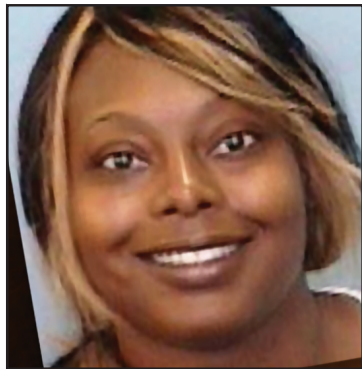


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EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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Justice advocate Kemba Smith credits prayer, 'pressure from the Black community' for her freedom



LeBron James says "being Black in America is tough." He's correct.

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BERNEST HEWETT

ON VACATION

Bernest Hewett is on vacation and will resume his column on Thursday, June 15, 2017. Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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Gov. Cooper calls for special session to redraw legislative districts

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In a surprise move, Governor Roy Cooper, Wednesday, invoked his constitutional authority to call the NC General Assembly into special session to redraw North Carolina's legislative districts.

That 14 day special session begins today, even though North Carolina lawmakers are already convened in regular session.

In the aftermath of Monday's unanimous US Supreme Court affirmation of a lower court ruling that Republican lawmakers deliberately created racially gerrymandered 2011 legislative districts to undermine the Black vote, the question now is, after the new maps are drawn, when can a 2017 special election

occur if a lower federal court determines that it is needed again?

"Now, demand those who initially challenged the 2011 maps and who still want special 2017 legislative elections, as originally ordered by a three judge panel last August, to happen this year before the regularly scheduled 2018 contests.

"That order represented a tough, well crafted remedy which is now necessary in order to immediately remove the present illegally constituted General Assembly," said Attorney Irving Joyner, Chair, Legal Redress Committee, NC NAACP.

"We think there is still time to implement special elections in the impacted districts, and we will do everything we can to make sure that happens," said Anita Earls, Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice,

which represented plaintiffs who filed suit that Black voters were being illegally "stacked and packed" in majority-minority districts to lessen their overall voting influence.

That judicial panel, last August, determined that 28 legislative districts (five of which are in the Triad) violated Black citizens' right to equal protection under the law, unconstitutionally minimizing their influence on legislative elections.

"It's very hard to argue that race did not predominate in setting up our State legislative districts," Michael Curtis, Professor of Constitutional Law at Wake Forest University School of Law, told *The Wilmington Journal*.



NC GOV. ROY COOPER

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Rev. Dr. Rachel Stephens (center) is flanked by sorority members of Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at the Pender County NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.

Stephens honored at the Pender County NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

BY ROXANNE DEVANE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Dr. Rachel Stephens was honored on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Pender County NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet for her dedicated community service. Members of the NAACP presented Dr. Stephens with a beautiful gift for 8 years of serving as President of the Pender County Branch. She was also honored with pink roses and gifts from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc Alpha Psi Omega Chapter where she served 6 years as President of

the Wilmington Chapter. While serving these organizations, she was Secretary for the Wilmington Chapter of the Links, Inc. Many of her Link sisters were present to also present a gift of recognition.

Other Presentations and acknowledgements: Deborah Dicks Maxwell District NC NAACP, The Honorable Judge James H. Faison, III. And Dr. Jimmy Tate.

Thank you Dr. Stephens for your service.

"Serve willingly, as if you were serving the Lord"
Ephesians 6:7

Black organizations, lawmakers slam Trump budget

BY BARRINGTON M. SALMON

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - President Donald Trump has unveiled his 2018 budget to resounding criticism and derision from a range of critics, including the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), the US Black Chamber Inc., policymakers, pundits, and other Congressional lawmakers.

"President Trump's budget is based on the ill-advised idea that the poor can pull themselves up by their bootstraps," says CBC Chair Rep. Cedrick Richmond (D-La.). "The truth is that some folks don't have boots and tax cuts for the wealthy won't help them buy a pair. A budget that threatens the lives and livelihoods of millions of Americans who, through no fault of their own, depend on social safety net and other federal programs, will not make America great again."

Richmond is among African-American politicians, civil rights advocates and academicians and political experts who contend that the budget, if enacted, would unduly affect blacks, people of color, the poor and the vulnerable.

The budget reveals the administration's fiscal priorities and includes extreme cuts in spending in education, food stamps, Medicaid, access to student loans, nutritional assistance, small business and the environment. Over the next 10 years, the proposed budget would strip more than \$800 billion from Medicaid and \$272 billion over all from welfare programs. Meanwhile, domestic programs would see funding reduced by \$57 billion.

The largest beneficiaries would be the military

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MEMBERS OF NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE DRAFTED BILL TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

Leaders brace for severe cuts to poverty programs

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Now that both the North Carolina House and Senate in the Republican-led NC General Assembly have passed their respective versions of a fiscal year 2018 budget, conferees from both legislative houses are now supposed to be hammering out a compromise package with which both sides can agree before the end of the month.

One prominent feature in the Senate's proposed \$22.9 billion budget, something Governor Cooper made clear this week that he does not like, is a \$1 billion tax cut for the upper income and corporations in the State. Such a huge tax cut, if passed, would mean hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue coming in to improve education or create opportunities for struggling families across the State.

"In the face of proposed federal funding cuts, as well as unmet needs for rebuilding Eastern NC after Hurricane Matthew, these cumulative losses will be compounded," says Alexandra Sirota of the NC Justice Center.

Under the Senate budget, eligibility for food stamps would be changed, effectively disqualifying 133,000 people, including 51,000 children. The House version does not include that provision, however President Trump's federal budget proposal would cut the food stamp (or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, better known as SNAP) by \$192 billion over the next decade.

Trump's federal budget would also cut Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, by \$800 billion and welfare by \$21 billion.

By requiring Social Security numbers to obtain tax refunds, the White House would also pare back the earned income tax credit and child tax credit - wage supplements for the working poor," reported *The New York Times* in a May 22nd story. "Mr. Trump also wants to make large cuts to educational programs aimed at helping often low income students secure fed-

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eral loans or grants, and he would cut access to disability payments through Social Security."

To add insult to injury, it didn't help last month when HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson said in an interview, "I think poverty, to a large extent, is also a state of mind. You take somebody that has the right mindset. You can take everything from them and put them on the street, and I guarantee, in a little while, they'll be right back up there, and you take somebody with the wrong mindset. You can give them everything in the world, and they'll work their way right back down to the bottom."

At least one Democratic

votes," Professor Curtis concluded, because African-Americans had previously been electing their candidates of choice in racial coalition with Whites, not all Blacks.

Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), who hailed the High Court's order last month that also struck down North Carolina's 2011 congressional districts as racially gerrymandered, also wants the legal remedy to come now, not later.

"The General Assembly is required by law to expedite the redrawing of legislative boundaries," he said in a statement. "The remaining question is whether the new legislative elections will take place this year. The people of North Carolina should not be required to wait until 2018 to live in a constitutionally drawn district and be represented by a legislator who is lawfully elected."

"The legislative elections should take place in the fall of 2017."

However, the US Supreme Court vacated the special elections order, sending it back to the three judge panel to reconsider, along with other legal options. If the panel reorders a special election for this year after new maps are drawn and a hearing has been held, Republican leaders would most likely appeal it to the Supreme Court again, effectively killing any prospect of its happening before 2018.

State Republicans reveled in the legal lifeline thrown to them by the court.

"We are encouraged the Supreme Court unanimously rejected the lower court's politically motivated attempt to force a special legislative election in 2017 and its efforts to 'suspend provisions of the North Carolina Constitution,' ignore voters' constitutional right to elect representatives to two-year terms, and effectively nullify their votes from 2016," said State Senator Ralph Hise (R-Madison) and Representative David Lewis (R-Harnett) in a statement Monday.

Democrats, who have had to struggle with Republican majorities in both the State House and Senate since 2011, especially want new maps done immediately, hoping that, if they can't have special elections, they will, at least, be able to cripple the GOP's veto proof majorities by winning three House seats and six Senate seats in 2018.

member of Congress rhetorically asked Carson if he considered hunger to be a "state of mind."

With the President significantly slashing the social safety net at the federal level and the State legislature offering yet another huge tax cut to the wealthy since 2013, observers say the poor will be placed in a desperate situation.

"It is very disheartening to see these cuts that have been set forth," said Forsyth County NAACP President, The Reverend Alvin Carlisle. "The cuts in funding of programs that have traditionally helped the poor will be a tremendous blow to the most vulnerable in our community. The lack of expansion in Medicare and Medicaid and the rolling back of support for affordable health care initiatives will bring many minori-

ty communities to their knees. The lack of funding for education and the defunding of programs meant to spur the growth of minority businesses will serve to lock more Blacks out of the middle class, and keep some hopelessly stuck in the cycle of poverty."

State lawmakers from Forsyth and Guilford counties, among others, have co-sponsored legislation this year to deal with poverty in North Carolina. House Representatives Evelyn Terry, Ed Hanes, Jr. and Cecil Brockman are co-sponsoring HB 410 - "Root Out Poverty /Task Force," which if passed, would "create a statewide poverty task force, establishing two new personnel positions in the Department of Health and Human Services dedicated to

ize and resist in order to have fair voting maps." The Reverend Alvin Carlisle, President of the Forsyth County NAACP, told The Chronicle. "The one way to see change as it concerns these extremist policies is to change the policymakers. We must register, vote, and fight for fair voting maps."

