address. I guess it is too much to ask that our President address the African American community, even in a sentence. As I listened to the speech, I hoped that, in this last address, the President might acknowledge his staunchest supporters

While President Obama exuded nothing but class, it was amazing to watch the very crass House Speaker Paul Ryan behaving like a bored child. He was mostly inexpressive, but he also fidgeted, rolled his eyes, and at one point put his hand to his nose (I think - maybe he was picking it), as if he could not be but so bothered. He never clapped nor cracked a smile at a joke. He behaved as if like he didn't want to be there.

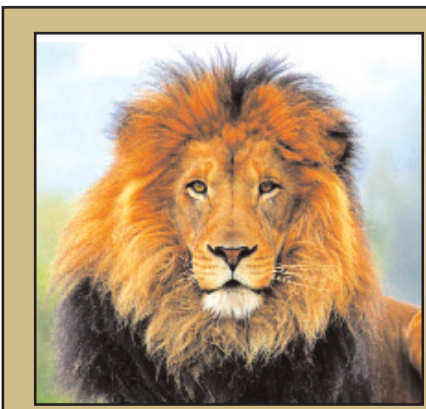
There was more

Republican crass. Are we surprised that Donald Trump was sour? Or that Marco Rubio (R-FL), the invisible Senator who deigned show up for SOU had little relevant to say? At the same time, there was some Republican class. South Carolina governor Nikki Haley offered a well-delivered and gracious partisan response to the SOU. Some of her comments echoed those of President Obama when she noted, "Some people think that you have to be the loudest voice in the room to make a difference. That is just not true. Often, the best thing we can do is turn down the volume. When the sound is quieter, you can actually hear what someone else is saying. And that can make a world of difference."

Both Governor Haley and President Obama are asking for civility in political discourse, and the loudest voices are rejecting that. Republicans attacked Haley because she said that Republicans needed to own their part in the "erosion of public trust". President Obama optimistically declared the SOU "strong". Crass responses to Nikki Haley's comments suggest that the SOU is disruptively divided and weakened by the toxic nature of political discourse. *Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist based in Washington, D.C. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" will be published January 2016 and is available for preorder on www.julianne-malveaux.com.*



Dr. Julianne Malveaux



"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

-AN AFRICAN PROVERB



## New Hanover County

**GE Retirees Association** will meet at noon, Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Rd. Open to GE retirees and spouses. Speaker will be Kevin Kozak, long time brewer and operations manager at Front Street Brewery, who will talk about "How Beer Saved the World." For more information, 910-819-2776.



## Community Briefs

**Lower Cape Fear Hospice** will offer a free six-week grief program for those coping with the loss of an adult child. It will be from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mondays, January 25th-February 29th, at the Dr. Robert M. Fales Hospice Pavilion, Conference Room, 1406 Physicians Drive in Wilmington. Registration is mandatory and closes once the series begins. For more information, call 796-7991. When leaving a message, please leave your name, phone number and indicate the specific program you wish to attend. Sessions are free. Donations are appreciated. Additional groups will form throughout the year.

**Narconon** reminds families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or PrescriptionAbuse.org. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754.

**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.

**New Hanover County Schools** will hold its annual Science Fair on Thursday, January 21, 2016, in the gymnasium at Murray Middle School, 655 Halyburton Memorial Parkway, Wilmington. Students in Grades 3 through 12 will enter their projects in categories such as biological science, earth science, physical science, as well as technology/engineering. The viewing of the projects for the public will take place from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony at the Minnie Evans Arts Center, 605 Halyburton Memorial Parkway, Wilmington, NC, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Selected projects from the New Hanover County winners will advance to the regional science fair competition, which will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016, on the campus of UNC-Wilmington (Hanover Hall). For more information, contact Katie Martin at (910) 254-4240 or Barbara Ussary at (910) 254-4335.

**New Hanover County Schools' (NHCS) Early Childhood Education Program** will hold its pre-school registration kick-off for the 2016-2017 school year beginning January 25, 2016 until Friday, January 29, 2016. Registration will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Dale K. Spencer Building, 1802 South 15th Street. Pre-school is for children who will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 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.

**The Williston Senior High Class of '61** will hold its first meeting of 2016 on Sunday, January 24th at Mt. Olive Ame Church Fellowship Hall, 1001 S.7th St. at 4:00 p.m. The focus will be planning their 2016 reunion to celebrate the 55th anniversary of their graduation. All graduates as well as others who were on track are asked to attend. Also any classmates that are out of town and will be in Wilmington on the 24th are invited.

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Our right to vote

In recent years, many African Americans are beginning to question new changes in voting laws that will keep some African American, tax-paying citizens from voting. Many believe that the process has been made more difficult for them to understand, so they will be discouraged from voting. This concern is prevalent in the deep southern states such as Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas and Tennessee. Even more, there are other places in the United States that do not want to recognize Blacks as being true Americans who are deserving of equal treat-



Verniece Stanley

ment. By laws and by practice, many African Americans are deprived of equal opportunities; therefore, they are subject to poor healthcare, substandard housing, unemployment, poor education, and questionable citizenship rights. Unfortunately, African Americans are often portrayed as ignorant, violent, lazy, immoral criminals with no redeeming qualities except to entertain and provide revenue for the prison industrial complex. Whether one may realize it, these issues can often be resolved with our right to vote. With the right to vote, African Americans can elect officials that support the issues that are important to their communities. Although it may not always appear to be so, social progress has been made since African Americans were enslaved. Make no mis-

take...much of this progress is due to political and economic inclusion. African Americans helped build this country as the provided free labor while living and working in the most horrific and inhumane conditions. And it is no secret that post slavery was not much better for African Americans due to Jim Crow laws, lynching, and other intimidation tactics that were used to keep Blacks "in their place".

