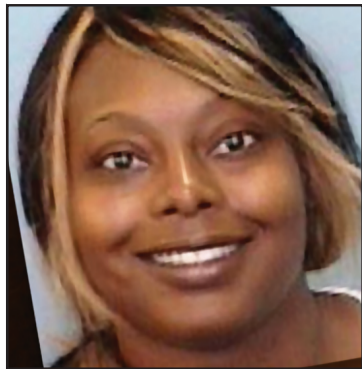


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MAPS UNJUST

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I hear the court system says that the redistricting system used by the State of North Carolina in last year's elections was wrong and unjust and mandated that a new districting system be brought forth by the end of this year but that there would be no special elections. I ask the question: Are these actions taken against our voters' rights? Is it right not to

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NCNAACP'S BARBER SAYS MAP RULING: "A MAJOR VICTORY"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The outgoing President of the NCNAACP calls the Republican-led legislature's being forced to redraw its unconstitutional legislative voting maps by Sept. 1, 2017, "a major victory."

"Forcing the legislature to redraw lines with mandatory court overview is a major victory," Bishop William Barber said in a statement after a three-judge US District court panel ruled

Monday that the NC General Assembly had to redraw 28 of 170 legislative districts from the 2011 redistricting map because of racial gerrymandering.

"[This is] more reason why the General Assembly should not pass anymore legislation because they are an unconstitutionally constituted racially created legislature that fundamentally violates our democratic principles."

Indeed, the plaintiffs in Covington v. North Carolina were certainly hoping that Judge James Wynn and

Judge Catherine Eagles (both Obama appointees) and Thomas Schroeder (a George W. Bush appointee), who heard arguments last week in Greensboro, would rule, not only that the districts must be redrawn immediately, especially since State lawmakers are back in special session starting today, but that special elections would be held on March 6, 2018.

The judicial panel, however,

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BISHOP WILLIAM BARBER



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PORT CITY TRACK MEMBERS AND COACHES THAT ADVANCED TO NATIONALS

Port City Track Club brings back two National Championships and five All Americans



MEN'S 17-18 4X100 RELAY TEAM AND COACHES

The Port City Track just completed 7 days of National Junior Olympics out in Lawrence, Kansas. "The kids continued to excel and represent themselves, Port City Track Club, the city of Wilmington and the State of North Carolina on a national level," said Coach Roderick Bell.

Micah Hairston finished 17th in the nation in the 17-18 men's 400m hurdles.

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XAVIER TERRELL TWO TIME ALL AMERICAN

the nation in the 80m hurdles
Ma'laya Ross finished 23rd in the nation in the 8 and under girls in the 400m dash
Casper Powe finished 42nd in the nation for the

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BOB HALL

A NEW VOTER SUPPRESSION BILL IS COMING!

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With the Republican-led legislature reconvening today for the first of two special sessions, there are concerns that part of the agenda beyond overriding Gov. Cooper's vetoes, redrawing legislative voting maps, and tinkering with judicial districts, will be to pass another law designed to restrict voter access to the polls.

"A new voter suppression bill is coming soon," warned Bob Hall, Executive Director of Democracy North Carolina, a nonpartisan public policy advocacy group, in a mass e-mail to supporters last week

"They've also been threatening for months to revive provisions of the 2013 Monster Voting Law, including a new photo ID bill that will target certain North Carolinians, harm eligible voters, and trigger more costly litigation."

Though GOP legislative leaders haven't laid out exactly what they'll be introducing, they've been sending strong signals ever since the US Supreme Court last May refused to take up the unconsti-

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Black police executives reject Trump encouragement to rough up suspects

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The Nation's premier association of Black police executives - convening in Atlanta this week - has responded to rogue statements made by President Donald Trump encouraging police officers to "please, don't be too nice" to suspects being arrested for

violent crimes. Speaking to law enforcement officials in Ronkonkoma, N. Y. about the brutal MS-13 gang, Trump said, "And when you see these towns and when you see these thugs being thrown into the back of a paddy wagon -- you just see them thrown in, rough - I said, please don't be too nice. Like when you guys

put somebody in the car and you're protecting their head, you know, the way you put their hand over? Like, don't hit their head and they've just killed somebody - don't hit their head. I said, you can take

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Assistant Police Chief Perry Tarrant, surrounded by members of NOBLE.



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include minorities justly in the voting process? The court has ruled that it was an open attempt to take away the voting rights of African American citizens. God is going to make these people pay, but who checks them as they live from day to day, engaging in the same racist activities.

Isaiah 10:1-2 says that a person guilty of this type of act will pay: "Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of My people..."

Bernest L. Hewett is immediate Past President of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.



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boys' 15-16 age group in the shot put.
 Connor Powe finished 16th in the nation in the boys' 13-14 triple jump.
 The boys' 4x100 meter relay 15-16 age group (Marquis Anthony, Jayden Johnson, Kisaiah Ferguson, Zaccheus Henry) finished 28th in the

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tutionality of the 2013 voter ID law, thus leaving a 2016 US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the measure targeted African-American voters for suppression with "almost surgical precision" in place.
 "We can only wonder if the intent is to reopen the door for voter fraud...said Senate Pro tem Pres. Phil Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore in an issued reaction.
 When the US High Court affirmed the lower court ruling in May, Berger and Moore

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er, decided against ordering a special election, saying that it was too late for it to be conducted prior to the regularly scheduled 2018 midterm election in November of next year.
 That's exactly what Republican legislative leaders wanted and what most political analysts expected, even though plaintiffs made a strong argument for a special election to happen.
 The GOP also wanted to wait until Nov. 15 to produce new redistricting maps, saying that they needed the extra time for holding public hearings, but the three judge panel clearly was buying that argument during last week's hearing.
 "We agree with plaintiffs that the General Assembly already has had ample time to enact a remedial redistricting plan," stated Judges Eagles, Wynn and Schroeder in their unanimous ruling Monday. "We also agree that constitutionally adequate districts should be enacted as quickly as possible to protect the rights of North Carolina citizens and to minimize any chilling effect on political participation attributable to the continued absence of a districting plan in the face of

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the hand away, okay?"
 Many of the officers laughed and even applauded the comments. The White House has since attempted to downplay the statements claiming the President was only joking. But, his words caused chills for those recalling the string of police brutality cases across the nation that resulted in the deaths of Black people.
 Those cases include that of Baltimore's Freddie Gray who died after a police paddy wagon ride that somehow led to a broken neck two years ago. The Freddie Gray case resulted in an uprising that included fires, millions of dollars in property damage and hundreds of arrests.
 In a statement issued to the Trice Edney News Wire, Perry Tarrant, president of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), reasserted principles to which all police officers must adhere when making an arrest - regardless of the charge.
 "As NOBLE convenes its 41st Annual Training Conference in Atlanta, it

nation.
 The girls' 9/10 age group 4X400 team (Jasmine Richardson, Kateria Peters, Kaleah Peters, Kalaia Peters) finished 23rd in the nation.
 Deshawn Ballard was the national champion in the men's 200m dash for the 17-18 age group and finished 8th in the nation for the men's 100m dash.
 Xavier Terrell finished 2nd in the nation in the 11-12 year old boys in the 200M Dash,

"...said North Carolina residents can bet that GOP legislators will keep fighting, reported the Associated Press then. "The leaders of the Republican-dominated General Assembly want to implement what they call a "commonsense requirement" to show a photo ID when voting."
 Even former Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, apparently still smarting from losing a close re-election bid to Democrat Roy Cooper, pushed for a new voter ID law in June while speaking at the NC Republican Convention.
 "I know for a fact that we had a lot of noncitizens that

a finding of unconstitutional racial gerrymandering."
 Republican legislative leaders have one week after enacting the new maps to submit them to the court to review, along with any supporting documentation. Plaintiffs then have until Sept. 15 to file any challenges and objections to the remedied maps and to submit their own redistricting plans.
 State lawmakers say that, even though 28 legislative districts have been ruled unconstitutional per the 2011 redistricting map, all 170 House and Senate districts may have to be redrawn in order to make sure that all of them are in compliance because of needed boundary adjustments.
 Allison Riggs, Senior Attorney, Southern Coalition for Social Justice, which represented plaintiffs in the case, said in a statement Monday. "The court's decision affirms the urgency with which we must address this wrong committed against North Carolina voters"
 "Despite operating as an unconstitutional body, the General Assembly tried to delay redrawing maps until Nov. 15. This prompt redrawing will allow North Carolinians to at least rest assured, knowing which districts in which they will be living come the November

2018 elections and that the federal court will be reviewing the remedial plans closely to ensure they're legal."
 One thing was evident, however, during the three hour federal court hearing last week, and that is that Judges Wynn and Eagles made it clear they suspected GOP lawmakers were deliberately dragging their feet to remedy the matter in order to put potential Democratic challengers at a disadvantage prior to the 2018 elections.
 "What concerns me is the seriousness at how this is being taken by the General Assembly," Judge Wynn said. "This is serious."
 "We want to feel that you're moving on this," Wynn added, suggesting to Phillip Strach, attorney for the State, the defendants, that the court could appoint a special master to oversee redrawing the districts if Republican lawmakers dragged their feet further.
 "You don't seem serious," Judge Eagles bluntly said to Attorney Strach, who countered that, just the day, before GOP legislative leaders appointed a new redistricting committee in hopes of having new maps drawn by November.
 Strach added that hearings across the State had to be held, and that's why redrawing the districts could-

reminds the nation of one of the bedrock's of our democracy, equal protection under the law. All law enforcement officers play a critical role in determining the appropriate levels of use of force as they police communities across this nation," Tarrant said. "As NOBLE continues its efforts to build one community (law enforcement is part of the community), we must always be vigilant in ensuring that the human rights of those in custody and/or suspected of crimes are protected."
 Trump's statement was made during a season in which the clearly unwarranted killings of Black people by police have wreaked havoc across the nation. Mike Brown of Ferguson, Mo., Philando Castile of Falcon Heights, Minn., Eric Garner