Whether the election is November 2018, or earlier, redrawing the districts is good for our democracy by leveling the playing field for free and fair elections," Governor Cooper, a Democrat, said in a statement.
 Local grassroots leadership agrees.
 "We must continue to organ-

poverty reduction, and economic recovery, and appropriating funds for those purposes."

The bill, however, has been stuck in the House Committee on Appropriations since March 21.

"We are concerned about all of the needs of the North Carolina citizens," State Senator Paul Lowe (D-Forsyth) said. "...as well as the concerns of all of our constituents both poor and wealthy."

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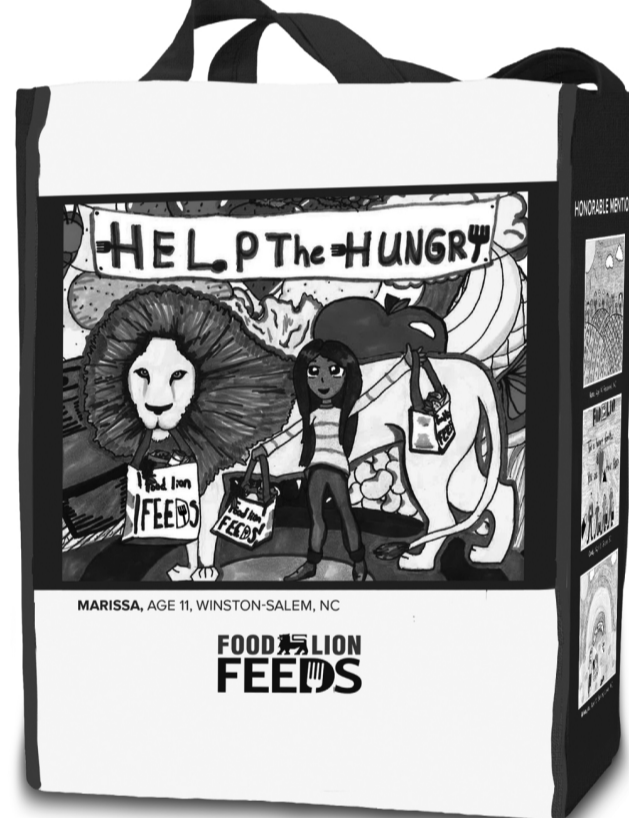
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"The reason for that is that the legislature had two racial quotas - one was whenever possible, create a Black majority [voting] district that was 50 percent plus African-American, and the second was to have majority Black districts in proportion to the Black population of the State."

But the scheme was to surreptitious attempt to use the 1965 Voting Rights Act as a "gerrymandering device," Curtis continued, to pack unnecessary numbers of Blacks in majority Black districts.

"The effect of what the legislature did was to waste Black

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COOPER NOT PLEASSED WITH SENATE, HOUSE BUDGET PROPOSALS

[RALEIGH] Saying that neither the House nor Senate's \$22.9 billion budget proposals spend enough to meet the critical needs of struggling North Carolinians, Gov. Roy Cooper



called on state lawmakers to pay more attention to improving quality of life instead of giving the rich and corporations more tax breaks. "I'm looking for more vision from this budget," Cooper told reporters last week. "They don't have to squirrel it all away or give it to those who already have." The House and Senate have passed their respective budgets. Conferees from both sides

are now meeting to decide on a compromise budget.

NC REPUBLICANS HOLD CONVENTION IN WILMINGTON

[WILMINGTON] Over 1,000 delegates from across the state gathered in Wilmington last weekend for the annual NC Republican State Convention. Party Chairman Robin Hayes was reelected for another term, and Kellyanne Conway, spe-

cial assistant to Pres. Donald Trump, was a keynote speaker. Conway encouraged delegates to build their networks stronger, and continue knocking on doors and speaking to people to attract more people to the Republican Party.

FORMER GOV. PAT MCCRORY PUSHES FOR NEW VOTER ID LAW

[WILMINGTON] Even

though he was voted out of office several months ago, former Gov. Pat McCrory is still advocating for the Republican-led NC General Assembly to pass another voter ID law. "I know for a fact that we had a lot of noncitizens that were voting," McCrory said. "Ladies and gentlemen, voter ID would have stopped it. Keep it a clean bill, stay with a voter ID law and get that passed." A federal appellate

court struck down North Carolina's 2013 voter ID law last year, saying that Republican lawmakers targeted the black vote for suppression "with almost surgical precision." McCrory says he's consulting now.

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- to which \$54 billion is being directed - Homeland Security and the nation's most wealthy who would again receive massive tax cuts which people like billionaire Warren Buffett has said is totally unnecessary and unneeded.

"This budget is immoral and irresponsible and confirms what then-candidate Trump showed us time and time again - he only cares about people who have bank accounts that look like his," Richmond continued. "We encourage President Trump, Office of Management and Budget Director (Mick) Mulvaney and the Administration to learn from the CBC budget, which is moral and responsible and invests in families and our nation's future. The CBC budget will move every American forward, not just those at the top, all while reducing the national debt."

Politico Senior Staff Writer Michael Grunwald skewered the budget proposal, calling it a scam and castigating the Trump team for played fast and loose with the numbers.

"... This proposal is unusually brazen in its defiance of basic math, and in its

accounting discrepancies amounting to trillions-worth rather than mere millions or billions," Grunwald writes. "Budgets hinge on assumptions about taxes, spending and economic growth, and the Trump budget plays fast and loose with all three to try to achieve the illusion of balance, relying heavily on spectacular growth assumptions as well as vague and unrealistic promises to eliminate tax breaks and additional spending programs that go conveniently unnamed in the text. It proclaims that "we have borrowed from our children and their future for far too long, but it is a blueprint for far more borrowing and far more debt."

Ron Busby, president of the U.S. Black Chambers Inc., a D.C.-based national advocate for Black-owned businesses, expressed disappointment and puzzlement at a president who claims to be business-friendly but who has proposed to eliminate the Minority Business Development Agency.

Busby said the program accounts for less than .001 percent of federal spending, has produced 125,000 jobs, supports business centers throughout the country and has helped secure \$36 billion

in contracts and capital for minority-owned businesses. Three weeks before Trump's announcement, Busby said that Congress increased the program's funding to \$34,000,000 after he testified before the House Appropriations Committee and explained to Congress the importance of continuing funding.

"Yet again, the Trump Administration that campaigned on job creation turns its back on the very programs proven to spur minority business growth," said Busby in a statement. "Eliminating the only program dedicated to a diversity of job creators is an affront to the millions of minority entrepreneurs nationwide. We urge Congress to resist this ludicrous proposal and maintain their bipartisan support of the Minority Business Development Agency."

Kimberly Hall and Michael Hilton, of The Poverty & Race Research Council (PRRAC), co-wrote an op-ed arguing for the Trump administration and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to make a high quality education for all American children a priority.

"This proposed budget will close the doors of opportunity to hundreds of thousands

of young minds around the country," the op-ed said. "We urge Congress to reject this attack on equal access to a quality public education, students' civil rights, and ultimately our country's long-term ability to continue as a global leader. As we seek to prepare our students to compete on a global stage, the Trump Administration proposes to divert support from programs that have proven to benefit students' life outcomes to fund programs that have shown to cause academic harm. But it does not stop there.

The already short staffed Office of Civil Rights is on the line for considerable cuts in funding and staff positions. At a time when the complaint levels are near historic highs with a record number of complaints year after year, this budget will cripple the already understaffed office charged with protecting the civil rights of all students."

Not everyone is upset about the proposed cuts. The CATO Institute, for example, praised Trump's proposal. CATO says the plan would eliminate the budget deficit within a decade and be beneficial for a number of reasons.

CATO believes the cuts



CBC CHAIRMAN CEDRIC RICHMOND (D-LA.)

would spur economic growth, while reforms to welfare programs will encourage more people to join the labor force and add to the nation's output.

In order to pay for defense, Homeland Security and a wall at the border, Trump's cuts also include the reduction or elimination of:

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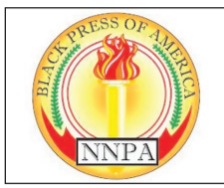
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OUR VOICE GUEST EDITORIAL

Civil rights under siege

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When he was running for President, 45 asked African Americans what we had to lose by electing him. Embracing the most dystopian view of the African American community, he attacked our schools, our streets, crime rates, and unemployment and suggested that we were so far down that electing him could only improve things. Curiously, he never talked about racism when he talked about the status of African Americans. He never spoke of hate crimes, police killings, or racist symbols like Confederate flags and Confederate statues. He never denounced some of his most racist supporters, including Klucker David Duke and alt-right leader Richard Spencer. He just asked what Black folks had to lose by electing him! We've been learning what we have to lose in these nearly five months of 45's "leadership". He cynically used HBCU Presidents in a photo op, while cutting education funds that help HBCUs. He has been silent or slow in denouncing racist incidents that have occurred on his watch, including the lynching of Second Lt. Richard Collins III, and the murder of heroes Ricky John Best and Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche, who stood up to the rabid racist Jeremy Joseph Christian, who was harassing



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

two young women on a train in Portland (it took him three days to respond tepidly to that incident). As of this writing, two days after a noose was hung in the Smithsonian Museum for African American History and Culture, he has not uttered a syllable of condemnation. These issues don't appear to be important to him. Are we surprised, then, that the budget he has submitted to Congress, would eviscerate civil rights protections in literally every area of our lives. Already, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has moved back toward draconian jail sentences for minor crimes, reviewed consent decrees with police departments, looking to loosen them, and suggested that the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department can be smaller. The budget reflects that so clearly that Venita Gupta, who led the Civil Rights Division under President Obama and now leads the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, says she sees this budget as a "setback" for civil rights.