Lately, it seems as though tumultuous times are here again. Therefore, we cannot afford to be complacent; we must remember that voting is one of the most powerful tools to freely voice our discontent with some of our current lawmakers and politicians. African Americans must be well informed about all changes that have been made in the voting process, but most importantly, they cannot let history to repeat

itself by allowing these laws to intimidate them and keep them away from the polls! When you vote, you are honoring your ancestors and those who suffered for "our right to vote".

*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.*

## Red Cross has urgent need for blood and platelet donations to prevent a winter shortage

WILMINGTON, N.C. - The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donations to prevent a shortage this winter. Busy holiday schedules in November and December contributed to about 1,700 fewer blood drives held across the country compared to the two previous months, which has resulted in about 50,000 fewer donations and reduced the blood supply. Donation appointments can be quickly and easily scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

"A decline in the blood supply after the winter holidays is not uncommon, but it can be replenished when generous volunteers roll up their sleeves to help save lives," said Ryan Corcoran, donor recruitment director for the Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services Region. "We encourage our generous donors who are eligi-

ble, as well as new donors, to make an appointment to give blood or platelets and help ensure blood products continue to be available for patients. Every two seconds a patient in the U.S. needs blood."

January is National Blood Donor Month, which has been observed since 1970 with the goal of increasing blood donations during the winter - one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood and platelet donations to meet patient needs. In addition to winter bringing busy holiday schedules for many regular donors, severe winter weather can cancel blood drives, and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, may cause donors to be temporarily unable to give.

Blood and platelet donors of all blood types are urged to make an appointment to donate for patients like Pypers Young, now 7 years old. The

chemotherapy that treated Pypers' brain cancer also caused her to need emergency transfusions to increase her blood levels. The Red Cross must collect about 14,000 donations every day to meet the needs of patients like Pypers.

American Red Cross Wilmington Blood Donation Center, 1102 S. 16th St. Monday, 1 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; second Sunday of the month, noon to 4:30 p.m.

## How to donate blood

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years

of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a home or work computer prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site. About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Application Deadline for NHC Board of Education Student Scholarships for Future Teachers

Application Deadline for NHC Board of Education Student Scholarships for Future Teachers is February 5th at Noon

The application deadline for the New Hanover County Board of Education Student Scholarships for future teachers is noon on Friday, February 5, 2016. For more information and to apply for the NHC Board of Education Student Scholarship for future teachers, visit <http://www.nhcs.net/board/scholarship/BOEScholarship.htm>.

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**CONTACT:** For more information, Ginny Woodruff at [vwwoodruff@ec.rr.com](mailto:vwwoodruff@ec.rr.com)

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**Richard Eugene Lennon**

Richard Eugene Lennon, 65, of Hampstead, died Friday, January 8, 2016 at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 16th at Davis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Mt. Tabor Memorial Gardens, Cerro Gordo, NC. Online condolences may be made at frenchidavisfuneralhome.net.

Richard, affectionately called "Gene", was born January 18, 1950, in Whiteville, North Carolina, to Cicero and Lillie Lennon. He entered into eternal rest on Friday, January 8, 2016.

Gene was preceded in death by his father and mother, three brothers, Norman, Cicero Jr., and Michael Lennon, and one sister, Miriam Lennon McCoy.

Gene attended Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1968. He held various jobs throughout his life. He worked for some time as a longshoreman. He continued to go to ILA Hall Local 1426 each Friday to hang out with some special friends, to play board games, and to inquire about the work for the week and how things had gone.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Robin Lennon of Florida; his son, Tirrell White of Baltimore, MD; his grandson, Marc Anthony White of Baltimore, Maryland; five sisters, Juanita Lennon Jackson, Margaret Lennon of Baltimore, Maryland, Sadie Pam Lennon Black of Los Vegas, NV, Brenda J. Hyde of Wilmington, NC, Willa Lennon Hansley (Enoch) of Hampstead, NC; two brothers, James Lennon (Thelma) of Hampstead, NC and Lawrence Lennon (Rena) of Wilmington, NC; sister-in-law, Rheba Lennon of Lexington, SC; a very special aunt, Mrs. Mary Morrison of Hampstead, NC; a special niece, Dessi Corbett of Hampstead, NC; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Lester McKoy**

Lester McKoy, 64, of Leland, died Monday, January 11th New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 16th at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net.

Lester, the son of the late Samuel and Hattie McKoy, was born on August 22, 1951 in Wilmington, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McKoy, his late wife, Juanita McKoy, two brothers, Earlon Zimmerman and Samuel McKoy, a sister, Bertha Bullock, and a nephew, Douglas McKoy.

Lester was educated in the

New Hanover County Schools and graduated from New Hanover High School in the class of 1970. He served in the U.S. Armed Forces, as did six of his other brothers. He served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam Combat Veteran. He received numerous medals, citations and awards during his military service. After completing his active duty, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves. His superordinates had the highest respect for him because he achieved results, used sound judgment, and was sensitive to their needs and concerns. He retired from military as an E-8 Master Sergeant, after 22 years of service. His notable achievements are in line with the highest traditions of the military service. In addition to serving in the military, he worked 37 years at General Electric in Aircraft Engines Division. After retiring from General Electric, he worked part-time at Home Depot.