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and he also finished 3rd in the nation in the boys' 11-12 100 meter dash.
 The boys' 4x100 meter relay 17-18 age group (Shaquan Graham, Deshawn Ballard, JC Smith, Camron Coley-Barnhill) were ranked #1 in the nation and are now national champions.
 "This year, coming into the season, our men's 4x100 meter relay team had a point to prove after the last nation-

al championship letdown. So the theme for this season was "Unfinished Business." They wanted to win the State, the Region, and a National Championship, and they did all three," said Bell.
 The following Port City Track members medaled and are All American athletes.
 - Shaquan Graham (4X100 meter relay)
 -Cameron Coley-Barnhill (4X100 meter relay)

mary. That equates to worse. It is called double bunking." Rep. Terry concluded, "Next week is for show as much as anything."
 "We fully expect this legislature that [Bishop] Barber called "unconstitutionally constituted" to continue to do all they can to maintain power, said Forsyth County NAACP Pres. Rev. Alvin Carlisle. "This extremist legislature fully understands that fair elections will mean an end to their tyrannical reign. We must continue to utilize the judicial process to secure fair voting maps for North Carolinians. The continued effort of the powerful

n't happen in just two weeks.
 However, a very skeptical Judge Eagles wasn't buying it, snapping back, "...You've created this problem by not doing anything over the last year," she said. "That's the legislature's fault."
 That three judge federal panel ruled in August 2016 that the 2011 maps were unconstitutional because Republicans deliberately "stacked-and-packed," or racially gerrymandered Black Democratic voters in 28 counties in order to lessen their election influence.
 Republican legislative leaders later appealed that ruling to the US Supreme Court, only to have the High Court affirm the ruling in June but question whether holding special elections was appropriate, thus sending the case back to the lower court.
 In their late ruling Monday evening the three judge panel also ordered that a one-year North Carolina residency requirement be waived for citizens to run in the Nov. 2018 mid-term legislative elections.
 NCGOP Executive Director, Dallas Woodhouse was not pleased with that part of the ruling, later tweeting, "Greatly concerned that three judge panel is nullifying the constitutional residency requirements for General Assembly."

-J. C. Smith - Two - times All American (long jump and 4X100 meter relay)
 -Deshawn Ballard -Three times All American (100, 200, and 4X100)
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 The Port City Track Club thanks all those who helped them get to the National Championship. Without your support, it would not have been possible.

to silence the voice of the masses continues to paint NC in a negative light."
 Rep. Cecil Brockman (D - Guilford) agrees.
 "As of now I have not seen any legislation regarding voter ID for the upcoming session. However, this discriminatory practice-aimed to keep Black citizens from voting-has already been struck down once in our courts," Rep. Brockman said. "It would be insulting and unnecessary for this to be brought up again. Lawmakers should oppose any new voter ID bill and focus on ensuring free and fair elections."

However, Rep. Craig Meyer (D-Durham, Orange), Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus had no problem with it and tweeted that not having a special election was fine because it gave prospective Democratic candidates more time to prepare and fundraise for the 2018 elections.
 He also sent out a fundraising letter Monday evening saying in part, "When Republicans unconstitutionally gerrymandered legislative maps in 2011, they gave themselves an unprecedented advantage in every election since, and you've seen the damage they have done with their majority. New maps will wipe that advantage away and help us break the majority."
 NCNAACP president, Bishop Barber, further blasted the GOP, saying that power, for them, is the name of the game.
 "The sad truth ...that must be tied is that Republican legislative leaders used racist tactics to get power and then used that power to deny healthcare, living wages, rights for the LGBTQ community, etc., which meant the people hurt the most in raw numbers were the poor and working poor Whites."
 The House Redistricting Committee is scheduled to meet again on Friday.

ability of law enforcement officers to enforce the law, protect the public, and guard their own safety, the safety of innocent bystanders, and even those suspected or apprehended for criminal activity is very challenging. For these reasons, law enforcement agencies develop policies and procedures, as well as conduct extensive training, to ensure that any use of force is carefully applied and objectively reasonable considering the situation confronted by the officers.
 The IACP concluded, "Law enforcement officers are trained to treat all individuals, whether they are a complainant, suspect, or defendant, with dignity and respect. This is the bedrock principle behind the concepts of procedural justice

For 41 years, NOBLE has described itself as "the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action." The organization represents "3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners."
 In addition to NOBLE, a string of police bureaus and organizations across the nation publicly distanced themselves from the statements by Trump.
 The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) also issued a statement saying, "Managing use of force is one of the most difficult challenges faced by law enforcement agencies. The

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TWO GOP CONGRESSMEN REFUSE TO BACK POST OFFICE RENAMING BECAUSE OF JESSE HELMS

[DURHAM]



Two North Carolina Republican congressmen are reportedly refusing to join First District G. K. Butterfield, a Democrat, in cosponsoring his bill to rename the US Post Office and federal building in downtown Durham after John Hervey Wheeler, one-time president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, because he previously refused to back their bill to name another federal building in the state after controversial North Carolina US Senator Jesse Helms.

Butterfield says congressmen George Holding and Robert Pittinger are the only two from the North Carolina congressional delegation who have refused to cosponsor his Wheeler bill. When asked why he would not back the Helms naming bill, Butterfield

replied, "Senator Jesse Helms was repugnant. He demonstrated racist behavior and imposed on North Carolina an image that we have yet to recover from."

A spokesperson for Rep. Holding said the federal building to be named after Helms is in his district, and naming it should be "his choice."

John Wheeler was not only head of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, but also a personal mentor to a young G. K. Butterfield during the mid-1960s.

Rep. Butterfield's bill is currently in the US House committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. If it is voted out of committee, it goes to the House floor, and if passed there, on to the US Senate for ratification.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SUED BY CLEAN AIR CAROLINA

[RALEIGH,] (North Carolina Newswire Service)

The Federal Highway Administration now faces a lawsuit for its abrupt suspension of the clean-air standard earlier this

year.

Clean Air Carolina - along with the Natural Resources Defense Council and U-S PIRG are represented in the case filed Monday by the Southern Environmental Law Center. The standard was put in place by the Obama administration and intended to reduce major highway transportation greenhouse-gas emissions.

Kym Hunter, a staff attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center explains. "What the Trump administration did illegally and without following the proper procedures was to pull back that regulation, without any notice and comment, just basically "x" it off the books, and so that's what we're challenging in court," she explains.

The standard was expected to incentivize communities to look toward cleaner transportation options, such as public transportation, carpooling and additional areas for walking and biking.

The suit was filed in federal court for the Southern District of New York and asks the court to invalidate the suspen-

sion, forcing the standard to go into immediate effect. Trump has said publicly that standards like this are costly for automakers and the American people.

June Blotnick, executive director of Clean Air Carolina, says North Carolina is specifically impacted by highway pollution because of the number of interstates that intersect the state.

"It's a slap in the face to all Americans because it's an air-quality issue, and beyond air quality it's a climate-change issue," she says. "It's really counter-productive to remove federal standards that protect the health of all Americans."

Transportation is the largest single source of carbon pollution - making up 36 percent of the country's emissions - which is more than any other country on earth except for China, India and Russia.

Hunter says removing regulations such as this benefits large corporations.

"Well, it certainly doesn't benefit the public," she adds. "What we'd like to see is the regulation reinstated as soon as possible so that these states

and cities can start collecting that vital data."

Almost 100,000 citizens nationwide, along with 24 state governments and more than 100 cities filed comments in favor of a greenhouse-gas standard.

LAWSUIT FILED IN OUTER BANKS POWER OUTAGE CASE

[OCRAKOKE] A class action lawsuit has been filed against the construction company that accidentally damaged the power lines leading to Ocrakoke and Hatteras islands last week, causing massive power outages, and forcing thousands of tourists to evacuate, businesses to close, and vacation plans cancelled. Two owners of vacation rentals are suing PCL Construction, saying that their properties have been "negatively impacted" as a result. Gov. Cooper has declared a state of emergency on the southern end of the Outer Banks. Repair crews say it could at least a week before the damage is fixed and power is restored. Gov. Cooper said the state will see if the rev-

enue lost to the businesses can be reimbursed.

UNC BOARD COMMITTEE VOTES TO BAN LITIGATION AT CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER

[CHAPEL HILL] Saying that the UNC Center for Civil Rights is "a school, not a law firm," a committee of the all-Republican UNC Board of Governors voted 5-1, with one abstention, to ban the center from litigating any further cases or provide legal advice. The center, started by the late civil rights attorney Julius Chambers, often represents the poor in cases involving government. The center is privately funded, but Republicans want the litigation service stopped, saying that the school should not act as a law firm. Supporters of the center say it provides an important service to the community, especially those in need of legal representation. The full board is scheduled to consider the issue at it's Sept. 8th meeting.