The new budget calls for folding the Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance (OFCCP) with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, although the two agencies do distinctly different work. EEOC investigates civil rights complaints, while OFCCP audits contracts to ensure that employees have equal opportunity in terms of both promotions and pay. The proposed budget cuts OFCCP by 16 percent and eliminates 130 full time employees. When the other 470 employees are absorbed into the EEOC, that agency will not get an increased budget despite its expanded mission.

Both agencies have been important in ensuring that civil rights violations are rectified. In 2010, EEOC had more than 20 active cases that involved nooses. Even as nooses continue to be hung as symbols of intimidation and hate, such as the noose hung at the African American Museum (the second hung at a Smithsonian museum in a week), the agency charged with investigating these complaints would have fewer resources to do so.

Similarly OFCCP has won money settlements for thousands of employees, and changed employment requirements when those requirements have a discriminatory impact. Women employees at Home Depot were among those receiving monetary settlements because of OFCCP investigations.

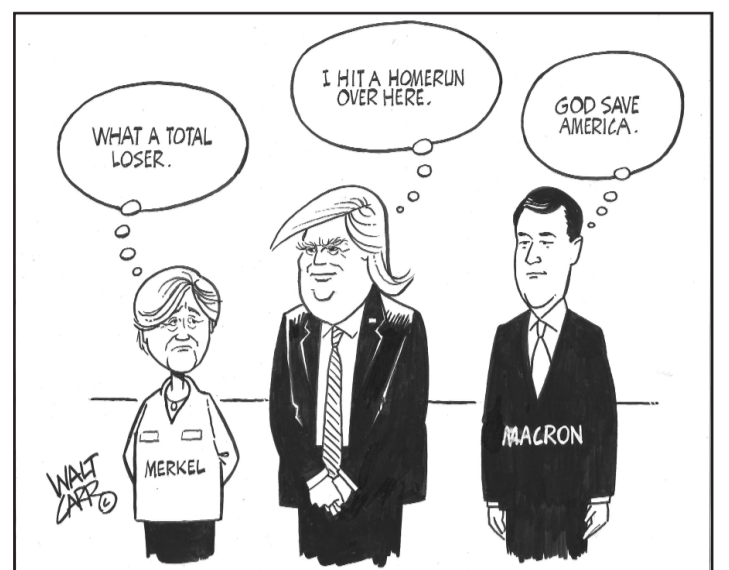
At the Department of Education (surprise, surprise), a woman who opposes affirmative action leads the Office of Civil Rights. That office will be cut significantly, limiting its ability to investigate discrimination complaints in school systems. At the Environmental Protection Agency, efforts to look at environmental justice have been eliminated.

From the noose hung at the African American Museum to the defacing of LeBron James' home with a racial slur, there is continuing evidence of the persistence of racism in our nation. This racism is emboldened by a national leadership that is silent despite its manifestations. We cannot be surprised. Our 45th President, after all, once said he did not trust African Americans to work on his accounting. He probably would have failed any OFCCP audit, and certainly attracted several housing discrimination lawsuits decades ago.

The President who has been accused of discrimination has the power to ensure that his capitalist cronies face fewer accusations by weakening civil rights enforcement. What did African Americans lose when 45 was elected? Among other things, we (and others) lost civil rights protections!

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Illinois is poised to strengthen the right to vote

Illinois is about to make voter registration automatic. The Senate and House have passed reform bills unanimously. If the governor signs the final reconciled legislation, Illinois will become the ninth state, in addition to the District of Columbia, to adopt automatic voter registration. The bill would begin to register more than 1 million eligible but unregistered voters in Illinois. Even as states continue to pass legislation to restrict voting, this reform promises to open the doors wider.

The legislation would automatically register eligible voters when they interact with the secretary of state's office or with other state agencies, unless they decline. It builds on the Motor Voter reforms, but those were "opt-in" reforms; voters had to decide to take advantage. This is an opt-out reform; voters are automatically registered unless they decide not to. The difference will end

up registering hundreds of thousands of eligible voters.

"Automatic voter registration is a win-win for all," Cook County Clerk David Orr, one of the champions of the reform, told the Brennan Center for Justice. "It takes the burden of updating voter registration off the backs of voters and shifts it onto government, where it belongs." It also helps government maintain updated, clean voter rolls, reducing the threat of partisan purges.

This is a big deal. Oregon and California first passed the reform in 2015. When it was fully implemented in Oregon, according to The Nation, 225,000 eligible voters were automatically registered, including nearly 100,000 new voting participants.

The Brennan Center reports that automatic voter registration bills have been introduced in 32 states.

Voting and voting rights are the foundation of democracy. There should be a bipartisan consensus to make registration and voting as simple, easy and accessible as possible. The very legitimacy of our elections and of our leaders depends upon free and fair elections that provide a mandate from the peo-

ple. Because of the power of the vote, however, voting rights have always been contested. The civil rights movement had to fight - with lives lost and blood shed - in order to gain the right to vote for African-Americans in the South.

When the conservative gang of five on the Supreme Court weakened the Voting Rights Act, right-wing legislatures and governors in states across the country began enacting legislation to constrict voting rights in ways that disproportionately impacted people of color, students and the poor. These were partisan bills designed to exclude targeted groups of potential voters from the polls. They required specific voter ID, eliminated early voting days, shut down voting on Sundays, limited hours, purged voter rolls and banned those with convictions from voting even after they had served their sentences, among other measures.

The Brennan Center reports that five states - Iowa, Arkansas, North Dakota, Indiana and Georgia - have already enacted bills to cut back on voting access in the most recent session of state

legislatures. Thirty-three bills to make voter registration more burdensome have been introduced into 22 states. Instead of being a matter of bipartisan consensus, voting rights remains contested territory.

In the 2016 election, we've heard a lot about what Russia did or didn't do to interfere with our elections. But whatever Russia did had far less effect than the voter suppression laws that made a big difference in states from North Carolina to Wisconsin. Trump's margin can literally be counted in the voters who were excluded from voting.

With the Gov. Bruce Rauner's signature, the Illinois reform will put the state on the side of democracy. Much more needs to be done to strengthen voting rights, including everything from ending partisan gerrymandering to curbing the corrosive role of big money in our politics. With automatic voter registration, Illinois will take a first step. With popular organizing and mobilization, it will hopefully be the first of many.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is founder and president PUSH/Rainbow Coalition.

CHILDWATCH

Trump's war on children

Our nation's budget should reflect our nation's professed values, but President Trump's 2018 Federal Budget, "A New Foundation for America's Greatness," radically does the opposite. This immoral budget declares war on America's children, our most vulnerable group, and the foundation of our nation's current and future economic, military and leadership security.

It cruelly dismantles and shreds America's safety net laboriously woven over the past half century to help and give hope to the 14.5 million children struggling today in a sea of poverty, hunger, sickness, miseducation, homelessness and disabilities. It slashes trillions of dollars from health care, nutrition and other critical programs that give poor babies and children a decent foundation in life to assure trillions of dollars in tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires and powerful corporations who do not deserve massive doses of government support.

The cruel Trump budget invests more in our military - already the most costly in the world - but denies vulnerable children and youths the income, health care, food, housing and education supports they need to become strong future soldiers to defend our country. Seventy-one percent of our 17-24 year olds are now ineligible for military service because of health and education deficits. It seeks to build a wall to keep immigrants out by slashing supports for those

inside who can be counted on to help staff our businesses and factories and other services. This budget creates more inequality and less opportunity for those struggling to make ends meet and is a grave injustice.

President Trump invests in fighting those he sees as outside enemies through weapons and walls and turns his back on the internal enemies that threaten the basic domestic needs of our people - health care, housing, education and jobs that pay living wages. The Congress and the people of the United States must reject President Trump's 2018 Budget and the mean spirited values it reflects. It declares war on children and working people struggling to support their families by ignoring even their most basic needs and gives trillions to those who do not need massive government support - especially at a time of record wealth and income inequality.

The President's 2018 Budget:
•Slashes \$610 billion over ten years from Medicaid which nearly 37 million children rely on for a healthy start in life and which pays for nearly half of all births and ensures coverage for 40 percent of our children with special health care needs. The budget also assumes passage of the more than \$800 billion additional cuts in Medicaid included in the American Health Care Act for a total Medicaid massacre of more than \$1.4 trillion over ten years.

•Rips \$5.7 billion from CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), which covers nearly 9 million children in working families ineligible for Medicaid. The proposed cap on CHIP funding for families at 250 percent of the poverty level threatens coverage for millions

of children in the 24 states and the District of Columbia that have chosen to extend coverage to children in families with slightly higher incomes.

•Snatches food out of the mouths and stomachs of hungry children by slicing \$193 billion over ten years from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which some still call food stamps. SNAP feeds nearly 46 million people including nearly 20 million children. This cut is an unprecedented 25 percent reduction in a core safety net program that in 2014 lifted 4.7 million people, including 2.1 million children, out of poverty. For the 4.9 million households, 1.3 million with children, with no cash income who rely only on SNAP to keep the wolves of hunger from their doors, these cuts would be a catastrophic assault.