Lester leaves to cherish: his loving wife, Angel Bloodworth McKoy; mother-in-law, Pauline Bloodworth, four sisters, Lorraine Mackey, Bernadette Bradley Maddox (David), Dorothy Hightower (James), Marilyn Pearson (Rhuben); six brothers, David McKoy (Shirley), Richard McKoy (Hazel), James McKoy, Reginald McKoy (Wanda) and Donald McKoy (Jane); four children with his late wife, Lenesia McKoy, Lester McKoy, Jr. (Michelle), Levin McKoy (Kamiran) and Lolita McKoy; five grandchildren, Amaiah McKoy, Malaysia McKoy, Mahogany McKoy, Lester M. McKoy; Ryan McKoy; two stepchildren, LaShae' Locke and Joseph Locke Jr. (Talibah); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many friends to cherish his memory. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Evelyn Andrews Willis**

Evelyn Andrews Willis, 87, of Navassa died Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church, Navassa, NC. Burial followed in Mears Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net.

Evelyn, affectionately known as "DaDa", was born December 21, 1928 to the late Harry Andrews and Johnnie Salter Andrews. She departed this life Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Evelyn accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church in Navassa, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by: two sons, Marvin Davis and Charles Andrews; one brother, Harry Andrews; two sisters, Mary Hall and Aurelia Andrews; one uncle,

**Clarence Alston, Sr.**

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her husband, Johnnie Willis of the home; one son, Anthony Willis of Wilmington, North Carolina; three daughters, Pamela Willis, Poinsettia Willis of the home, and Christina Yeoman of Decatur, Georgia; daughter-in-law, Earline Andrews; two sisters-in-law, Rosa Mosley and Laura Willis; eleven grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; a host of special nieces and special nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

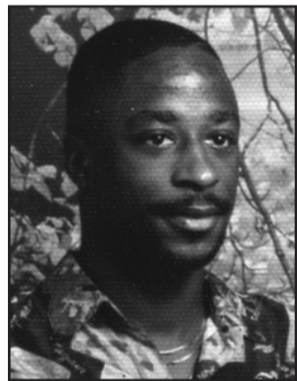
**Olivia Pelham**

Olivia Pelham, 92, of Bolivia, NC died Friday, January 15, 2016. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 19th at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Randolph Family Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

**Laura Willis**

Laura Willis, 86, of Navassa, NC died Friday, January 15, 2016 at Azalea Health and Rehab. Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday, January 21st at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2016 at Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church, Navassa. Burial will follow in Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. *A Davis Funeral Home service.*

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**Brother Malcolm and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the absolute necessity of Black unity**

(TriceEdneyWire.com)  
Last year, in 2015, we, as Black folks, paid a heavy price for our resolute refusal to organize a national unity movement to promote and defend our economic, cultural, political and educational interest in what is basically a white supremacist/racist society.



**A. Peter Bailey**

The flagrant shooting and killing of unarmed Black folks—including children—throughout the country, the increasing of overt White supremacist/racist incidents on various White colleges and university campuses, the public questioning of the intelligence of Black students by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia, the general lack of any discussion about race relations in the presidential debates, low income Black males killing each other at an alarming rate, and the mass incarceration and racial profiling of Black folks are just some of the consequences of our refusal to create a unity movement as advocated by Brother Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In a 1963 letter to nine civil rights leaders, Brother Malcolm stated, "If Capitalistic Kennedy and Communistic Khrushchev can find common ground on which to form a united front despite their tremendous ideological differences, it is a disgrace for Negro leaders not to be able to submerge

our 'minor' differences in order to seek a common solution to a common problem posed by a common enemy."

In another 1964 statement announcing the launching of his new organization, The Organization of Afro-American Unity, Brother Malcolm noted its purpose "to unite Afro-Americans and their organizations around a non-religious and non-sectarian constructive program for human rights."

Dr. King, in his last, must-read book - Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community? - was equally clear about the absolute necessity for unity. Dr. King wrote:

"The Pharaohs had a favorite and effective strategy to keep their slaves in bondage: keep them fighting among themselves. The divide-and-conquer technique has been a potent weapon in the arsenal of oppression. But when slaves unite, the Red Seas of history open and the Egypts of slavery crumble.

"This plea for unity is not a call for uniformity. There must always be health debate. There will be inevitable differences of opinion. The dilemma that the Negro confronts is so complex and monumental that its solution will of necessity involve a diversified approach. But Negroes can differ and still unite around common goals.

"There are already structured forces in the Negro community that can serve as the basis for building a powerful united front—the Negro church, the Negro press, the Negro fraternities and sororities, and Negro professional

associations. We must admit that these forces have never given their full resources to the cause of Negro liberation.

"There are still too many Negro churches that are so absorbed in a future good 'over yonder' that they condition their members to adjust to the present evils 'over here.' Too many Negro newspapers have veered away from their traditional role as protest organs agitating for social change, and have turned to the sensational and the conservative in place of the substantive and the militant.

"Too many Negro social and professional groups have degenerated into snobbishness and a preoccupation with frivolities and trivial activity. But the failures of the past must not be an excuse for the inaction of the present and the future. These groups must be mobilized and motivated. This form of group unity can do infinitely more to liberate the Negro than any action of individuals. We have been oppressed as a group and we must overcome that oppression as a group.