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NAACP applauds failure of 'Obamacare' repeal

Urges health care protection 'by any means necessary'

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Just out of its 108th annual convention in Baltimore, the NAACP hailed what it described as a "victory" after the U. S. Senate failed to pass a "skinny repeal" of the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) July 27. The organization then urged protection of health care "by any means necessary".

"Affordable healthcare is a civil right that must be protected by any means necessary - and last night, 51 Senators did exactly that. We applaud the leaders who stood strong in the face of this 'skinny repeal' and refused to effectively sign death warrants on 16 million Americans, if not more," said newly-elected Interim President/CEO Derrick Johnson in a statement. "Though we celebrate this victory today, we must remember that our health care system is still at risk of being hijacked and turned into a 'wealth care' system for the rich tomorrow. Many in Washington would still have the most vulnerable among us - namely children, the elderly, the disenfranchised - pushed to the margins of our society, unable to afford life-saving treatments, while padding the pockets of the one-percent."

In a dramatic moment, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), just back from surgery for brain cancer, rendered the deciding vote. He paused before giving a thumbs down simultaneously with an emphatic "No." He was joined by Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona, cast a decisive vote to defeat the proposal, joined by two other Republicans, Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska). The final vote was 49 to 51, including 48 Democrats also voting no, effectively killing the repeal bill.

The loss of the repeal bill represents a huge failure for Republicans who have for eight years, promised to repeal the law and eventually or immediately replace it with their own. At least 60 Congressional maneuvers have failed to end the ACA. Even the U. S. Supreme Court has upheld it.

Last week's vote also represents a major loss for the Trump Administration. The President had pressured - even threatened - Republicans to pass the bill. But, so far, no version of a proposed Republican legislation has successfully made it to Oval Office for signature.

Among other complaints, Republicans and other conservatives claim one of their key reasons they oppose the

ACA is that the bill interferes with the private relationship between doctors and patients - representing the "big government" intrusion that they philosophically loathe. Democrats admit the plan is not perfect. But the undercurrent is that the ACA was the hallmark victory of President Barack Obama's eight-year tenure. The fact that Obama signed the bill into law amidst great Republican opposition March 23, 2010 appears to be the dominant reason for the Republican push to repeal it rather than fix parts of the ACA that needs repairing.

The McCain vote came on the heels of an eloquent speech he made days earlier in which he appealed to his fellow Republicans to return to the days of old - making deals across party lines for the good of the nation.

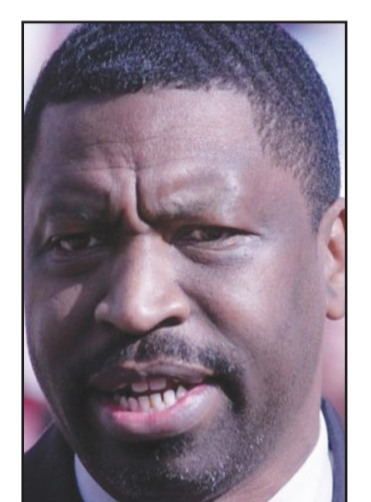
"We're getting nothing done," McCain said. "Our deliberations today - not just our debates, but the exercise of all our responsibilities - authorizing government policies, appropriating the funds to implement them, exercising our advice and consent role - are often lively and interesting. They can be sincere and principled. But they are more partisan, more tribal more of the time than any other time I remember. Our deliberations can still be

important and useful, but I think we'd all agree they haven't been overburdened by greatness lately. And right now they aren't producing much for the American people.

He continued, "Both sides have let this happen. Let's leave the history of who shot first to the historians. I suspect they'll find we all conspired in our decline - either by deliberate actions or neglect. We've all played some role in it. Certainly I have."

The so-called 'skinny repeal' would have "ended the ACA's individual and employer mandates. This would have provided states with greater flexibility to

allow insurance that is not ACA-compliant," Johnson pointed out in the statement, which was released the day after the failed vote. "We hope that last night's actions will serve as a reminder that we will not allow our nation to be transformed into a land where democracy remains a reality for the rich, but just theory for the poor, working class and communities of color. Here at the NAACP, we commit to continuing to educate, agitate, litigate and participate until every American can rest easy at night, knowing that they and their loved ones will be able to receive quality, affordable healthcare."



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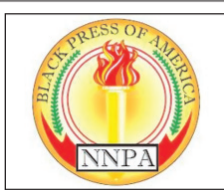
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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Black women will rise despite unequal treatment

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Lots of women's organizations commemorate Equal Pay Day, which this year was April 5. It meant that women, in general, would have had to work all of 2016, and until April 5, 2017, to earn the same amount of money that a man earned in 2016. Few will recognize July 31, 2017, which is the day by which African American women will have to work to earn the same money a man earned last year - seven extra months! A Latina woman will work until October, or nearly 10 extra months, to earn the same money a man earned.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

I wonder about our "women's coalitions" when majority women's organizations, like the National Organization for Women, are silent for Black Women's Equal Pay Day. Does it matter to them? Maybe not. It matters when they want to present a multiracial, multicultural "united front" at a Women's March, but less so at other times. The lesson, Black women, is a lesson some sisters raised in 1991, when Anita Hill testified in the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings. People had all kind of explanations for Hill's testimony, most of them woefully wrong and viewed through a lens, darkly. Led by feminists Elsa Barkley Brown, Deborah King and Barbara Ransby, more than 1500 women raised enough money to pay for an ad in the New York Times on November 17, 1991. The ad, titled "African American Women in Defense of Ourselves" (AAWIDO), reminded Black women that no one should speak for us, except us. No one can be relied on to defend us, except us. And no one can be depended on to celebrate us, but us. No one can lead advocacy for our equal pay, but us.

I'm not dismissing our allies - "woke" men of color, especially Black men, "woke" white women and other women of color. I'm just saying we can't count on everybody to be woke. Evidence - was there an equal amount of noise on Black Women's Equal Pay Day?

And in the Reign of Ignorance, there is likely to be even less noise, as the House Appropriations Committee has actually proposed defunding a program that collects salary data from employers. Without the data, we won't know the extent of pay discrimination. We know plenty now. We know that Black women earn 63 cents for every dollar paid to white men, compared to the 80 cents white women earn. We know that Black women in Louisiana earn the least compared to white men, about 48 cents on the dollar! In comparison, Black women in Missouri, Tennessee, Maryland and Pennsylvania earn 68 cents for every dollar a white man earns. Whatever we earn, it ain't equal.

What we don't know is how women fare inside some organizations. And you can't dismantle pay discrimination without having the details of it. Under President Obama, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission established requirements to provide pay transparency. Businesses with more than 100 employees were required to start releasing salary data in March 2018. Of course, those who want to sweep pay discrimination under the rug argued that it would cost too much to collect the data. And now, the Republican Congress says that no resources may be used to collect this very necessary data. It reminds me of the old folks who used to say, "you don't miss what you can't measure". But we can measure the pay inequity, and we can see it in the quality of women's lives. We might not be able to point a finger at one company or another (Republicans are also likely to make class action lawsuits more challenging), but we have enough aggregate data to know that there is pervasive gender discrimination in the workplace, and that Black women shoulder an extra burden because of the intersection between race and gender.

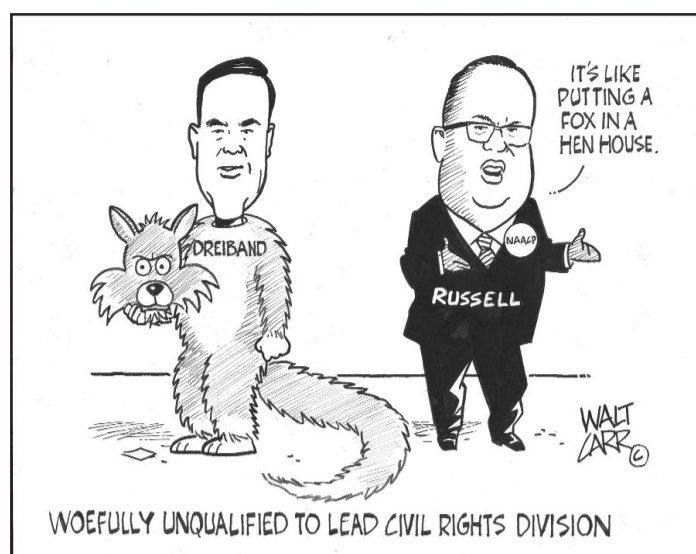
Not only do African American women earn less, but we also catch more shade because of our skin color, because of who we are and what we represent. Former First Lady Michelle Obama has spoken out, though very gently, about the racism she experienced while in office. At a recent gathering in Colorado, she spoke about the many "cuts" she experienced, and told the Denver Post that "The shards that cut me the deepest were the ones that intended to cut," referring to comments about her looks, and especially those that referred to her as "an ape". She said she was dismayed in "Knowing that after eight years of working really hard for this country, there are still people who won't see me for what I am because of my skin color."

When I read Michelle Obama's comment, I thought about Dr. Maya Angelou and her classic poem, Still I Rise. One stanza reads, "You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise."