•Chops \$22 billion over ten years from TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program) including \$6 billion that eliminates the TANF Contingency Fund which helps support some of our neediest families. Slashes programs to assist families with housing and end homelessness by \$7.4 billion, a 15 percent cut for 2018 including \$2.3 billion from Housing Choice Vouchers, which would leave more than 250,000 low income households without them; \$1.8 billion - nearly 29 percent - from public housing already in desperate need of repair and expansion; and \$133 million - 5.6 percent - from homeless assistance grants.

•Whacks \$72 billion over ten years from the Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI), which more than 8 million children and adults with the most severe disabilities depend on to keep going.

Despite the President's promise not to cut Social Security, his budget cuts \$48 billion from Social Security Disability Insurance which assists, among others, grandparents and other relatives raising children because their parents cannot care for them.

•Cuts \$40 billion over ten years from the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) by barring tax-paying undocumented immigrant workers, many with American citizen children, from benefiting from the Child Tax Credit unless they have a Social Security number, and making it harder for them to benefit from the Earned Income Tax Credit created to reward hard work and help parents support their children.

•Slashes job training programs by \$1.1 billion, or 40 percent, over ten years for youths, adults and dislocated workers. It denigrates the concept of public service jobs by eliminating the Corporation for National and Community Service, and with it AmeriCorps, Vista and Senior Corps.

•Cuts federal education funding \$9.2 billion in 2018 alone at a time when a majority of children in all racial and economic groups cannot read or compute at grade level. It slashes \$143 billion over ten years from student loans by eliminating the loan program that encourages graduates to take public service jobs and restricts other programs that subsidize college education for first generation college students and others from low income families. And it proposes to add \$1 billion in

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new funding for the Title I program for disadvantaged students, which has historically supplemented resources for students in schools in areas of concentrated poverty, but for the wrong reason. It proposes to fund a new school choice initiative to let children draw Title I funds away from schools in the neediest areas and take them to schools in higher income areas.

•Shears \$54 billion in 2018 (\$1.6 trillion over 10 years) in non-defense discretionary programs which include a broad range of health, early childhood, education, child welfare and juvenile justice programs as well as environmental protection, foreign assistance, medical and scientific research and other federal government programs. The Trump budget would reduce spending for these important programs 2 percent a year for the next ten years.

•Zeroes out funding for the Legal Services Corporation to deny the poor their only option to defend themselves against injustice.

•Eliminates core programs that offer extra assistance to low income children, families and communities including the Social Service Block Grant (\$1.4 billion in 2018

alone, \$16.3 billion over 10 years); the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to ward off heat in the summer and cold in winter months (\$3.4 billion); the Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOME, Community Development Block Grant, Indian Community Development Block Grant, and Choice Neighborhood programs (\$4.1 billion), and the National Housing Trust Fund which provides funds to states and local communities to develop affordable rental housing; the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programs that include CSBG (\$723.6 million), Community Economic Development program (\$29.8 million) and Rural Community Facilities (\$6.5 million).

•Axes the 21st Century Community Learning Program that offers programs to curb summer learning loss and keep children safe and engaged through after school programs for 1.6 million children; the Preschool Development Grants which went to 18 states to improve and expand access to high-quality preschool for children in high-needs communities; and the Child Care Access Means Parents in School program

for parents enrolled in college to assist in child care costs.

At the same time, President Trump's 2018 Budget includes an estimated \$5 trillion tax package for the wealthiest individuals and corporations who neither need nor deserve massive government support and dramatically increases spending on defense and border security. The Trump budget:

•Increases base defense spending \$54 billion in 2018 alone (and \$489 billion over ten years). That's \$147,945,205 a day, \$6,164,384 an hour and \$102,739 a minute. The U.S. military budget is already the largest military budget in the world. We spend more on the military than the next eight countries combined (China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, India, France, United Kingdom, Japan, and Germany).

•Spends \$2.6 billion new dollars on border security including \$1.6 billion for a down payment on the President's proposed obscene wall at the Mexican border estimated to cost \$10 to \$20 billion before completion and after false campaign promises that the Mexican government would pay.

This draconian budget slashes over \$3 trillion dollars in the next decade and tramples America's values

and is anti-child, anti-poor, and anti-low-income working people. It erodes the security of our nation's future.

President Dwight Eisenhower, a five star general and World War II hero, understood that throwing money at the military could not be an excuse for assaulting the poor and stealing from our children, saying, "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies...a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, and the hope of its children."

The Trump budget would not pass the test of any great faith or standard of fairness. It must be rejected resoundingly by the Congress and the American people.

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.

Diverging paths to higher education: White House cuts funding as Sen. Durbin pleads

"Give struggling students a fair chance"

None ever said that higher education wouldn't cost money. Across the country, tuition is steadily rising and students are taking longer to pay off their student loans.

Today, 44 million consumers share \$1.4 trillion in borrowed student debt - more than double what it was in 2008. On average, graduating seniors with a bachelor's degree begin their careers with about \$30,000 in student loans, while graduate students are almost assured of incurring six-figure student debt.

All of these financial burdens have been acquired against a backdrop of an increasingly competitive global economy. The 21st Century marketplace is also dependent upon a highly-skilled workforce. Gone are the days when manufacturing could provide a steady and comfortable living. From steel to textiles and more, global competition requires America to work smarter and harder.

So why would the Trump Administration propose a \$9.2 billion cut in education?

Over the next decade, the White House wants to 'save' \$143 billion from college loan programs, including an end to \$26.8 billion in subsidized loans. Currently, Pell Grants, designed to assist low-income students, are capped at less than \$6,000 per scholastic year despite the average cost of tuition at a public college for its own state students approaching \$10,000 per year.

Here's one White House explanation on how less access to higher education going to help the nation's ability to remain economically competitive.

"We're no longer going to measure compassion by the number of programs or the number of people on those programs, but by the number of people we help get off of those programs," said White House Budget Director Mick Mulvaney during a May 23 press briefing.

It seems like the White House is really averse to more Americans receiving a higher education at a time when college costs and its resulting debt are on an upward trajectory. Certainly, education budget cuts will not 'make America great again'.

Two days later and on the floor of the U.S. Senate, a diverging view was spoken, "Let's give struggling students a fair chance," said Illinois' Sen. Richard Durbin, a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, which decides federal spending priorities.

"We are seeing an increase in the wealth gap between college graduates with student debt and those without student debt", Durbin continued. "The burdens of student debt are threatening the notion that being college-educated is enough to get ahead."

Sen. Durbin went on to share the story of a Chicago constituent, the first in her family to attend college, who appealed to his office for help. The majority of the former student's debts totaling \$120,000 were private loans with high interest rates and monthly payments that were just as costly. The student also felt she had no chance of financial improvement due to an ill-conceived enactment of

a bill that prevented such debts being discharged in bankruptcy.

Since 2005, student loan debt, unlike other types of unsecured debt cannot be a part of a bankruptcy filing. In other words, it's the kind of debt that could potentially follow borrowers to the grave.

The Fairness for Struggling Students Act of 2017 (S. 1262), introduced by Sen. Durbin and co-sponsored by 11 other Senators would allow financially struggling borrowers to discharge private student loans in bankruptcy. The law is anticipated to relieve high-cost private loans that seldom come with many of the flexible repayment terms offered by federal ones. Some private student loans come with variable interest rates, high origination fees and scant - if any - repayment options.

Already the bill has attracted the support of a large coalition of educational, student, civil rights and consumer organizations that include: the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), NAACP, the American Federation of Teachers, the Empire Justice Center, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL).

According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), in 2012, at least 850,000 private loan borrowers were in default in the amount of \$8 billion. Two years later in 2014, CFPB analyzed more than 5,300 private student loan complaints filed between October 2013 and September 2014. That analysis found that the lack of affordable repayment plans, not a disregard for the debt, drove many borrowers to default.

Defaulting on a private student loan has the potential to bring even more financial calamity to borrowers. In some cases, the entire loan balance may become due in full, immediately. Loan defaults can also lower consumers' credit profiles, preventing some borrowers from passing a background check for a job, obtaining housing, or accessing low interest forms of credit.

Additional CRL research has found that:

*Four years after graduation, Black students with a bachelor's degree owe almost double the debt their white classmates owe; and

While for-profit college enrollment represents 9.1% of all college students, these schools generate over 35% of all students who default on their loans; and

*Quality education is an investment - not a cost - to our nation's future," noted Whitney Barkley-Denney, a CRL policy counsel. "Its policies and practices must assure student success while minimizing costly debt errors that become unnecessary burdens."

Sen. Elizabeth Warren says, "When students fall off a financial cliff, they should be able to discharge their private student loan debt in bankruptcy - just like people can with other kinds of debt," said "Banks fought hard more than a decade ago to exempt student loan debt from bankruptcy protections, and now we've seen the consequences: too many students are crushed by debt with no chance for a new start."

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march and told him, "I have a dream." Despite his earlier, well-documented reticence to broadly involve his administration in the growing struggle for equality, President Kennedy personally engaged with the civil rights leaders of his time, hosting the National Urban League's then-executive director, Whitney M. Young, and president, Henry Steeger III, in 1962 at the White House.