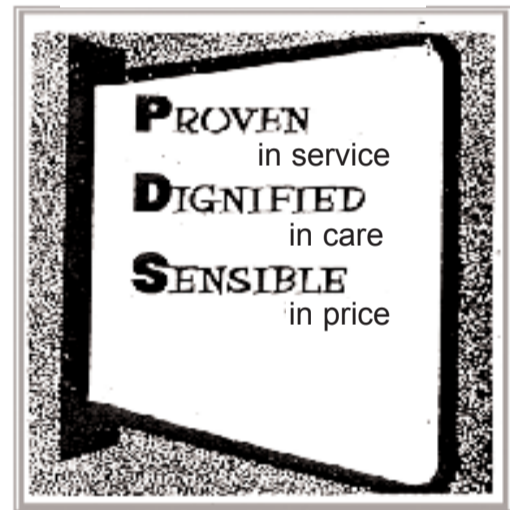
"Through this form of group unity, we can begin a constructive program which will vigorously seek to improve our personal standards..."

If we refuse to develop the kind of unity advocated by these two warriors, 2016 will be as unproductive and deadly as 2015.

*A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.*

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## New Hanover County

**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**, 3701 Princess Place Drive, will hold their Winter revival, "Try Giving Yourself Away" from Sunday, January 24th - Thursday, January 28th. On Sunday at 4:00 p.m. with guest speaker Dr. Theresa Holmes of St. James AME Church. Monday, Thursday, praise and worship service will be held 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. each night with various choirs from throughout the city. The revival program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest revivalist is Dr. Cecil Bromell of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Darlington, SC.



## Religious Briefs

The Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon and the Officers and Members of The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church Wilmington, N.C. in the Wrightsboro Community will their Church Fellowship Hall Dedication on Saturday January 23, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. "It's Been A Long Time Coming!" There will be a scrumptious Luncheon following this Dedication Service. Bishop, The Right Rev. Louis Hunter Sr. Presiding Prelate of Mid Atlantic I and Cape Fear Conference will be present for this grand occasion and he will deliver the Dedication Message. Our Presiding Elder, Alexander L. Jones Sr. will also be present as well as participate in this auspicious service. The church is Located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. Wilmington, N.C. our Church Phone # is 910-251-9892. For More information, you may contact the Dedication Committee Chair, Sis. Ashley M. Hall @ 910-540-44250. or you may call Bro. Anthony or Sis. Aimee Brown @ 910-368-3605. Also on the church will hold their Annual 7 Ups Program on Sunday Jan. 24th at 3:30 p. m. Some of the speakers will be...Rev. Carolyn Lewis, Pastor of Bowen Chapel AMEZ Wilmington N.C., Rev. Thomasina Brailford, Pastor of Lee's Chapel AMEZ Bolton, N.C. Rev. Felicia Jones, Rev. Christopher Jones, Pastor of Blackwell Chapel AMEZ Leland N.C. Rev. Thomas Williams, Pastor of St. Paul AMEZ Freeman N.C. Bro. William O. Boykin, of Mt. Olive AME Wilmington, N.C. Sis. JoAnn Hinson of Perkinsville Baptist Church Northwest Community and others are invited and will appear on our program. For more information, you may call Sis. Dentrail N. Boykin @ 910-200-4953 or Pastor Nixon at 910-540-4406.

## Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church clothes closet will be open Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Their food pantry, "From His Table to Yours" will be open the same day 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Personal identifications and transportation are required. No fee is involved in either ministry. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. The Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

## Brunswick County

The Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Family & Friends Day Committee will be selling dinners on January 29th and 30th at its fellowship hall located at 1882 Lincoln Road NE, Leland, NC. There will be fried chicken, spots, chicken wings and pig's feet (on Saturday) with two sides, roll, drink and dessert. Orders of 7 or more dinners will be delivered. To place orders in advance or for more information, please call 910-200-9538 or 910-371-0037.

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries is accepting clothing donations to help those less fortunate. Drop off location is 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC 28462. (located near Cedar Grove Middle School) Contact Elder Utrillia Johnson at 910-294-0656 for more information.

Willing Workers Singing Union will hold an appreciation service for George Anthony Fishburn on Saturday, January 30th at 5:00 p.m. at Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church in the East Arcadia Community in Riegelwood, NC. For more information call 910-655-3788.

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## NBCI's 34,000 Black churches declare Mayor Rahm Emanuel Morally unfit to continue as mayor

NBCI supports Illinois State Representative La Shawn K. Ford's request for federal investigation

Washington, DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans calls on Mayor Rahm Emanuel to resign. NBCI President points to Emanuel's lack of moral authority to as the reason he can no longer stay as leader of Chicago.

Citing Emanuel's disregard for African American men and their lives following Chicago police shootings are at the center of NBCI's demand that he step down.

"Rahm Emanuel spent his moral authority when he, the police chief, and state attorney decided that Laquan McDonald was just another dead Black boy who did not have any value" said Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President. "They do not want America to see how African American men, no matter their psychological state, are systematically and brutally gunned down at-will by murderous, racist white cops. They crossed moral lines three times when they decided not fully disclose all of the evidence in this the case to the general public. They made the political decision that yet another dead Black young male does not deserve a constitutionally-mandated investigation. Their disrespect for children's lives is abhorrent."

Rev. Evans went on to declare unequivocally that "Mayor Emmanuel should be defined as the number one threat to all Black children in Chicago if he willing with such callously cover up the shooting of a child. His apology rang hollow so long after the fact. He knows that President Obama will condone his behavior despite the human cost to the Black community."