Black women endure unequal pay, disrespectful treatment (consider the treatment of Senator Kamala Harris, or Congresswomen Maxine Waters), police beatings, and more. And yet we are still here. And yet, "when they go low, we go high". And yet, like air, we rise.

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Visual Voice



Your Voice

Rev. Jessie Lee Davis

The little white cinder block building on Highway 17 in Winnabow, NC is a village better known as Christian Chapel AME Zion Church.

Our village was built on three principals: Faith, Hope and Love. Our pastor lifted the written words from the Bible and brought them to life with well-prepared sermons as the choir and musicians sang uplifting songs

and the members worshiped together. No one ever leaves Christian Chapel hungry because of the abundance of spiritual food and the many mouthwatering homecooked family dinners we share together. Love, the greatest

of these was always present because our village leader, Pastor Rev. Jessie Lee Davis loved all of us and we all loved him.

Faye Bellamy Hankins and family

Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Trump's delusions on police brutality are dangerous

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump often seems more shock jock than president. He likes to shock, say or tweet outrageous things, prove that he's not just another politician. But now he is president; his words have impact, and his posturing can be dangerous.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Last week, he essentially endorsed police brutality before a gathering of police officers in Long Island: "When you see these thugs being thrown into the back of

a paddy wagon, you just see them thrown in, rough, and I said, 'Please don't be too nice.'"

His remarks received significant applause, but hours later the Suffolk County Police Department issued a statement making it clear that it "will not tolerate roughing up of prisoners."

The cries of Baltimore's Freddy Gray, of Amadou Diallo, Manuel Loggins Jr., Ronald Madison, Kendra James, Sean Bell, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Alton Sterling and many more could be heard from their graves. Each was a black man or woman who died at the hands of police.

Trump's words are not simply bluster; his Attorney General Jeff Sessions is

intent on turning them into policy. Sessions has scorned the Obama administration's efforts to review police misconduct and to forge consent agreements on reforms with police departments from Chicago to Baltimore. He spreads the myth that reform handicaps law enforcement. In a nation that locks up more of its people than any in the world, he's instructed U.S. attorneys to seek the harshest penalties available for those found guilty of violating the law.

Over the last decade, from Ferguson to Chicago to New York to Baltimore, our cities have witnessed major demonstrations and more in response to police brutality. Black Lives Matter demonstrations - remarkable nonvi-

olent, civil disobedience - put police reform on the national agenda.

We began to see a bipartisan consensus emerging around sentencing reform, closing down privately owned for-profit prisons and reforming police practices from body cameras to community policing.

This reform consensus was emerging because police brutality not only tramples individual rights; it also impedes community law enforcement. It breeds anger and cuts off community cooperation. Police become seen as occupiers, not allies. The poorest neighborhoods

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CASH IN THE APPLE

How far we've fallen

A few weeks ago we wrote about the controversy stirred up when Bishop William Barber (yes, he's been promoted), president of the NCAACP, criticized the right wing evangelicals who recently went to the White House, and laid hands on Pres. Trump, effectively praying for him to continue doing what he's doing.



Cash Michaels

Barber pretty much said that given the evil Trump has been directly responsible for since taking office (not to mention the evil he was knee deep in before he even ran for office), any minister of GOD worth his/her salt should be praying that Almighty GOD correct Trump's crooked, corrupted heart, NOT bless them. Given that during the election, Trump won the lion's share of the evangelical vote, followed now by equally strong support from evangelical Christians now that he's president, the question must be asked, "Why?"

Keep in mind that these folks have every right to support anyone they choose politically. But also note that we've seen the true colors of some of these right-wing preachers before - namely when President Barack Obama was in office.

And it wasn't pretty. Let's start with one of the biggest - Rev. Franklin Graham.

The son of the powerful, legendary evangelist Billy Graham (who admittedly kept his mouth shut during the civil rights movement), Franklin Graham

is as right-wing as you get. Again, that's his right. But that also tells us how he sees GOD - through his own warped sense of conservative "decency."

Thus, on the exploding issue of transgender American citizens serving in the US armed forces, something that Trump unceremoniously announced he would order it stopped, Rev. Graham said, "He's exactly right. And I'm proud that we have a president who sees and understands the truth."

That was a direct slap at former President Obama, who did order that all Americans, regardless of their sexual identification, be allowed to serve their country, as long as their personal preferences don't disrupt the operation of the military.

Seems sensible enough. But Franklin Graham had it in for Obama from the very beginning. Like when he said that Obama "may be secretly a Muslim" and only started attending Christian church to bolster his political career. Or when he bashed the president for issuing a decree that transgender students be allowed to use the bathroom of their choice in public schools without discrimination. Graham didn't like that at all.

And please don't forget when Graham told a conservative TV host, "...the policies that [Obama] has stood behind as president have been against Christ and against His teachings."

But at least Rev. Graham never called for the "death" of President Obama publicly (at least I can't find any evidence of it). But other right-wing pastors have.

Baptist Minister Wiley Drake (former second Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention) said on June 2, 2009 that "...unless

Obama repents, he is praying for God to kill him..." because of the president's stand on abortion.

Then in August 2009, Pastor Steven Anderson raised eyebrows when delivered a sermon titled, "Why I Hate Barack Obama" and asked his congregation to join him in praying for the president's death. "I hope that God strikes Barack Obama with brain cancer so he can die like Ted Kennedy, and I hope it happens today," Pastor Anderson told a local Fox-TV affiliate in Phoenix, Arizona.

For the record, Anderson's church drew a large number of protesters who didn't appreciate his ungodly request.

A few years ago, Daily Beast writer John Avlon authored a piece titled, "Praying for Obama's Death," where he wrote, in part, "...Praying for President Obama's death has become a sick cottage industry for some evangelicals on the lunatic fringe. Bumper stickers, T-shirts, and teddy bears are sold with the wholesome-sounding slogan "Pray for Obama" but tagged with the more troublesome "Psalm 109:8"-which reads "May his days be few; may another take his place of leadership" followed by "May his children be fatherless and his wife a widow."

"If you have an evil leader above you, you pray that Satan will stand by his side and you ask God to make his children fatherless," the article continued.

Now last I learned, Barack Obama was a principled man and faithful husband, with a loving wife, two daughters, a dog named "Bo," and a frequent churchgoer. Yes, as president, he believed in freedom of choice, same-sex marriage between two consenting adults. And for this, some right-

wing preachers literally prayed for Obama's death.

Meanwhile Donald Trump is a racist playboy who married three times, was accused of raping one of his wives, has been accused of sexually harassing multiple women, was cited by the federal government for denying apartments to African-Americans, lied about Barack Obama not being born in America, and has been a proven liar about just about everything else in his orbit.

And yet, because Trump is seen as rich and powerful, right-wing evangelicals will forgive him any sin, any crime, because they believe as long as he's in office, they can get whatever laws they want passed.

They're willing to put up with his crooked foolishness for their own unjustified ends.

No wonder they're praying for his success. Trump's success, is their success.

But not necessarily America's, and there's plenty of proof on the table to cinch that.

So, just because a preacher says he "knows" GOD, doesn't mean anything if they can't utter a word about tending to the poor, the sick and the weak. If the only "sins" these clowns can muster lather over are abortion and one's sexual orientation, and not the pure evil we see every day coming out of the White House, then that tells you everything you need to know about right-wing "fake" ministers.

Pray for them, for they know not what they do!

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in our urban areas are tinderboxes; too often, it is police brutality that sets them afire. The Obama administration's 13-month review of Chicago's police force was completed just before Trump was inaugurated. It praised the "diligent efforts and brave actions of countless" officers, and paid tribute to the tough task they have. Yet it found that "a break in trust" impeded the police force's ability to prevent crime: "trust and effectiveness in com-

bating violent crime are inextricably linked," it concluded, calling for broad, fundamental reform of police in Chicago. Trump and Sessions disagree. They think, as Trump put it, that the laws "totally protect the criminal, not the officers. ... (Officers are) in more jeopardy than (criminals) are. We're changing those laws." This displays an utter ignorance of the reality of police misconduct and its victims. It is also dangerous. It gives a green light to those who would trample basic rights and mocks those who follow the laws. It encourages departments to

turn a blind eye to their own practices. In Newark, a consent decree reform agreement led to a dramatic reduction in crime. Its monitor, Peter Harvey, said reform helps police do their jobs. "Remember, it's the community that helps you police," Harvey said. "Very few cities have enough cops to patrol a city 24-7 effectively, 12 months a year. You need the community to help you." And the community won't help if you "place community residents in chokeholds where they die, and then turn

around and say, 'Well, we want to be your friend.' Those are inconsistent messages." Frustrated in Washington, Mr. Trump likes to rouse his base in speeches like that in Long Island. But these words are trouble, and his policies are worse. Across America, police reform is long overdue. What Trump and Sessions make clear is that, as long as they are in office, it will have to come from the bottom up, in the face of dangerous delusions at the top. *Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is founder and president PUSH/Rainbow Coalition.*

Congressional maneuver seeks to deny consumers financial satisfaction

The song, "I can't get no satisfaction" may have been recorded decades ago first by Otis Redding and later by the Rolling Stones, but its message is still true today. Its lyrics, "I've tried, and tried" strike a resonant chord with anyone who ever felt they received less than they deserved.

When it comes to today's range of financial services and products, many consumers don't have satisfaction.