This week, we mark the centenary of President Kennedy's birth. Whatever history has assigned to him as flaws, short-

comings and misdeeds, he believed our country could do better for all of its citizens, regardless of race, color or creed. As we reflect on so much of his enduring legacy, let us recommit ourselves to ensuring that his evolution and eventual stand on civil rights are more than words on a page in a dusty book, but a call to continued action and activism undergirded by the principle that "all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

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

CASH IN THE APPLE

Yes, Republicans have gone mad!

No, that's not a partisan statement. Trust me, there have been times that Democrats have convinced me they haven't a clue which way is up, and I've said proudly said so, to the chagrin of many. Problem is, I don't think Republicans are capable of even chagrin, of even the barest of self-reflection or accountability when they've gone too far.



Cash Michaels

Right now it's very clear that GOPers are placing party over country when it comes to supporting their standard-bearer Pres. Donald Trump. There can be no question that the man continues to embarrass us every waking moment he's in the White House. He's a cranky, 70-year-old corrupt businessman who is leveraging the most powerful office in the world to advantage his family and super-rich friends.

And it's frightfully clear that Trump is being used by very dark right-wing fringe forces who have been wanting to get their hands on the federal government for their own dastardly designs for decades. The

Trump bandwagon just came along in the nick of time for them to jump on and steer successfully.

But make no mistake, regardless of whether Trump is crazy (he is) or the forces of right-wing darkness are steadily working to destroy what we know as the United States government (that's their goal), the fact remains that the Republican Party is fertile ground for their dangerous foolishness.

Pay very close attention to this now...according to an NBC News/SurveyMonkey poll conducted just last year in late June/early July, only 27 percent of Republicans agreed with the statement, "Barack Obama was born in the United States." That means 73 percent of 1,700 registered voters who were Republican surveyed still believed that the first black president of the United States was not an American citizen...in 2016!

It almost makes you want to say that 73 percent of republicans couldn't find the light switch in a closet bathroom. But then you'd have to consider this.....Republicans interviewed at last week's state GOP Convention here in Wilmington last weekend by McClatchy News about what they thought of former FBI

Director Jams Comey.

Comey is expected to testify today in the Senate Intelligence Hearing about how Pres. Trump allegedly tried to pressure him to drop the FBI investigation into Russia's alleged influence into the 2016 presidential election, and specifically former Trump National Security Adviser Gen. Michael Flynn and his alleged ties to the Russians.

Now Comey has generated some bad feelings on the Democrat's side, no doubt, with his pronouncements about the Hillary Clinton email probe before the election was over; but that's been chalked up to him being an over grown boy scout. Republicans really don't like him because he could bring the whole Trump house of cards down, and they don't want that.

That tells me Republicans are willing to believe anything, and say anything, even with the evidence thrust right in their faces, just as long as their agenda is being protected. Thus, it's party over country, Trump before truth.

"The whole thing with Russia is nonsense," says Jim Gannon, a GOP activist in North Carolina, in the McClatchy News story. "They're desperately trying to justify why Hillary Clinton lost

other than saying Democratic policies aren't acceptable to people," said Gannon. "This whole thing is a pretty desperate attempt at partisan politics. 'Wow, the Russians swung the election.' What did they do, come and vote? No."

"We need to do everything we can to become allies with Russia," said T.J. Johnson, the vice president of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Men. "As for election meddling, I don't think they really had anything to do with it."

Couple this kind of lunacy with the expressed belief that the American media are "enemies of the American people," and it's clear that the definition of the word "Republican" is "a person so brain-washed by their right-wing views that they're willing to lie to themselves repeatedly, rather than realize that their country is drowning because of their self-imposed ignorance."

Sounds like the definition of madness to me. What about you?

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TO BE EQUAL

Remembering the life and legacy of John F. Kennedy at 100

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"One hundred years of delay have passed since President Lincoln freed the slaves, yet their heirs, their grandsons, are not fully free. They are not yet freed from the bonds of injustice. They are not yet freed from social and economic oppression. And this Nation, for all its hopes and all its boasts, will not be fully free until all its citizens are free."—



Marc Morial

President John F. Kennedy, "Radio and Television Report on the American People on Civil Rights." June 11, 1963

The trajectory and predominate narrative of the civil rights movement in our nation was forever marked by a single day.

Just after midnight, in the earliest moments of June 12, 1963, Medgar Evers, a beloved civil rights leader, would be shot to death by a white supremacist in the driveway of his home. On that day, two African Americans, Vivian Malone and James Hood, would finally register as students at the University of

Alabama under the federal protection of the Alabama National Guard. Earlier that evening, President Kennedy, who had previously and rightfully been criticized by civil rights leaders for his tepid, ambivalent embrace of the grand ambitions of the civil rights movement, had addressed our nation and cemented his place in American history as an advocate and partner in the civil rights struggles of African Americans.

President Kennedy's national address was not supposed to be delivered. Its broadcast depended on the outcome of the protracted battle happening on the campus of the University of Alabama over the enrollment of Malone and Hood. That morning, both prospective students attempted to enroll in the university, but were met by Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and a phalanx of state troopers blocking the entrance to the university's campus. That infamous moment, now known as the "stand in the schoolhouse door," was a futile last stand for Gov. Wallace, who pledged "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever," during his inaugural address the very same year. Gov. Wallace stepped aside, Malone and Hood enrolled later that day, and despite the favorable outcome from this

very public showdown in Alabama, the president resolved to address our nation and the "moral issue" of civil rights.

To his credit, the president did more than provide lip service on issues of inequality, discrimination, equal access to services, voting rights and more. President Kennedy went a step further and proposed comprehensive civil rights legislation, declaring that "now the time has come for this Nation to fulfill its promise."

Fear for the passage of the Civil Rights Act led Kennedy initially to oppose the March on Washington. In June of 1963, civil rights leaders including National Urban League President Whitney M. Young, K. Phillip Randolph, Martin Luther King, Jr., and John Lewis, met with Kennedy and announced there would be a March. Kennedy feared that any violence at the march would deter members of Congress from voting for the bill. The civil rights leaders would not be deterred, and Kennedy's enthusiasm for the March grew during the summer. The success of the March paved the way for passage of the Civil Rights Act.

But Kennedy to see his civil rights bill passed. A bullet from an assassin's gun would cut his life short less than three months after the March. It was his successor, President

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New Hanover County

Port City Track Club is having a yard sale on June 10th from 7:30 to 1:00 p.m. at 1789 Cedar Hill Road, Leland NC. All proceeds will be used to assist our athletes who qualified for the 51st USATF Hershey National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships will be held at Rock Chalk Park, the home of Kansas Track and Field, in Lawrence, Kansas July 24th to 30th.



Community Briefs

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

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Precinct W29 Meeting

June 13, 2017

Williston Middle School,
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6:45 p.m.



MR. WILLIE AND MRS. DORIS ELLERBY

Congratulations to Mr. Willie and Mrs. Doris Ellerby for celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 10, 2017

With a pre-planned surprise trip by their daughter LaTanya and grandson Deante Ellerby Followed by a dinner celebration with family and friends

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Working in a garden

Sunrise in the morning is the beginning of a new day you have never seen before. These are the best days to work in the garden. A garden is an area of land where herbs, fruits, flowers or vegetables are cultivated. This is the season of the year for summer gardens. No matter the age, gardening can be successfully done with the right amount



Verniece Stanley

of experience.

Today more people enjoy having gardens near their homes in rural areas and even suburban neighborhoods. Some may use organic materials, which promote more blooms and bigger vegetables. There is a variety of resources and materials that can be used such as Star Green flower, vegetable planting mix, miracle grow garden, and weed preventer. These are just a few of many options that a gardener can use.

Even more important, plants must have the full sunlight and water to grow. You can choose from many popular varieties of flowers for a flower garden that includes

roses, daisies, geraniums and tulips. You could even use hanging baskets filled with flowers. Think about it...it would be a great idea to deliver flowers to the homes of senior citizens.

Let us promote healthy living and self-sufficiency in our communities by growing our own produce. Support local farmers who sell their fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets in the surrounding areas. And as we see more shortages and cutbacks, remember the less fortunate in our communities, and donate fresh fruit and vegetables to those families in need.

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.

CLAYTON S. MOORE "JUNE": Stepping into the 90's



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

MR. CLAYTON S. MOORE (CENTER) SURROUNDED BY HIS CHILDREN

BY GERALDINE POLLOCK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On May 20, 2017 Mr. Clayton S. Moore "June" was given a 90th birthday party celebration by his children, Clayton Long, Richard Lewis, Janet Ford, Clifton Moore, Verlana Moore Waddell, Paulette Moore Enos, Bernest Moore, LaTonya Moore Burris, Fredrick Moore, & Rosa Moore Green. The party was held at Dreams Of Wilmington of Wilmington North Carolina. June is the son of the late Mr. Clayton & Mrs. Pauline Moore Williams. June entered the banquet room dressed in a white suit, royal blue shirt, and his white

Stacey Adam Shoes, looking sharp and greeted everyone with a big smile.

The party started with the Mistress of ceremony by his granddaughter LsShonda Teague, who also did the beautiful decoration for the party. Opening prayer was given by his son-in-law Pastor Robert Burris, followed by a song which was song by his two great granddaughters, Jynice and Destini Goldstein. "A poem for grandad" was read by Lapekia Moore. The praised dance was performed by the group The Anointed Vessel, June's two great grandsons, Ricardo Canty, Gabriel Canty, & Quentin Sweezer, Adrain Faust, all from

Greensboro, N.C. His daughter Paulette Moore Enos read the Reflection of his life of 90 years. June has 12 children, one deceased, 58 grandchildren, and 119 great grandchildren and 4 more grands on the way.