The Black Church cannot and will not allow anyone to arbitrarily decide on the value

of anyone's humanity. Therefore we must use the full moral authority that God and Christ afford us to rid our society of evil. The mayor, the police chief and the state attorney represent evil, and they must step down. As the Bible predicts, what was hidden shall come to light. And now we see the modern manifestation of evil in our public officials.

"The church has no other choice than to do what it can to rid society of this evil. But they are not without hope; there is redemption in Jesus Christ our Lord" said Rev. Evans. "We do pray that God will forgive Emanuel and his cohorts. But, we must remind all of them that there are consequences to your actions. God may decide He is the best teacher for you at the moment. The church must obey God and call for the mayor to resign immediately from his position so that he can devote his full time to repairing his soul."

## About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.nalt-blackchurch.com](http://www.nalt-blackchurch.com).

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## The high cost of funerals

My Fellow Seniors:

A few days ago, I heard a woman say that she had paid \$20,000 for her mother's funeral. That made no sense at all to me. This is not a rich woman. She is a working nurse. So how did she manage to come up with that much money? The casket must have been made of gold.



Ruth Johnson

Right after talking with the nurse, I started thinking about

my own final plans. I will go to the funeral home and pick one of the most beautiful caskets available. I will ask them to loan it to me. When the time comes, it will sit in the front of the church with my picture on top, but with nothing on the inside. I will be cremated.

My casket can be used over and over again by family members and, maybe, a few close friends. However, don't ask to borrow it before I use it. I want to be the first, and then that same empty casket will roll down the aisles time and time again.

I wish my church owned a small plot of land. We could

turn it into a rose garden, and that would be where I would want my ashes scattered.

I am glad I had a talk with the nurse that day because, until that day, I thought a funeral would cost around four or five thousand dollars. But twenty thousand? There is no way my family could come up with that much money on such short notice.

Maybe no funeral home will like my idea. They would make more by selling coffins than by lending the same one to different people. Yet, what if a family could not afford the cost of the funeral? Would they use their home as collateral?

If the dead could talk, I'm sure they would say "Don't lose the house just to bury me in a fancy coffin. Scatter my ashes in a rose garden where I would always be with my family and a few close friends."

That's exactly what I'm going to say to my family: "Don't spend a lot of money on a fancy funeral. Just scatter my ashes in the rose garden along with a few close friends," and when the time comes, we will fly away together to a home not made by man.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## The Seed

It was a very frigid day on the outside, with the temperature of 27 degrees, but the weather did not keep us senior citizens away. We are always glad to see each other, regardless to the weather.

We were greeted by President Eloise Purdie, who said it was great to be here. She asked Mr. George Hill and the choir to come forward. Mr. Hill said, "Praise the Lord! This is a great day, and we will be thankful!" With Mr. Emanuel Boykin on the piano, we sang "Oh, How I Love Jesus!" A very warm and fervent prayer was prayed by Mrs. Thelma Gates. The prayer was followed by "He Keeps On Blessing Me." We then sang "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow!"

Minister Doris McQuillian

came and said it was a great relief to know that the Lord will make a way. Our speaker was President Eloise Purdie. She spoke of a successful business owner who was growing old and decided his company needed a new CEO. He called his employees together and said he would give each one a seed to plant. He told them to plant the seed and come back in a year. One man went and planted his seed. He nourished it, but nothing happened. Everyone else had tall plants. At the end of the year, they all took their plants back to the board room. Jim had nothing. His plant did not grow. The next CEO was chosen. He chose Jim because he was honest. The CEO had given all the employees boiled seeds. So the others were not honest.

We have to plant seeds of honesty. Paul said that we reap what we sow. So be careful of what you plant.

Mrs. Purdie was given a round of applause. She said that Mrs. Purdie did a great job, and we need to be truthful. If we have a petition before the Lord, keep going.

Minister McQuillian asked for expressions. They are always encouraging. She said, "Don't take what God is doing lightly." Mrs. Purdie thanked everyone for what they had done so far in the meeting. Our visitor today was Miss Edith McFadden. She was welcomed by Mrs. Purdie. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Gladys Taylor. She thanked everyone for coming out in the cold. She asked Mrs. Mildred Ellerby for the min-

utes. They were read and approved.

We then had roll call. Mrs. Cherry Pearson gave us information on upcoming trips. The Callers' report was then given. Mrs. Mary Martin was the winner, with 9 present. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave the sick report. She asked for continued prayer for them. Mrs. Anna Briggs Moore's daughter, Mrs. Anna Briggs Williams passed away. Mrs. Mary Canty was hospitalized last week.

Announcements were made, and we were asked to remember Elderhaus. Smiles were brought by Mrs. Martin. Our circle was formed. We sang "Bind Us Together." We were led in prayer by Minister Doris McQuillian.

There were 42 present.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Be encouraged"

And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." I Samuel 30:6



Sylvia Hooper

David, though he was chosen and anointed by God to be a great leader of God's people, had to endure a time of testing and great tribulation before he became king. In

I Samuel 30th. chapter, David himself came face to face with the enemy of discouragement. Some of his own men, who faithfully followed him into many battles and looked to him as their fearless leader and friend, turned on him as they grieved the captivity of their wives and children. In great despair and depression over the loss of their families, David's own men spoke of stoning him! The bible says David was greatly distressed! These were the same men that he had led from battle to

battle, and from victory to victory. The same men who once revered him, now reviled him! He had to encourage himself, if he was to Be Encouraged!