One of the reasons is that consumers are often denied the chance to join forces in court to hold bank and lenders accountable when they seem to have broken the law. Instead, financial contracts frequently contain forced arbitration clauses buried in the fine print. These anti-consumer clauses require that all disputes between consumers and the institution are dealt with in a secretive and often rigged arbitration system.

Among the financial products with high use of arbitration clauses are payday loans. An estimated 99 percent of storefront payday loans in California and Texas include arbitration. Here's how it works:

The financial institution hires the arbitration firm, pays its fee, and in turn, almost always rules in the company's favor 93 percent of the time and leading to repeat business-to-business dealings. And by the way - more often than not, there is no right to appeal.

On July 10, a long-awaited rule to remedy this dilemma, was announced by Richard Cordray, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). A forceful and vocal coalition of civil rights, organized labor, consumer advocates and others had pushed for the rule to further address economic ills suffered disproportionately by consumers of color.

Earlier CFPB research found that even with limits on class actions, consumers receive - after attorneys' fees - approximately \$440 million more per year in these lawsuits than with arbitration. Over the past few years, 34 million more consumers received relief from class action lawsuits.

"Including these clauses in contracts allows companies to sidestep the judicial system, avoid big refunds, and continue to pursue profitable practices that may violate the law and harm large numbers of consumers," said Cordray. "Our research showed that these little-known clauses are bad for consumers. They may not be aware that they have been deceived or discriminated against or even when their contractual rights have been violated."

Civil rights organizations were swift to speak up in support. "By leveling the playing field between corporations and individuals, this rule is an important step towards addressing the economic inequality that is so closely intertwined with racial injustice in the United States," said Todd Cox, policy director for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Last August, the organization submitted comments supporting the rule - along with 110,000 others.

"These forced arbitration clauses block consumers who have been wronged from joining class action lawsuits or otherwise appearing before an impartial court that can consider their injuries," said Vanita Gupta, President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

"By forcing consumers into secret arbitration, corporations have long enjoyed an advantage in the process, and victims have often been precluded from sharing their stories with the press or law enforcement, Gupta continued. "The CFPB rule is simple. It says that consumers have the right to join together to enforce protections guaranteed by the Constitution, or federal, state, or local law."

Unfortunately, not all reactions were supportive. On July 20, Sen. Mike Crapo, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and Rep. Jeb Hensarling, Chair of the House Committee on Financial Services announced a coordinated legislative attack to roll back CFPB's arbitration rule. Proceeding under the Congressional Review Act, Congress can fast track a veto of new federal regulation with limited debate and a simple majority vote in each chamber.

As of press time, Sen. Crapo's resolution was supported by over 20 Senate colleagues representing 21 states. For three of these states - Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi - both Senators support the measure. On the House side, Rep. Keith Rothfus sponsored its resolution with the support of 33 colleagues.

Only July 25, the House passed its resolution on a highly partisan vote of 231-190. Only one Member of Congress crossed the aisle to vote against his majority party - Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina. As of press time, the Senate had not yet taken the measure to a vote.

Since the 115th Congress began in January, Congress has used the Congressional Review

Act a total of 14 times. Each time it was used to overrule regulations by the Obama Administration. Prior to this year, only once in 2001, has Congress taken this approach.

For policy advocates, the attempt to undo the lengthy and thoughtful process CFPB used in developing its arbitration rule is a step backwards, instead of forward.

"These clauses block consumers' access to the courts and force consumers into an arbitration process rigged in favor of the company," noted Melissa Stegman, a Senior Policy Counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending. "This also makes it difficult for consumers to challenge widespread, systemic misconduct by companies since it is often too expensive to pursue small-dollar disputes one-by-one in arbitration. "The Wells Fargo scandal highlights the real harm of forced arbitration clauses, as customers who attempted to bring class action lawsuits against the bank over phony accounts were blocked from the court - keeping the growing problem out of the public eye."

Whether it's a payday loan, or a credit card or maybe even a mobile phone, no consumer who has been financially harmed should be denied the right to seek some satisfaction and financial justice.

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Americans?

Thank God there is some good news from the U.S. Senate that very early this morning voted to preserve Medicaid as we know it, at least for now, and to reject the so called Health Care Freedom Act of 2017 by a 51 to 49 vote. While we must be diligent and watch for proposed deep cuts and other attacks on Medicaid as Congress considers the 2018 Budget Resolution, tax reform and other reform initiatives, we all should give special thanks to those who worked so hard to make the case in their own states and communities to

protect Medicaid and other critical pieces of the Affordable Care Act. We know Medicaid works and on its birthday celebrate its more than 50 years of success. And we must continue to reject any actions and any leaders who threaten the health and futures of the tens of millions of our children and vulnerable adults.

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.

Vance

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Like most residents in the Washington DC television market, I was saddened at the recent passing of Jim Vance, evening co-anchor of the local NBC affiliate. This week, I join those who devote their thoughts and expressions in



Dr. E. Faye Williams

tribute and condolence for a man who worked his way from reading the evening news to becoming the region's iconic and consummate broadcast professional and "friend" of everyone who watched him with regularity.

While not diminishing the significance of his professional contributions or his personal character, the recurring exposure to Jim Vance caused many to look at him more as a constant presence than the trail-blazer he was in his profession.

Those of us who remember his 30+ years on DC TV will recall the challenges he fought through and the much-improved person he became as he emerged from them. Those who took the opportunity to observe how he faced his impending death admire his courage and his strength, but must admit that he faced his life with the same courage and strength.

Although Jim was addressing voter apathy among millennials when he spoke on air, these words reflect his world view and his sense of responsibility to his community and to himself. "There was a time, thirty or so years ago, when I was miserable. Most unhappy with myself, my life, my job. Hanging out with a friend one night, told him all about it, particularly my intention to quit my job. His question, who's gonna take your place? My answer, don't know, don't care. That's when he dropped something on me that's informed many decisions since that day. He said to me, 'You have to care, and you can't quit. Too many

people suffered mightily to put you in that seat, got their heads busted open, attacked by savage dogs, smashed into walls by fire hoses. Somebody else can up and quit whenever they want to, but you can't. Unless and until there's somebody who looks like you to sit in that chair. Cause you owe too much, to too many people.' Then he told me to get off my pity pot and get back to work..."

At the dedication of the new mural at Ben's Chili Bowl, I was invited to introduce my dear friend, Dick Gregory. Although I sat next to Jim, because of the advanced nature of the cancer that had afflicted him, I did not immediately recognize him. But with Jim Vance being who he was, it did not take long for me to recognize that same warmth and humanity that I had witnessed streaming from my television screen for all these years. He, too, was there because he was being honored with a place on Ben's Chili Bowl mural.

As I sat and listened to the final public words I would hear from Jim's own mouth, I was

singularly impressed that with death so close, he offered no anger or regret. Instead, he spoke with humility and gratitude. It was clear from his short speech that he was unapologetically thankful for the life he had been allowed to live and for the lessons that he had been able to model. His last words to those gathered were, "My blessings continue to flow and I thank each and every one of you. And may God bestow them upon you too."

As I reflect on what others declare that Jim Vance meant to them, I can only hope that when my epitaph is written I will share a portion of the accolades showered upon Jim. An important thought for all of us to embrace and aspire to is that our lives are truly measured by the good we do for others. Goodbye Jim and thanks for a life well-lived!

Dr. E. Faye Williams, President of the National Congress of Black Women. 202/678-6788. www.nationalcongressbw.org.

CHILDWATCH

Happy birthday Medicaid from the millions who love and need you

"It was a generation ago that Harry Truman said, and I quote him: 'Millions of our citizens do not now have a full measure of opportunity to achieve and to enjoy good health. Millions do not now



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have protection or security against the economic effects of sickness. And the time has now arrived for action to help them attain that opportunity and to help them get that protection.' ... The need for this action is plain; and it is so clear indeed that we marvel not simply at the passage of this bill, but what we marvel at is that it took so many years to pass it."

President Lyndon B. Johnson said this fifty-two years ago on July 30, 1965 as he signed the bipartisan legislation that established the federal Medicaid Program and thanked former President Harry S. Truman and the many members of Congress from both parties who had laid the groundwork and worked tirelessly over many years to make the Medicaid program and its protections reality. For more than a half century Medicaid has been a shining example of the good and essential support government can provide those most in need across all ages. Over the years we have been striving to live up to the promise of ensuring all children and young people a chance to reach healthy adulthood - laboriously and successfully expanding coverage to more children thousands by thousands, millions by millions, state by state.

Medicaid's critical protections. Medicaid offers health coverage to 80 million people. With the help of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Affordable Care Act 95 percent of all children today have health coverage. So all of us have millions of reasons to celebrate Medicaid's birthday. And on this day particularly, we can celebrate, at least for now, a rejection of the cruel, relentless and frantic effort to end Medicaid as we know it that threatens tens of millions of children and fami-

lies terrified by an uncertain future and the loss of life giving care.

Why are so many people across our country standing up to protect Medicaid? Because Medicaid is a lean, efficient and essential safety net program that allows millions to be healthy and productive members of society. Medicaid is the largest health insurer for our nation's children, providing affordable, comprehensive health coverage to almost 37 million low-income children. Forty-three percent of all Medicaid enrollees are children; Medicaid serves 40 percent of children with special health care needs. It also covers more than 40 percent of all births in the United States and serves millions of low-income pregnant women, children, adults with disabilities, and the elderly. Medicaid helps two of three seniors in nursing homes.