His niece Monique Pollock created a heartwarming video and was shown by his nephew Sean Washington. A solo was song by his granddaughter Zyreka Brown.

A delicious dinner was prepared by his children from Savannah, Ga. and the food was blessed by his son-in-law Minister Alfonso Green. A toast was given by his sons and son-in-laws. Birthdays tributes was given to June by

his two sisters, Mrs. Theresa Walker (Ernest) Pauline Green, church family, and his long time friends. Also Reverend Richburg and First Lady Renee Richburg of Mt. Zion AME church attended the birthday party and express best wishes to June on his 90th birthday. Over 300 family and friends came from far and near to celebrate June's birthday. Music was provided by his son Clayton Long.

The party was enjoyed by all and the family wishes June many, many more birthdays to come. June and his family would like to thank everyone who participated in his 90th birthday celebration.

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NHRMC Stroke Center providing
new endovascular stroke treatment

WILMINGTON, NC - New Hanover Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce the launch of the NHRMC Endovascular Stroke Program to offer a new therapy for stroke patients.

Stroke is a leading cause of disability and death in our region, and each year more than 690,000 Americans suffer a stroke caused by the blockage of an artery by a blood clot. Endovascular therapy is a minimally invasive procedure done to remove the clot by inserting a catheter through the blood vessel. Patients receiving this treatment typically have a shorter recovery time and less post-stroke disability.

"This program is transformative for the residents of

southeastern North Carolina," said James McKinney, MD, medical director of the NHRMC Stroke Center. "Time is the most important factor when dealing with a stroke and beginning this treatment as soon as possible close to home means better outcomes for our patients."

NHRMC Stroke Center consists of a team of physicians, pharmacists, nurses, led by: •James McKinney, MD, Medical Director; NHRMC Stroke Center •Vinodh Doss, DO, Medical Director of Interventional Neurology •Matthew Kalp, MD, PhD, Hospital Neurology

The NHRMC Stroke Center has received the highest qual-

ity recognition given by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for two years in a row. NHRMC's Stroke Center treats about 900 stroke patients each year. More information on endovascular stroke and the NHRMC Stroke Center visit www.nhrmc.org/stroke.

New Hanover Regional Medical Center is the leading provider of quality and accessible health care in southeastern North Carolina, delivering care to all in need, without the support of taxpayer dollars. The medical is an economic engine for the community, creating more than 6,800 jobs directly and another 6,000 jobs indirectly.

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Lethetta Davis-Forbes

Lethetta "Sister" Davis-Forbes, daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson and Era Brown Davis, was born October 4, 1920 in Wilmington, NC. After a full, productive, and long life, she peacefully transitioned at home to be with God on Monday, May 29, 2017. A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Lethetta was a hard working person all her life. She worked during high school and college to provide for herself and help the family. As the oldest child, she was tasked with taking care of and looking out for her brothers and sisters. She became the "second momma." This was something that she continued to do right on through adulthood for a number of her siblings.

After graduation from Williston High School, she attained her BS degree from Fayetteville State Teachers College in 1956. She taught at Williston Junior High School for three years before moving to Atlantic City, New Jersey, where she taught school for thirty years. She also worked as a waitress in many of Atlantic City restaurants during the summer months. Upon her retirement in 1989, she built a home and moved back to Wilmington, NC.

Lethetta enjoyed traveling with her friends to such places as Nigeria, Athens, Israel, Turkey, and other foreign countries. Lethetta spent her retirement years engaged in the community and with friends. She was the oldest living member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She was a life member of the NAACP. As a member in the sisterhood of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., she remained active until she was no longer able to do so. Last but not least, she loved hanging out and playing Pokeno with all her girlfriends.

Lethetta served as a surrogate mother and mentor to many of her family members. Many of them can testify of her "bossy" no nonsense nature and also her generous heart. Whether it has been to provide a place to stay during summer college days, co-sign for various purchases, or give financially with no expectation of ever getting repaid, Lethetta was a blessing to a lot of the family.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Ada Davis Hennagan, 1917-1994, Warren Jeff Davis, 1922-1940, Charles Edward Davis Sr., 1924-1997, Vera Elizabeth Davis McDonald, 1926-2005, Lena Mae Davis Murphy, 1928-2016, Lewis Daniel (L.D.) Davis, 1930-2000, Hilda Marie Davis Vaughn, 1935-1999, Norma Lee Davis Spain, 1938-2013. Also preceding her were several nieces and nephews that she nurtured and

helped raise, Constance James, Robin Jacobs, Michael McDonald, Oran McDonald, Terry Davis, Michael James, and Roosevelt Miller. Lethetta was looked upon as the "matriarch" of the Davis clan.

Her surviving nieces and nephews are Rev. Charles Davis Jr. (Lula), Veronica Lacewell, Harry Lee Davis (Joanne), Carol D. Young, Daryl McDonald, Tony McDonald, Thomas L. Hennagan, Henry L. Hennagan, Frederick D. Hennagan, Jacquelyn Y. Gadsden, Mary E. Smith, and all their respective families. She is also survived by a grandniece, LaTerria Davis, and grand-nephews, Carlos Jacobs (Lavon), Jonte Jacobs, Tijon Jacobs, Terribe Davis, and their families as well. Also surviving is her sister-in-law, Rev. Anna Davis and a host of other grand and great-grand nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends too numerous to list.

Although she will be tremendously missed by all those that knew and loved her, we know that she is in a better place with those that preceded her. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Kevin Johnson

Kevin Johnson died May 23, 2017 at his residence. Memorial services were held Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Kevin G. Johnson, son of Enid and William Johnson was born on July 27, 1954, at Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. As a result of that marriage they had four sons; William O. Johnson, Raymond A. Johnson (deceased), Wayne Johnson and Kevin Johnson. They all resided at 708 Sterling Place in Brooklyn, New York, along with their maternal grandmother. In 1969, Kevin was stricken with a muscle deteriorating disease called Gilliam Bera. At the age of sixteen, he spent the next year and a half in New York University Hospital, recovering and going to rehabilitation therapy to regain the use of all his body muscles. He was finally discharged in September of 1970. He was able to return to Erasmus High School in Brooklyn, New York and graduated on time from the twelfth grade. Upon his graduation, he received a job with Con-Edison Energy Company in New York City, where he remained for a number of years. But, Kevin wanted to leave New York City. He moved to Queens, New York, and then to Charleston, South Carolina, and finally to Georgia. There he worked for a number of years as a collection agent. When his parents became ill, he left Georgia and returned to Wilmington, North Carolina to be the caretaker for

them. He spent the next ten years taking care of his parents until they passed in October of 2009 and March of 2010. Kevin then returned to his father and grandfather's hometown of Wilmington, the Love Grove Community, where he remained until his death. Kevin always had a big heart when it came to family and friends. He stayed close with all of his nieces and nephews, who will always remember Uncle Kev, fondly. Unfortunately, without warning, unplanned and unexpected, the Lord called Kevin to His kingdom. You don't get an appointment or an expected date of arrival or departure. Kevin leaves a legacy of love for all of his family, and all those he left behind to mourn his passing.

He leaves two brothers, William Johnson and Wayne Johnson; two sisters-in-law, Marion Johnson and Kaaryn Johnson; two uncles, Harry Lee Johnson and Thaddeus Johnson; two aunts, Mary Johnson and Beatrice Smith and a host of good friends who will never forget him. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Laurence McNeil

Laurence McNeil died May 27, 2017 at Silver Stream Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Laurence McNeil, son of Rosa Lee Faison McNeil and the late James McNeil was born on August 31, 1957, in Whiteville, North Carolina. Laurence, affectionately known as "Blue", lived at 606 Wooster Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. Fond memories of him will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his very loving, devoted and faithful mother, Rosa Lee McNeil; one sister, Rosa Mae McNeil; five brothers, Charles D. McNeil (Cathy), Alan W. McNeil (Peggie), Leverne McNeil, Ralph P. McNeil and Marshall L. McNeil, all of the city; ten nieces; two nephews; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Robert Brown

Robert Brown died May 29, 2017 at Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Robert Lee Brown, Sr., also known as "Bullet" was born in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Clyde Brown and Cora Spann Brown. Robert attended Williston Senior High School. After high school he relocated to Brooklyn, New York where he worked at New York Telephone Company for about twenty years. When he retired

from New York Telephone, he attended New Rochelle College where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. Robert enjoyed shopping for clothes and going on retreats. He also enjoyed fishing and watching sports. His favorite sport was basketball and his favorite basketball team was the New York Knicks. Robert also served as treasurer for the Masons. Robert was preceded in death by one son, Robert Brown, Jr.; three sisters, Louise Moore, Patricia Williams and Donna Holmes; five brothers, Richard Brown, Clyde Brown, Charles Brown, Leroy Brown, and Romeo Brown; and one grandson, Brandon Steward.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory: a loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Annie Inez Brown of the home; one son, Reginald Newkirk of Brooklyn, NY; four daughters, Vanessa Brown of Atlanta, GA, Darilyn B. Brown, Shawana Brown, and Dawn Steward all of Brooklyn, NY; ten grandchildren, Latriecia, Keith, Thomas, Tyrone, Jaquan, Ryshawn, Lamyka, Jahkiea, Shalaya and Markiea; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Kenneth Ray Brown of Brooklyn, NY; two sisters-in-law, Delores Miller (Oliver) of Castle Hayne, NC and Effie Willis (Derek) of Yonkers, NY; one aunt, Virginia Bell of Pinewood, SC; a host of nieces, nephews and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Sarah Jackson

Sarah Jackson died May 30, 2017 at Southport Nursing Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 3, 2017 at First Baptist Church, Southport, North Carolina with Rev. Brian Monroe, Pastor, officiating.