David was a great leader, but he was still a man. Leadership may seem glamorous to some. Yes, there are peaks, and there are also valleys. There is a "down" side to leadership. It is what we do in the "down" times that determines whether or not we fail or succeed. There are times, when God allows the bottom to fall out, to see how we are going to handle catastrophe and calamity. He already knows, but sometimes we need to see we are not as great as we think we are. We cannot afford to believe our own press, but walk in humility and the fear of the Lord. In preparing us for leadership, we must face discouragement head on. We must, Be Encouraged.

Leaders sometimes need to be reminded that they are flesh and blood and need to depend on the Lord just like the people you lead. Godly Leaders are not perfect, just forgiven. A good leader does not depend on the people who follow him, he depends on the Lord who called and anointed him!

Leaders are used to telling the followers, "You can do it!

You are going to make it! God is able!" But, a leader can be hit so hard by discouragement, he may find himself wondering, "Can I do it? Am I going to make it through this? God is able, but is he going to do it for me?" A Godly leader must somehow muster the strength to believe God against all odds, just because He is God! He must walk the walk, not just talk the talk. "The just shall live by Faith." Habakkuk 2:4. He/She Must Be Encouraged.

What made David so great, was not his great number of followers, or even the many battles he won. He was great, because he knew the source of his HELP! He knew how to humble himself under the mighty hand of God! Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." When David's men turned against him, he humbled himself before the Lord, found him a priest, and inquired of the Lord. He prayed until he got an answer from the God that called him, and anointed him to lead his people. He got an answer, because he knew exactly what to do, in the time of trouble.

When we go through our time of trouble, that's the time to trust in the Lord with all our hearts, and not to lean

to our own understanding. He said in all our ways to acknowledge him, and he would direct our paths. Proverbs 3:5,6 In other words, learn how to Be Encouraged!

Father, help me to encourage myself in the Lord my God, for it is you that causeth me to triumph in battle. Forgive me for not totally trusting you in my time of testing. I am Encouraged! In Jesus' Name. Amen. If you agree... 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!

"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ;in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
701 Queen Street, Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-763-6699

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

Intercoastal Marine LLC is accepting subcontractor and supplier bids for the City of Wilmington, NC Phase II Riverwalk Repairs at J>W> Brooks Bldg. project #RW-CTT-0116, no later than 4:00 PM Jan. 27, 2016. Potential subcontract opportunities which may exist on this project include, but not limited to Hauling, Grading, Demolition, Erosion Control, Excavation, Concrete, Carpentry, Suppliers and other items not specifically referenced herein. A pre-bid conference will be held in our office on Jan. 25, 2016 @ 7:00 AM to discuss the proposed project with any interested DBE/WBE/MBE. Please call (910) 765-9791 if you plan to attend the pre-bid conference. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a bid. Reply to 910-675-9791(p), 910-675-9796(f), or 6101 Diamond Shamrock Rd. Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

January 21, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT ROGERS**

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate **Vivian Sterling**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of April, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 8th of January, 2016.

James E. Sterling, Administrator  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FORSYTH IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 15 CVD 6358**

**BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff, vs. RUBY D. TATE a/k/a Ruby Tate, G.L.G. CORPORATION, SUNTRUST BANK s/b/m to Central Carolina Bank, CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, and LI ACQUISITIONS GROUP, LLC, Defendants.**

**TO: RUBY D. TATE a/k/a Ruby Tate**  
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:

1. Plaintiff seeks to recover judgment reforming the Deed of Trust recorded in Book 2152, Page 492 with the Forsyth County Registry to include the correct legal description as set forth on Exhibit E attached to the Complaint, said reformation to relate back to the original date of recording; to recover judgment reforming the Deed of Trust recorded in Book 2085, Page 1902 with the Forsyth County Registry to include the correct legal description for Tract 5 as set forth on Exhibit F attached to the Complaint, said reformation to relate back to the original date of recording; and judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the holder of a valid first lien Deed of Trust recorded in Book 2152, Page 492 with the Forsyth County Registry.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 16th day of February, 2016, said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice; and upon your failure to do so the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 29th day of December, 2015.  
/s/  
Bowen C. Houff, Attorney for Plaintiff OF COUNSEL:  
BLANCO TACKABERY & MATAMOROS, P.A.  
POST OFFICE DRAWER 25008  
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27114-5008  
TELEPHONE: 336-293-9000  
FACSIMILE: 336-293-9030

January 7, 14, 21, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jewell Rose Mitchell**, deceased of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of April, 2016** 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.

This 7th day of January, 2016

Collin Ray Mitchell, Administrator  
3169 Mount Misery Rd. NE  
Leland, NC 28451

January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Shirley Batts Robinson**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **14th day of April, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 14th of January, 2016

Shelia Robinson, Administratrix  
1419 Orange Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 05 JT 439**

**IN THE MATTER OF: S.L.J. (DOB: 1/8/04)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS: RICHARD ASBURY, III, BIOLOGICAL FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO JILL JOHNSON**

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.  
You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **January 14, 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 and can apply for court appointed counsel.

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

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 14th day of January, 2016.

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

January 14, 21, 28, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DUPLIN IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE #: 15-SP-11**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: IN RE DOE, A minor child.**

**To the unknown father of a minor female child born in New Hanover County on the 13th day of January, 2015;**

TAKE NOTICE that a petition for adoption of a female child born at New Hanover Regional Medical Center on the 13th day of January, 2015 has been filed with the Clerk of Superior Court for Duplin County in the above captioned special proceeding. The minor child was likely conceived in Wilmington, North Carolina on or about April 13, 2014 through a relationship with a woman whose first name is Samantha. Samantha was approximately 19 years old at the time of the child's conception and birth. She is approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, large framed with blue green eyes with brown curly hair.