Medicaid is a foundational part of our nation's health insurance system for children and vulnerable adults.

"Today all states provide Medicaid coverage to children under 19 with family incomes under 138 percent of the federal poverty level (\$33,534 for a family of four in 2016). Some states cover children up to 21 or with higher incomes.

"Medicaid is a valuable source of preventive services helping children get the well-child visits and screenings they need to support healthy development and prevent expensive health complications later.

"Medicaid is a lifeline for children with disabilities and their families. For some families struggling to provide the time and financial resources needed to care for disabled children, Medicaid is often the only viable source of financing for their extensive and expensive health care. Medicaid also supplements private coverage to allow children access to specialized medical equipment and devices such as hearing aids and wheelchairs. It also allows children and adults with serious disabilities to be treated at home and in their own communities rather than being sent off to more costly institutional settings.

"Medicaid is especially important for children of color who are twice as likely as White children to be poor.

"The Affordable Care Act's expansion of Medicaid to 11

million low-income adults, including parents, enabled them to receive services and treatment. Evidence shows children are more likely to have health coverage when their parents are also covered.

"Without Medicaid's strong protections, coverage guarantee, and comprehensive, age-appropriate health and mental health coverage, many children would go uninsured or underinsured, increasing short and long term costs for states and local communities and jeopardizing children's academic performance and futures.

Medicaid guarantees coverage to millions of Medicaid-eligible children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

"Medicaid's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit guarantees children a full range of comprehensive primary and preventive care and access to all medically necessary health and mental health services.

"Medicaid guarantees health coverage to all eligible applicants without waiting lists or enrollment caps.

"Medicaid expands as needs grow and more who are eligible require assistance.

Medicaid is a smart investment.

"By investing in child wellbeing now, our nation and economy will recoup benefits later: Research comparing children eligible for Medicaid during childhood to their non-eligible peers found Medicaid eligible children were more likely to attend college, make greater contributions as adult taxpayers, and live longer than those without coverage.

"Medicaid is far more efficient and cost effective than private insurance for children with administrative costs about half those of private insurance coverage. Over the past decade, Medicaid costs per enrollee have grown more slowly than premiums for employer sponsored coverage or overall national health expenditures.

"Medicaid funding also offers critical support to hospitals and helps prevent increases in uncompensated care and declines in their operating margins which can force some of them to close, seriously impacting their local economies.

Changes to Medicaid's struc-

ture, including caps and cuts, would hurt other essential child-serving systems vulnerable children need including:

•Education. Since child health impacts educational attainment, any structural changes to Medicaid would compromise returns on other major investments in children's education from Early Head Start to college. Medicaid not only helps ensure our nation's most disadvantaged children are healthy and learning in school, but reimburses schools for services delivered to Medicaid-enrolled children. Schools currently receive about \$4 billion in Medicaid reimbursement each year. These dollars help support the work of health professionals and other specialized instructional support personnel, including school nurses, psychologists and speech-language pathologists. They also underwrite specialized equipment and assistive technology for disabled students and support vision and hearing screening for low income children.

•Child Welfare. Medicaid for children and parents helps address needs that can otherwise result in children coming to the attention of the child welfare system. It helps treat children in foster care most of whom have experienced trauma in their lives; provides continuing support for children who move from foster care to guardianship with relatives; assures children with special needs who are adopted from foster care permanent families; and continues specialized treatment for some children who transition from foster care without permanent families and face special challenges.

We have been asking a question for months: Will our President and Congressional leaders ultimately choose to preserve Medicaid as we know it and reject structural changes and cuts that undermine its critical protections, hard-earned coverage and resulting health gains for children and other vulnerable populations made over more than 50 years? Or will we see a generation of harsh callous Congressional and Presidential leadership that rejects Medicaid's promise and ends critical protections for tens of millions of

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Community Briefs

Precint W29 will hold their meeting on Tuesday, August 8th at 6.45 p.m. at Glory Coffee House, 15th and Dawson St. The keynote speaker is Deborah Butler.

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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In Loving Memory Of



Ms. Jacqueline Janie Mae Mack Robinson
Sunrise: February 3, 1939
Sunset: August 1, 2015

We come from a long line of strong women, women who have a tremendous amount of heart and courage who can handle pretty much anything life sends them, using the tools God gave them, love, faith and elbow grease, there are few people on this earth lucky enough to have the kind of strong beautiful example in their lives that we in you, you've taught us so much about life and to how live it just by being yourself we're proud you're our Mother and love you for all you were to us a loving, kind, unselfish giving Mother; our Mother was a Warrior; a strident soldier of the Lord it was her belief that cradled us which left us shepherd and adored who brought the strength in each of us for most women at the door; will cave filled with grand excuses to loft them on their way. Yet, missed in the light of the day. So mom here's to your the warrior who from us never strayed God's most strident soldier you still marching till the end of days.

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Mrs. Francine Pierce
Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson

Miss Elizabeth W. Robinson and a loving sister; Arlene McNeil

NCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT EASTWOOD ROAD (U.S. 74) AT MILITARY CUTOFF ROAD, NEW HANOVER COUNTY STIP Project No. U-5710

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed intersection improvements at Eastwood Road (U.S. 74) at Military Cutoff Road, in Wilmington, New Hanover County. The meeting will take place on Monday, August 21 at the New Hanover County Northeast Regional Library-Oleander Room, located at 1241 Military Cutoff Road from 4 to 7 p.m.

The public may attend at any time during the hours mentioned above. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit written comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by August 28, 2017. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

For additional information, contact Michael Bass, NCDOT Division Design Engineer by mail: 5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne NC, by phone: (910) 341-2000, or via email: mlbass@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tamara Makhoulouf, Human Environment Section via e-mail at tmakhoulouf@ncdot.gov or by phone (919) 707-6072 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

August 3, 10, 17, 2017

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Living in today's community

There are times, when we're alone, we might think about the old days. For example, one thing that comes to my mind is a particular old brick house located on HWY 17 S. The complex was once Hankins property. This style of brick house was built in the early 50's for Black people. At this time, there were many storms in this part of North Carolina.



Verniece Stanley

Small wooden houses were in great danger of being destroyed by storms.

Another thing that comes readily to mind we look back at the old days. That is the old

tobacco barns. Some of them look almost like residential houses. They are easily identifiable, and we often spot them as we travel Old HWY 17 S. Tornadoes, hurricanes, or other wind storms did not so readily blow them down. These old barns most often were used to dry the green tobacco leaves with heat.

This process was necessary in order to get tobacco ready for the market. In those days, selling tobacco at the markets was good income for farm families and helped them to survive during the cold winter months. The tobacco barn would be near the tobacco field and, therefore conveniently located for the family. Generally, there was a good working together relationship in the community, and there

were usually tasks that even children could handle also.

This barn was given special attention for safety reasons. A wood furnace was used to cure tobacco. These could constitute a significant expense for poorer families.

Smoking cigarettes or cigars at big social events was considered to be harmless to our health. However, today great changes in smoking cigarettes because we know now it's not good for our health. Smoking tobacco products is harmful to the health of the young and old.

Living in a large or small community, we think of our present day healthcare insurance for the poor. Affordable healthcare insurance ought to be the right of all people. The Affordable Healthcare Act, or

"Obamacare," helps poor people, as well as rich people and needs to be continued.

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.

Civil Rights icon and Wilmington native Joseph McNeil joined over 200 family members in Wilmington for their bi-annual McNeil family reunion



MCNEIL FAMILY

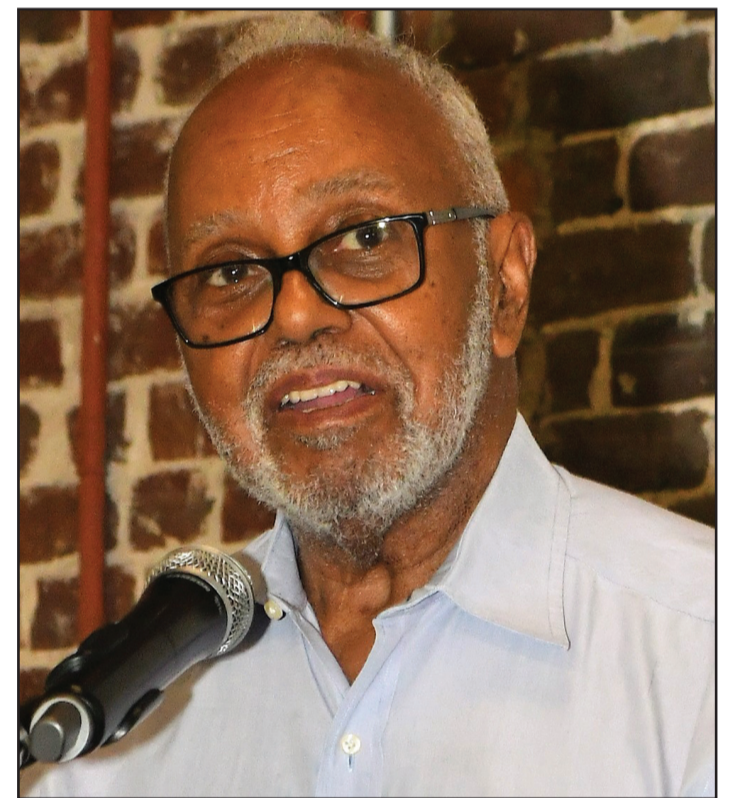
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SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Civil Rights icon, Wilmington native, and Retired United States Air Force Major General Joseph McNeil joined over 200 family members in Wilmington this weekend for the bi-annual McNeil family reunion. The McNeil family can trace their roots in Wilmington back to the early 1800s through the union of William and Mary McNeil. William and Mary had a large family of eleven children, and their descendants flooded Wilmington from across the country for a weekend of reflection, celebration and fellowship. Family members travelled

from Texas, New York, New Jersey, Washington DC and from around the state to attend. The family began their reunion with a Friday evening boat ride on Carl Winner Cruise at Wrightsville Beach. On Saturday, they enjoyed a reception and dinner at Wilmington's Coastline Conference and Event Center. On Sunday, the reunion closed with a Sunday morning church service at First Born Holiness Church. The reunion's theme was "And Still We Rise" rooted in Maya Angelou's famous poem (Still I Rise) which promised uplift and glory in an African American experience rooted in struggle, false narratives and external challenges. Family member and Human Relations Director for the City of Fayetteville and Cumberland County, North Carolina, Dr. Anthony Wade, delivered inspiring remarks with this underlying theme and invited the family members to orally identify their accomplishments and successes to underscore the family's progress.