Sarah, the eldest of four daughters of Albert Roosevelt and Florence Ester Brown Cowan was born September 7,

1920. She was married to Elton Henry Jackson. They had one son, Elton Bernard Jackson who preceded her in death in 1992. They were married for 45 years and everyone who knew them as Elton and Inez, the duo, never seemed to be far from each other unless Elton was at sea. From childhood, Inez or "Duck" as she was affectionately known, was a member of First Baptist Missionary Church, Southport, NC. She served as a missionary and member of the Willing Workers Club. Inez was a very active member of the community. She was a charter member of the Bellamy Joyner Post 213 American Legion Auxiliary; a member of the Pearl of Truth Tent; and a member of the Order of Salem Lodge. She loved being fashionably dressed, especially on Sundays. She was willing to share her wisdom with her grandchildren, her nieces, and nephews. She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Georgie Cowan, Alberta Cowan and Doris Hankins; and one brother, Anthony Davis.

Cherishing the many memories, moments of love, laughter and life are: her grandchildren, Stephanie Ann Jackson (Elton), Dennis Clay Jackson, Ephraim Bernard Jackson and Cheryl Jackson Kadir (Ali); nine great-grandchildren, Monique (Charles), Bianca (Marcus), Robert, Crystal, Olivia, Amber, Robbyn, Janje, and Pete; twenty-three great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Ada Mae Cowan Joyner of Southport, NC and Wynona Cowan Dowell of Jacksonville, NC; one brother, Albert Cowan, Jr. of Beaufort, NC; special daughter-in-law, Janice L. Jackson and granddaughter-in-law, Roberta Young Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Kitrell Roberts

Kitrell Roberts died May 30, 2017. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at Freedoms Way Ministries. Burial followed in the Moore's Cemetery, Wrightsboro Community. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Austin Clarkson

Austin Clarkson died June 2, 2017. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dorothy Mae Johnson

Dorothy Mae Johnson died June 4, 2017. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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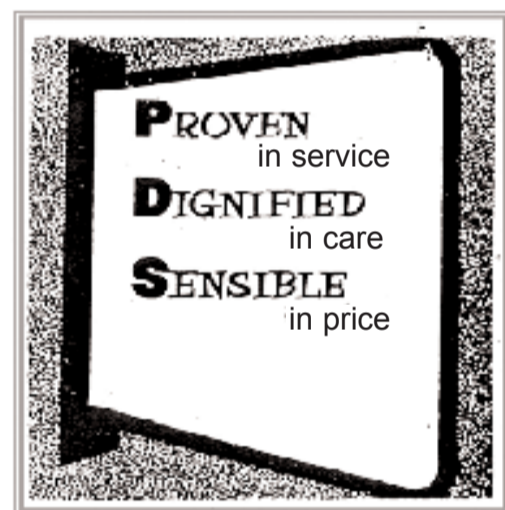
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New Hanover County

Chords Across America Gospel Ministries, 1020 Rankin St., will hold an evening service on June 11 at 4 p.m. The service will be hosted by Rev. Dr. Patricia Richardson and the Holy Faith Church of Whiteville. For more information, call 910-623-4192.

Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate Father's Day and Men's Day on June 18 at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Willie J. Sidbury of Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Rev. Richard Robinson at 910-395-2042.



Religious Briefs

Mt. Calvary MBC, 812 Harnett Street will hold their Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 12th- Friday, June 16th from 6:30 - 8:30 Nightly. Theme: "A Mighty Fortress" Bible Teachings, Fellowship, Fun, Refreshments. Transportation Available: Call Church for Rides: 910 762-8186

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church's, 801 South 10th St., Youth Department will celebrate their anniversary holding a Youth Revival, Wednesday, June 7th- Friday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The evangelist will be Rev. Melissa McColum Bryant of Chadburn, NC. A spaghetti dinner will be served following the Friday night service. The anniversary will culminate with the morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 11th. Apostle Pierre Cobb of Fayetteville, NC will be the speaker of the hour. Also Mt. Nebo will hold their Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 12th- Friday, June 16th at 8:00 p.m. nightly. The theme will be "Glow with Jesus." Classes will be available for all ages starting at 3 years old.

Price Cathedral AME Zion Church will hold a "Morning of Celebration" on June 11th at 11:00 a.m. There will be a three in one celebration, Rededication of the Church building, Church Anniversary, and Family and Friends Day! The guest preacher is The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Monroe, Presiding Prelate of the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District (ENCED).

The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church, located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community will celebrate their Annual Children's Day Celebration on Sunday, June 11th beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Youth Minister James Murphy as our guest speaker. The children will be singing and they are in charge of the entire morning service. Dinner immediately following our morning worship service. Then at 3:30 p.m., their 50 States Rally in conjunction with our Annual Clubs Boards & Auxiliary Day! Rev. Thomas Williams is to deliver the afternoon message, the Pastor of St. Paul AME Zion Church Freeman, N.C. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation. For more information, you may call our Children's Day Chair Christian Education Direction Sis. Dentrail Boykin at 910-200-4953 and for our 50 States Rally & Clubs Boards & Auxiliaries Day call our Chair Sis. Dorene Crumpler at 910-264-1956.

The Men's Choir of Mt. Olive AME Church, 1001 S. 7th St., will hold its Sing-a-Long musical program on Saturday, June 17 at 4:00 p.m. The program will feature choirs, solo artists and duet selections. Refreshments will be served. Also, Men's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 18 during Sunday morning service. For more information, please call Mr. George Hill at 910-231-3496.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church in Leland will be holding its Ordination Service on Sunday, June 18 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Jimmy Thompson and the Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church family will be the special guests to render services. For more information, call 910-655-3007.

Columbus County

Community Prayer House in Bolton will hold Men's Day Service on June 11 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 910-409-6405.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Senior Citizen's Fellowship holds its birthday celebration

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Mrs. Eloise Purdie called the meeting to order. Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. Our meeting today was our Birthday Celebration and the closing for our summer

vacation. We met at an Asian restaurant. Birthday cards were given out as well as a Thank You card from Mrs. Deborah Ringwood, who had been out with an illness. We had announcements; Mrs. Wilamina Rogers is at Autumn Care and Mrs. Doris McNeil was in the hospital. Mrs. Inez

Sansbury was able to join us today after being out with an illness.

We received some wonderful gifts, thanks to Mrs. Mildred Ellerby, Mrs. Wilimina Love and Mrs. Mary Green. We all listened for our name. Mrs. Cherry Pearson reminded of us of our trip to D.C. in

September. We had a wonderful meal with great fellowship. We had mixed emotions about not meeting during the summer, but we will all look forward to September. There were 45 present for the meeting.

So long until September. Have a great summer. We love you all.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Robbing the poor and feeding the rich

My Fellow Seniors,

A few days ago, my water was turned off without notice. The bill was usually paid by automatic withdrawal, but that account has closed due to the recent death of my husband. So a worker came by and put a note on the door, then turned the water off without saying a



Ruth Johnson

word. This was early in the day, and I was about to fix breakfast when I saw that we had no water.

I tried to call the company, but was not able to get through. Luckily, I was able to reach my grandson. He brought over two gallons of water, and then went downtown and paid the bill. But this should not have happened! I am an 82 year-old widow, taking care of a son with severe brain damage. If my grandson had not come by, we would not have had water all day and that means no food and no

medication. Why couldn't the worker let me get on the phone and explain my situation? Maybe they would have told him to leave it on for a few hours. But he just hung the note on the door, quietly turned off the water, and walked away.

Do they realize what problems this could cause? Don't they care? My grandson says they're not going to give advance notice, because when they turn the water off and then come back, they make more money. Am I the last one to hear about this? Why can't

they bring the disconnect notice a day early? Chances are they would not have to make that second trip because the person would get the bill paid.

So let's tell the water company this is not right. They are robbing the poor and feeding the rich. So who is the freeloader? Ask that question at your gathering place, and then take your concerns downtown, or talk to your local elected officials.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

The power of a praying church

Power: Capacity and ability to perform effectively
Church: Body of Baptised Believers

We all need to remember that the church of Jesus Christ was birthed out of prayer! When the disciples gathered together in the upper room, as Jesus had commanded, they waited for the Promise of the Father.

Jesus told the church they would receive power after that the Holy Ghost had come upon them. This power would give them the capacity to be effective witnesses for the Lord. They continued there with one accord in prayer and supplication.

A praying church has Unity! They bonded together, they banded together, and they had favor, joy, and power! "And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1 "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1 The church today needs unity like never before! When we tear down the walls that separate us and seek for the common good that is found in The Name of Jesus, we will have unity and more power to effect lasting and eternal impact upon our community, nation, and world!