The nature of the relief being sought is adoption of a minor child. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than **February 25, 2016** and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. Any parental rights you may have will be terminated upon entry of the order of adoption.

This the 11th day of January, 2016.

R. Kent Harrell  
Attorney for Petitioners  
PO Box 625  
Burgaw, N.C. 28425  
910-259-7772 - phone  
910-259-7796 - fax

January 14, 21, 28, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION File No. 15 JT 297**

**IN THE MATTER OF: A.J.F. (DOB: 12-21-2012)**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following January 14, 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 ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR February 15, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 14th day of January, 2016.

LeeAnne Quattrucci  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Tel.#: 910-795-0230  
Fax #: 910-401-1485

January 14, 21, 28, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT ROGERS**

The undersigned, Harlene S. Hicks, having qualified on the 20th day of October, 2015, as Administrator of the Estate **DENNIS W. HICKS**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney Rick E. Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **15th day of April, 2016**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 11th of January, 2016.

Harlene S. Hicks, Administrator  
Rick E. Graves  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 14 JT 66, 67**

**IN THE MATTER OF: M. L. G. (dob: 1/29/14)**

**N. L. G. (dob: 10/5/12)**

**TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER: TIMOTHY SELF and RESPONDENT: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER of the above-referenced female children born to Samantha Goodnight (aka: Sara Lozanogarcia) born in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than February 23, 2016, said date being forty (40) days following the first date of publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply for the relief sought.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR Monday, FEBRUARY 29, 2016, at 9:30 A.M.**, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Attorney LeeAnne Quattrucci has been appointed to represent Respondent-Self and may be contacted at: 401 Chestnut Street, Suite J, Wilmington, N.C., 28401; (910)795-0230; laqlaw@yahoo.com.

This the 12th day of January, 2016.

Regina Floyd-Davis  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 798-3615  
(910) 798-3772 \* fax

January 14, 21, 28, 2016

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 15 SP 834**

**In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Daniel Walker and Janie Walker, married, and Kirk Martells and Sandra Reynolds-Martells, married, to PBRE, Inc., Trustee, dated July 29, 2008, and recorded July 30, 2008, in Book 5336, Page 200, New Hanover County Registry Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee,**

**See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5934 at Page 2825 of the New Hanover County Registry.**

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Daniel Walker and his wife, Janie Walker, and from Kirk Martells and his wife, Sandra Reynolds-Martells, dated July 29, 2008, and recorded July 30, 2008, in Book 5336, Page 200, New Hanover County Registry ("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, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, formerly known as Elizabeth Wright Embrey, will expose for sale at public auction on the 2nd day of February, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property (including any improvements thereon) with a property address of 4753 Gordon Rd., Wilmington, NC 28411, as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Exhibit 1**  
Beginning at a point in the northern line of Gordon Road where the western line of Avant Drive intersects same: running thence in a northerly direction along said western line of Avant Drive 200 feet to a point where the northern line of Lot 74 and the southern line of Lot 75, Section 2, Weaver Acres intersects said western line of Avant Drive; running thence in a westwardly direction along said dividing line and perpendicular to Avant Drive 100 feet to a point in said dividing line; thence southwardly parallel with said western line of Avant Drive 200 feet to a point in the northern line of said Gordon Road; thence eastwardly along said northern line of Gordon Road 100 feet to the point of beginning, same being the eastern one-half of Lots 73 and 74, Section 2, Weaver Acres, as shown on Map of the same recorded in Map Book 7 at Page 46, New Hanover County Registry, said Map incorporated herein by reference.

County Tax Parcel No. R04305-004-011-000

4753 Gordon Rd., Wilmington, NC 28411

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 assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 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. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination 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 under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

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 Daniel Walker.

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 bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

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

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

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

This the 5th day of January, 2016.

Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee (formerly known as Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee) Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster & Moss, PLLC  
310 N. Front St., Ste. 4-147  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Telephone: (910) 200-2677

January 21, 28, 2016



## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
15 SP 874**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, dated August 13, 2014, and recorded August 15, 2014, in Book 5832, Page 2804, New Hanover County Registry, as assigned to Agarwal Family Universal IV, LLC, by assignment effective November 12, 2015, and recorded November 17, 2015, in Book 5931, Page 2783, New Hanover County Registry,

Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5926 at Page 1933 of the New Hanover County Registry. Elizabeth Wright Embrey is now known as Elizabeth Wright.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC, dated August 13, 2014, and recorded August 15, 2014, in Book 5832, Page 2804, New Hanover County Registry ("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, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 29th day of January, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Exhibit 1**  
BEING all of Lot 54 Anchors Bend Phase 1B as shown on that plat recorded in Map Book 57, Pages 378-379 in the New Hanover County Registry.

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 assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust, and that subordinate Collateral Assignment of Declarant Rights recorded in Book 5915, Page 1606, New Hanover County Registry which is not extinguished hereby. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 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. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary resi-

dence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination 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 under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

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 Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC.

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 bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

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

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

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This the 7th day of January, 2016.

Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee  
Formerly Elizabeth Wright Embrey,  
Substitute Trustee  
Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster &  
Moss, PLLC  
310 N. Front St., Ste. 4-147  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
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January 21, 2016

## LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE****SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
15 SP 875**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, dated August 13, 2014, and recorded August 15, 2014, in Book 5832, Page 2776, New Hanover County Registry, as assigned to Agarwal Family Universal IV, LLC, by assignment effective November 12, 2015, and recorded November 17, 2015, in Book 5931, Page 2786, New Hanover County Registry, Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5926 at Page 1938 of the New Hanover County Registry. Elizabeth Wright Embrey is now known as Elizabeth Wright.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC, dated August 13, 2014, and recorded August 15, 2014, in Book 5832, Page 2776, New Hanover County Registry ("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, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 29th day of January, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Exhibit 1**  
BEING all of Lot 42 Anchors Bend Phase 1 as shown on that plat recorded in Map Book 52, Pages 168-170 in the New Hanover County Registry.

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 assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust, and that subordinate Collateral Assignment of Declarant Rights recorded in Book 5915, Page 1606, New Hanover County Registry which is not extinguished hereby. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 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. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of fore-

closure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination 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 under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

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 Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC.

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 bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

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

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

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This the 7th day of January, 2016.

Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee  
Formerly Elizabeth Wright Embrey,  
Substitute Trustee  
Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster &  
Moss, PLLC  
310 N. Front St., Ste. 4-147  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
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January 21, 2016

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
15 SP 876**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, dated December 2, 2014, and recorded December 4, 2014, in Book 5855, Page 1111, New Hanover County Registry, as assigned to Agarwal Family Universal IV, LLC, by assignment effective November 12, 2015, and recorded November 17, 2015, in Book 5931, Page 2789, New Hanover County Registry,

Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5926 at Page 1943 of the New Hanover County Registry. Elizabeth Wright Embrey is now known as Elizabeth Wright.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC, dated December 2, 2014, and recorded December 4, 2014, in Book 5855, Page 1111, New Hanover County Registry ("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, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 29th day of January, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Exhibit 1**

BEING all of Lot 128, Anchors Bend, Phase 4, according to the plat thereof recorded in Map Book 59, Pages 134-135, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina.

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 assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust, and that subordinate Collateral Assignment of Declarant Rights recorded in Book 5915, Page 1606, New Hanover County Registry which is not extinguished hereby. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 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. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser

out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to the rights of any tenant to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease or one calendar year from the date the purchaser acquires title, whichever is shorter; and, in no event shall the purchaser be required to renew the existing lease, assuming the lease is such that: the tenant is not the debtor under the security instrument foreclosed or the child, spouse, or parent of the debtor; the lease is in writing, is not terminable at will, and requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property; and, provided that the rent has not been reduced or subsidized due to a federal or State subsidy. A purchaser shall provide a tenant in possession of the single-family residential real property notice to vacate at least 90 days before making an application for possession pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.29(k) in either of the following circumstances: the tenant has an oral lease or the lease is terminable at will; or, the purchaser will occupy the premises as a primary residence.

Any tenant who resides in residential real property containing less than 15 rental units that is being sold in a foreclosure proceeding under Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes may terminate the rental agreement for the dwelling unit after receiving notice pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 45-21.17(4) by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on a date stated in the notice of termination 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 under this section, the tenant is liable for the rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination payable at the time that would have been required by the terms of the rental agreement. The tenant is not liable for any other rent or damages due only to the early termination of the tenancy.

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 Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC.

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 bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price bid at that time, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

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

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

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This the 7th day of January, 2016.

Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee  
Formerly Elizabeth Wright Embrey,  
Substitute Trustee  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Rene Rey Fundora**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **21st day of April, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 21st of January, 2016

Leah Holder, Administratrix  
105 Hearthsides Dr.  
Greenville, NC 27834

January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2016

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on Wednesday, January 27th at 3:00pm in the Lord Spencer Compton Conference Room (1st Floor), City Hall, 102 N. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area  
Metropolitan Planning  
Organization

January 21, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL  
ESTATE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT  
DIVISION  
15 SP 877**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, dated December 2, 2014, and recorded December 5, 2014, in Book 5855, Page 1523, New Hanover County Registry, as assigned to Agarwal Family Universal IV, LLC, by assignment effective November 12, 2015, and recorded November 17, 2015, in Book 5931, Page 2792, New Hanover County Registry, Elizabeth Wright Embrey, Substitute Trustee, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 5926 at Page 1948 of the New Hanover County Registry. Elizabeth Wright Embrey is now known as Elizabeth Wright.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed and delivered by Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC, dated December 2, 2014, and recorded December 5, 2014, in Book 5855, Page 1523, New Hanover County Registry ("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, Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 29th day of January, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse door of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, the real property as more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**BEING all of Lot 22 Anchors Bend Phase 1B as shown on that plat recorded in Map Book 57, Pages 378-379 in the New Hanover County Registry.**

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 assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recording of the Deed of Trust, and that subordinate Collateral Assignment of Declarant Rights recorded in Book 5915, Page 1606, New Hanover County Registry which is not extinguished hereby. Further, this real property will be sold subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described real property for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date when the final upset bid period has expired.

Subject to applicable federal law, an Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 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. If the property is single-family residential and occupied pursuant to a lease, written or oral, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 45-21.33A must be satisfied regarding the effect of foreclosure on preexisting tenancy in that: unless a purchaser out of foreclosure sale will occupy the premises as a primary residence, the purchaser shall assume title subject to

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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 Foreverhome of Wilmington LLC.

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 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, said bidder shall remain liable as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.30. The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

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

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

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