Joseph McNeil was honored at the reunion and shared the family's triumphant history and legacy with a new generation of McNeil family and friends. In February 1960, Joseph challenged the status quo, when he and three others, Ezell Blair, Jr., Franklin



RETIRED US AIR FORCE MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH MCNEIL

McCain and David Richmond, who were then-freshmen students at North Carolina A&T University, sat in at the Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, NC and changed the trajectory of the Civil Rights movement by spawning many other sit-ins across the country and forcing the nation to confront and change segregationist doctrine and practices. Joseph's family members celebrated his heroic deed and honored his self-

lessness. Joseph currently lives in Long Island, New York. The McNeil family boasts a host of accomplished family members that are committed to continuing to honor those that came before them. These include a military service member who recently returned from Kuwait, an airline pilot, engineers, physicians, business owners, educators and lawyers. The next McNeil reunion will be in Atlanta in 2019.



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Portia Marye Owens Tillman

Portia Marye Owens Tillman, born Oct. 5, 1946, in Wilmington, N.C., transcended this life's journey on July 21, 2017, in Decatur, Ga.

She is survived by her children, Marguerite Johnson and Dennis, Dana, and Candice Tillman, and by her grandchildren Anthony Terrell and Angelica Marye. She is also survived by her mother, Marguerite Owens, and her sisters Brenda Dent and Rhonda Allen. Her father, Willie Anthony Owens, Jr., preceded her in death.

Portia was raised in Wilmington and graduated from Williston Senior High School. She attended Howard, Purdue, and Wright State universities.

She was married to the late Dennis Tillman, Jr., and lived and raised her family in Hampton, Va.

She was widely known and loved in both of her "home-towns" and is remembered for her community involvement, including her membership in Chestnut Street Presbyterian (Wilmington), Memorial Baptist (Hampton), and Carver Presbyterian (Newport News) churches. She positively influenced countless people as a room mother, PTA president, class parent sponsor, president of band and basketball Booster Clubs and, especially, as a Scout troop leader. She was also employed as a Field Executive for Girl Scouts USA. Friends knew her as an advocate for social justice and service. Portia never met a stranger; loved everyone, and taught us all to accept one another as we are.

A memorial service for her was held at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, 712 Chestnut St., Wilmington, N.C. on Saturday, July 29. A celebration in Hampton, Va., is pending.

Hazel Jackson

Hazel Jackson, age 102, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, July 20, 2017. A celebration of Hazel's life was held on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at Kendall Chapel AME Church. Burial followed in Dark Branch Cemetery.

Georgia Hazel (Davis) Jackson, daughter of the late Henry O. Davis and Eliza (Betts) Davis was born on

September 1, 1914 in Southport, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Mary (Davis) Rose, Jesse Lee Davis, Robert Thomas Davis, Richard Henry Davis, and Harlee King. She was raised and educated in Southport, North Carolina and remained there until she moved to New York City with her husband Isaac Jackson in 1937.

While in New York City, Hazel worked for Sheraton Hotel Corporation, Sacks Fifth Avenue Department Store and Holiday Inn Hotels. She joined the Church of the Master Presbyterian Church located on 122nd Street and Morningside Avenue in Harlem, New York. She enjoyed traveling to many places like Jamaica and other islands. Hazel loved being in New York and spent many happy years there.

Hazel was blessed to be a second mother to four wonderful children, David Ehrlich, Darren, Denise and Derrick Davis. She spent many days nurturing and providing nuggets of wisdom to them.

After retirement, Hazel returned to the Wilmington area to enjoy the warm winds and gentle rains with family and friends. While living in Winnabow, North Carolina, she attended Kendall Chapel A.M.E. Church. She later moved to Wilmington and united with The Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church under the pastorate of Rev. Baskerville. Hazel later joined the Temple Rock Tabernacle Holiness Church in Wilmington, North Carolina under the pastorate of Bishop James Bowman. She remained a member until her transition.

Hazel's faith was strong and she trusted in the Lord with her whole heart. Her favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

She leaves to cherish her life, her love and her legacy, a very special nephew, Rev. Jesse L. Davis; and several nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews, and family friends. *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.*

COL John E. Craig (USA-RET.)

COL John E. Craig (USA-RET.), age 71, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, July 24, 2017.

A celebration of John's life was held on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church.

Retired U.S. Army COL John E Craig was born on 20 August

1945, in Wilmington, NC to the late Henry and Minnie Craig. He entered into eternal rest on 24 July 2017.

John graduated from Williston Senior High School Class of 1963, Wilmington, NC and proudly received his undergraduate degree from North Carolina A&T State University. Following graduation John married the late Brenda Joyce Edwards Craig in 1970 and to this marriage their children, John and Joyce, were born.

After graduation from A&T, John was commissioned in the United States Army achieving the rank of Colonel. His tours of duty include Fort Hood Texas, Fort Benning Georgia, Ranger School, Vietnam, West Point New York, Fort Lee Virginia, Jefferson City Missouri, Fort Meade Maryland, The National Security Agency, Fort Lewis Washington and The Pentagon. After 26 years of service COL John E. Craig retired.

After discharge from the Army, John became a mentor to young boys inspiring them to value their lives. He also served on various boards including the Department of Social Services where he helped to improve services being delivered to people in Wilmington, NC.

Dearly loved as a husband, uncle, cousin and father, he was most often smiling, making jokes or dancing the electric slide. He enjoyed cooking shrimp and potato salad and catching up with current events while doing his crossword puzzle.

John will be missed but is now with many beloved family members who went before him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Susan Craig; son, John Craig; daughter, Joyce Craig; step-sons, Mark Rodeffer (children, Logan and Haley) and Robert Rodeffer (children, Dylan and Sophia); sisters, Geneva Davis, Thenia Small and Louise Hunter Moore; brothers-in-law, Joy Small and George Davis; nieces and nephews, Gwen Pinnix (Jim), Cynthia Walker (Charles), James Craig, Alonzo Craig, Warren Jackson (Chimene), Margaret Craig, George Davis Jr (Christine), Angela Davis, Valerie Clinton (Ronald), Joseph Small Jr., and Carlton Small (Carolyn); many other great nieces and nephews, and a host of cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Deloris F. Hawkins

On July 22, 2017, God in His infinite and merciful goodness transitioned Deloris Felder-Hawkins to her eternal home. The youngest daughter of the late Levi and Harriett C. Felder,

she was preceded in death by her brother, Cooper H. Felder and her sister, Camilla F. Kelly. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Deloris became a life member of St. John AME Church at an early age and served on the Fellowship Choir; the Usher Board, and the Pastor's Aide Committee until her steps became shorter and was no longer capable of performing her duties at her best.

Deloris was formally educated in the New Hanover County School System and a graduate of New Hanover High School. She received her degree in Early Childhood Development from Cape Fear Community College, her Early Childhood Credentials one and two from the State of North Carolina, her Associates Teachers Degree from Bladen Community College and her Certified Nursing Credentials.

She was employed with Creative World Childcare, Adventure World Early Childhood Development, and Sunset Elementary School. In her later years, she found great joy in caring for the elderly at Davis Nursing Home, Cypress Point Nursing, Mariner Health Care and Wilmington Health & Rehabilitation until her retirement. Caring for the elderly gave Lois much joy, the time with them was well spent.

Lois enjoyed a full life, filled with friends, fun and fond memories. Her absence will be felt by many as she nurtured each and every child born into the Felder family. She will be missed terribly by those that loved her most, her spouse,

Gary Hawkins of the home; sisters, Lillie Felder of Holly Ridge, NC and Eva M. Watson of Wilmington, NC; brother, Henry Felder of New York, NY; nineteen nieces and nephews; twenty-six great nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Elder Chyre D. Poe

Elder Poe went from labor to reward on July 26, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. A funeral service was held on Monday, July 31, 2017 at Anderson Tabernacle Church by God of Faith. Burial followed in the Bethel Church Cemetery.