It is interesting to note that before making important and lasting decisions, or before

they made critical appointments of officers in the early church, they prayed. They depended on the Lord to lead and guide them, so they prayed in advance and acknowledged the Lord before they made important decisions. They wanted to do what was right in the sight of the Lord. So, they prayed. The church of today, must continue to embrace and uphold this Godly reverence and respect for prayer, if we are to continue to operate in power. This kingdom principle will keep us in the spiritual place where the Lord has called us in these last and evil days. Lack of prayer will precipitate calamity, and in the end, everyone will know if we made a good decision or a God decision.

In the early church, prayer kept the church on her feet. When the wrong spirit came into the congregation, it was exposed and cast out through prayer. Signs and wonders took place in the church, and the fear of the Lord came upon every soul. When the wrong spirit comes into a praying church, they have the power to discern, expose, and cast it out before it destroys the congregation and aborts the mission of the ministry. The devil is still trying to infiltrate the Church and take us while we are unaware of him, but we are not ignorant of the devil's devices. Prayer opens the eyes of the Believers to receive revelations from the Lord to show us what is going on, and what is coming before it gets here. A praying church understand the importance of watching and praying!

A praying church has saving power! In the early church, the Word of God was preached with so much power that 3,000 souls were

added to the kingdom! Still today, the church of Jesus Christ preaches with power, because a praying church has the ability to effectively bring about change in the lives of the hearers and doers of the Word. Effective preaching comes from a consecrated prayer life, and enables the hearers to be convicted of their sins and desire to be saved. "For the preaching of the cross is to them who perish foolishness; but unto us who are Saved, it is the power of God. I Cor. 1:18

A praying church has healing power! When Peter and John went to the temple at the hour of prayer, a lame man met them there, who begged for money. "Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength." Acts 3:6-7 Jesus said that healing is the children's bread, and a praying church has many testimonies of healing within the congregation.

A praying church has deliverance power! "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Acts 12:5 "And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord has sent his Angel, and has delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from expectation of the people of the Jews." Acts 12:11 A praying church recognizes the need to pray for its leadership and to intercede on his behalf. The enemy knows if you smite the shepherd, the sheep will scatter. So a praying church constantly prays for the leaders and for them in authority. God gives the church Pastors, Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which

shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." That is why so many of them are under attack. The enemy attacks the pastors in the area of family, finances, marriages, physically, mentally, spiritually, in efforts to wear him down and cause him to forsake the flock. Thank God for praying pastors, and for praying churches. Thank God for Jesus! The devil knows who has the authority and goes after that one with a vengeance. But God has given us a weapon that can withstand the onslaught of the enemy. The power of a praying church is so awesome, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it! Are you a member of a praying church? If not, you should seek God, and ask him to lead you until you find one. Glory to God!

Prayer: Father, I want to be a member of a praying church. I want to be a member of The Body of Christ that believes to the saving of souls, divine healing, and signs and wonders. Make me a blessing in my church by giving me a praying spirit. In Jesus's Name. Amen. Tell Somebody!

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

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Barbara Pack (17-E-936)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **September 5, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 1st day of June, 2017

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

June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M., OR THEREAFTER, IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 24 NORTH THIRD STREET, ROOM 301, WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA. A COPY OF THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, ALL BRANCHES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ON THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY WEBSITE: www.nhc.gov.com/Budget.

Kymerleigh G. Crowell
Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners

June 8, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on the **20th** day of **June, 2017**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 N. Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at **210 Jordan Lane, Unit C; 210 Jordan Lane Unit 9; 210 Jordan Lane 10** and directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street, 2nd floor during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7873.

Amy Beatty
Community Services Director

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June 8, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Ruby Mae Watkins**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of August, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of May, 2017

Melvin Lee Watkins, Jr., Executor
8955 Black Chestnut Drive
Leland, NC 28451
The Atlantic Coast Law Firm
313 Walnut Street, Suite 109
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May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the estate **William H. Ballard**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of August, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of May, 2017

Deborah Buchanan, Ancillary Executor
6232 Allison Drive
Hiwassee, VA 24347

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Gertrude Moore (17-E-886)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 25, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of May, 2017

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

May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mary Peacock Andrews**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of September, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of June, 2017.

Richard C. Andrews, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Mary Peacock Andrews
2322 Parham Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Marjorie Davis Lyon**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of September, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of June, 2017

William H. Lyon, Executor
1208 Jeanette Moore Blvd. Apt. 2
Wilmington, NC 28411

June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Leon Vandoros**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **August 20, 2017** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 18th day of May, 2017.

George Vandoros, Executor
of the Estate of Leon Vandoros
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM
720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Naomi Ruth Whitley Martin**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **25th day of August, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of May, 2017

Suzanne Martin Bircher,
Administrator
1393 Phillips Rd.
Dunn, NC 28334

May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In the Matter of the Estate of Catherine Lewis Grohman, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Catherine Lewis Grohman**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **September 4, 2017**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 1st day of June, 2017.

Emily Hammonds,
Executor of the Estate
of Catherine Lewis Grohman
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In the Matter of the Estate of Katherine L. Johnson, Deceased File No. 17 E 0914

The undersigned, having qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of **Katherine L. Johnson**, deceased does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Robin L. Bennett, aka Robin L. Bennette, Personal Representative, at the address set out to below no later than ninety (90) days from the first publication date of this Notice. This notice may be pleaded as bar of any payment or recovery of same which is not given prior to the **18th day of January, 2016**. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at either addresses set out below.

This the 1st day of June, 2017

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson,
P.C.
2803 Market Street
PO Box 696
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

Bid Request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contracts DA00351 in Tyrrell & Washington Co.'s bidding on 6/21/17. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 6/12/17 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdotgov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

June 8, 2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 16 JT 80

IN THE MATTER OF:
C.A.N. (dob: July 6, 2015)

TO: APRIL NOLAND, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; JOHN BROWNING, IV PUTATIVE FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **May 25, 2017**, 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.

Attorney Christopher Oring has been appointed to represent April Noland and he can be contacted at (910) 763-9925 or at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. colawyer@hotmail.com.

Attorney Yuliya Loshinsky has been appointed to represent John Browning, IV, and she can be reached at 910-939-1125 or at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 YloLawNC@gmail.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, July 17, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M.**, or as soon thereafter as it can be heard, at the Division of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of May, 2017

Dean W. Hollandsworth
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

May 25, June 1, 8, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 24 NORTH THIRD STREET, ROOM 301, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS.

THE PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS ARE TO INCREASE THE POPULATION, TAXABLE PROPERTY, AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES, EMPLOYMENT, INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT OR BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR NEW HANOVER COUNTY. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERING APPROPRIATING THE FOLLOWING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/INCENTIVE EXPENDITURES AS PART OF THE FY17-18 BUDGET:

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce (Cape Fear Future Foundation), \$75,000, 2 payments, fund a regional marketing plan that articulates the many assets the Wilmington region has for a business to expand or relocate; Foreign Trade Promotion Council, \$2,500, 1 payment, support job creation and sustainable growth through expanding global trade by North Carolina companies; The Southeastern Partnership, Inc., \$20,000, 2 payments, to provide regional and targeted industry specific marketing and conduct familiarization events; Wilmington Business Development, \$196,813, 4 payments, recruitment/assistance for business expansion and/or relocation efforts; Wilmington Downtown, Inc., \$25,000, 1 payment, activities to increase the number of businesses, jobs and tax base in Wilmington's Urban Core; Wilmington Film Commission, \$123,756, 4 payments, promote/assist TV & film production activities to drive local entertainment business growth, support local production infrastructure & businesses; Cape Fear Council of Governments, \$36,648, 2 payments, membership fee(s), local government services & transportation planning, workforce investment; Southeastern Economic Development Commission, \$18,240, 1 payment, assist with project development necessary for the solicitation of grant funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA); and

Wilmington International Airport, up to \$100,000, 1 payment, for Small Community Air Service Development Grant match, a grant program designed to help small communities address air service and airfare issues; Wilmington Business Development, \$40,000, 1 payment, to provide project management for and procure a market demand study and site analysis for county-owned land located on Blue Clay Road; Benchmark CMR, Inc., \$44,725, 1 payment, development of Request for Proposal (RFP) and assistance with selection and evaluation of offers related to development/redevelopment of Project Grace, a County-owned block in downtown Wilmington between Second Street and Third Street and Grace Street and Chestnut Street. In addition, the County will select a qualified engineering firm, up to \$5,000, 1 payment, to conduct a Phase 1 environmental assessment/study of the Project Grace site. The source of funding for these appropriations and expenditures will be from the General Fund of the County.


The following are incentive payments that were previously board approved as outlined in incentive agreement contracts to be paid upon the company meeting specified investment/job requirements: Castle Branch, up to \$50,000, 1 payment; Fortron, up to \$100,000, 1 payment; General Electric, up to \$175,000, 1 payment; Live Oak Bank, up to \$65,000, 1 payment; PPD, up to \$300,000, 1 payment. The source of funding for these incentive payment appropriations and expenditures will be from the General Fund of the county.

Finally, the following appropriations/expenditures are related to infrastructure and/or capital investments: CFPUA, \$525,000, 1 payment, the first of three annual contributions to provide fire flow to the water system being constructed along Highway 421. An additional payment to CFPUA, up to \$60,000, 1 payment, to provide a preliminary engineering report (PER) regarding providing water service along Castle Hayne Road.

THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE AGREEMENTS AT THE ABOVE STATED TIME AND PLACE.

Kymerleigh G. Crowell, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

June 8, 2017



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