She was born on June 25, 1955 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Doris and James Worley. She spent her childhood years in the Leland area being raised by the late Henry and Bertha Elizabeth Scarborough Formey. When she moved to Chicago, she graduated from Simeon High School in 1973.

In July 1973, Elder Poe married Adrian Tyrell Poe Sr. They were blessed with three children through this union. She worked at Brunswick County Schools for over 25 years. Her last position was cafeteria manager at Belville Elementary School in Leland, North Carolina. A faithful member of Anderson Tabernacle Church By God of Faith in Wilmington, she served in many capacities in ministry with her last position as Senior

Elder and Sunday School teacher.

Elder Poe leaves to mourn her brother, Rodney Johnson Sr. (Elaine) of Chicago, Illinois. Her eldest brother, Broderick Worley, and her youngest brother, Terry Johnson, preceded her in death.

Elder Poe leaves three children: Chantel Vann (Gregory) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Safiya Poe of the city, Adrian Tyrell Poe Jr. (L'Tonya) of Charlotte, North Carolina; two special nieces, Tammie Davis and Crystal Black (Clifford); a special Aunt/ Godmother, Geneva Gilyard of Chicago, Illinois; two grandsons (Jahmari and Jaiden); one granddaughter (Imani); four nephews (Rodney Jr., Elijah, Dwane, and Terrell); two nieces (Regina and Iylana); three grand nephews (Tamire, Nassier, and Clifford Jr.); two

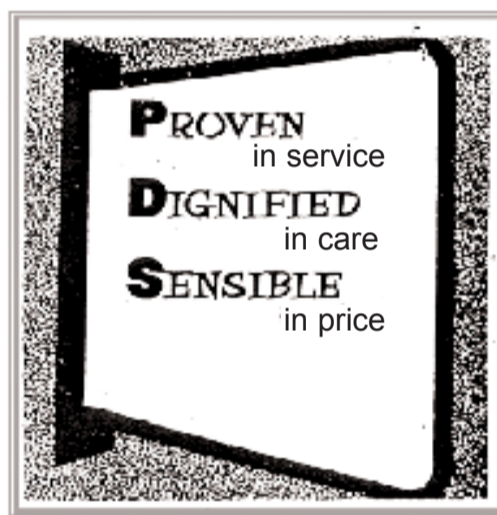
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New Hanover County

Wilmington College of Theology, a fully accredited Christian Bible College is now accepting applications for the 2016 Fall Semester. For more information call Dr. Lorraine King Cooper at 910-431-7714.



Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Women's convention, "Women With A Praise, Take Off The Mask" will be held each week night at 7:00 p.m. The services kickoff on Wednesday, August 16th featuring Minister Sherecka Baker of Evangel Temple; Thursday, August 17 Apostle Andria U. Weekes of Greater Works Church of Deliverance Ministries; Friday, August 18th; Pastor Tracy Troy of Victory in Jesus Ministries. There are no services on that Saturday. The convention concludes Sunday morning, August 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Cheryl Moore of Zion Temple United Church of Christ. The entire spiritual undertakings will be held at Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church; 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

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Tauheed Islamic Center annual Unite The Family Celebration August 5th, Saturday, 2017, 7:00 p.m. "Family Life And The Excellence Of Human Potential". "The Oneness of G-d, Celebrating Our Common Destiny"

The event will be held in
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On Sunday, August 6th at the same location
"The Path Of Abraham - A Plurality Of Faiths."
The dynamic weekend will start with
Prayer 1:00 p.m. at
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On Friday, August 4th
from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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TELL SOMEBODY

"Say to the righteous"

"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings". Isaiah 3:10

Sometimes, we get discouraged and feel our work is in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives our soul again! If you are a servant of the Lord, be encouraged. God himself has promised to pay and repay the righteous, for everything they have ever done in the Name of Jesus, and for the glory



Sylvia Hooper

of God. Say to the righteous, it shall be well and everything is going to be alright! "And we know that all things will work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Say to the righteous, it shall be well!

When our prayers are delayed or even denied, it may feel like God has forgotten all about you and your situation. Read Hebrews 6:10 to cancel that pity party. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

David the psalmist, testified of God's faithfulness to the righteous in Psalm 37:25. "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." You may be out of work, unem-

ployed, bills are due, and you are feeling all alone. Servant of the Lord, Hold on, help is on the way. David also declared in Psalm 121: 1,2, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from which cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." God uses many resources to supply our needs, but in the time of testing and trial, we must never forget that God is our Source!

Where do the righteous retrieve such confidence? Some may call it arrogance, or simply holy boldness. The word expectation comes to mind when we examine the mental and spiritual state of the righteous. "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him." Psalm 62:5

This expectation of the righteous is not frivolous or unfounded. It is based on the Word of God and built on having a history with God and a personal relationship

with His Son, Jesus Christ. So, again we "Say to the righteous, it shall be well with him, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings." Isaiah 3:10 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!

OBITUARIES

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grand nieces (Ciara and Ce'Yonna); two goddaughters (Whitney Nixon and Stephanie Murrill); special friends, Mother Carol, Deacon Jones, and Shirley Hill, and a host of beloved cousins, co-workers and extended family members. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Christopher L. Gladden

Christopher Lee Gladden, age 43, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, July 27, 2017. A celebration of Christopher's life will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Thursday, August 3, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service. Services entrusted

to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

William D. Daniels, Sr.

William Dewey Daniels, Sr., age 80 of East Arcadia, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2017.

Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 3, 2017. A celebration of William's life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Friday, August 4, 2017 at Graham Chapel AME Zion Church. Interment will follow at the Dickson Family Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to: SECU Family House to contribute to engraved memorial bricks in honor of William Daniels. To make a contribution toward this fund please contact - Shelly Kinder at the

SECU Family House at 910-662-9984 or by mail at 1523 Physicians Dr. Wilmington, NC 28401 or Lower Cape Fear Hospice at <http://www.hospiceandlifecarecenter.org> and tap the donate tab. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Rev. Jesse L. Davis

The Rev. Jesse L. Davis, Pastor of Christian Chapel AME Zion Church, age 82, of Winnabow, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2017. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, August 4, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Rev. Davis' life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Saturday, August 5, 2017 at St. Luke AME Zion Church. Interment will follow at Dark Branch

Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Beulah Dorsey

Beulah Dorsey, of Leland, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2017. Arrangements are pending. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Mable L. Ballard

Mable Lee Ballard, age 68, of Wilmington, died Monday, July 31, 2017. Arrangements are pending. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Gospel group gets signed with record label

SPECIAL TO
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On June 24, 2017, a local artist, Rachel & Joy journeyed to an unfamiliar town called Rocky Mount, Virginia to be a part of an Independent Gospel Artist Workshop & Showcase.

The artist saw the opportunity on social media and decided to register after much prayer and faith. They saw it as an opportunity to learn more about the Music Industry and what it has to offer. Upon arrival, that's exactly what they did, they attended seminars to help their group further their singing ministry. After performing in the showcase, that's when Rachel & Joy won and placed in the showcase winning things to help the group further their ministry. After showcasing, they were approached by one of the companies present at the showcase offering them the opportunity to get signed with DAR RECORDS, an Independent Record Label based out of Virginia.



The Company has been in business over 38 years and only sign and promotes Gospel Artists. Mrs. Dar, founder of DAR Records, stated "Rachel & Joy represented Wilmington North Carolina well and it's hard to find a great female group who is true to God." DAR Records

observed certain attributes the group displayed such as appearance, respect for themselves as well as others, great stage performance and most of all revealed their love for God and Ministry.

Rachel, the Manager of the group stated the group has been singing since they were

children and continue to sing praises for God. The group's intent is to broaden their territory throughout the United States sharing their gospel message through songs and with God's Direction and signing with a Record Label they hope to succeed in doing this.

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July 27, August 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Edwin Dale Merritt**, 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 **20th day of October, 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 20th day of July, 2017

William Gordon Yopp, Executor
3337 Paramount Way
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the estate **William H. Bullard**, 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 **14th day of October, 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 11th day of July, 2017

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

July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CLAIM PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Administrator of the Estate of **Jonathan Charles Nelson a/k/a Johnathan Charles Nelson (15-E-939)**, hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims who conducted business with or entrusted their personal property with Jonathan Charles Nelson a/k/a Johnathan Charles Nelson, in his individual capacity or as the sole proprietor operating J Nelson Designs which was formerly located at 4113-B Oleander Drive, New Hanover County, North Carolina, 28401 and claim said personal property on or before **October 14, 2017** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of July, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Jonathan Charles Nelson
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone: 910-815-0085
Facsimile: 910-815-1095

July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Vernon Lee Fash**, 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 **27th day of October, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 27th day of July, 2017.

James William Fash, Executor of the Estate of Vernon Lee Fash
1528 Radian Road
Wilmington, NC 28405
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2017

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August 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Annie Marie Brinkley**, 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 **14th day of October, 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 13th day of July, 2017

Gloria Brinkley-Caldwell, Administrator
4447 William Louis Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Brenda Smith (17-E-1114)**, 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 **October 28, 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 18th day of July, 2017

Charles Smith, Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Smith
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Vernon Lee Fash**, 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 **27th day of October, 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 27th day of July, 2017.

James William Fash, Executor of the Estate of Vernon Lee Fash
1528 Radian Road
Wilmington, NC 28405
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Chalmers Scott Ross**, 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 **28th day of October, 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 27th day of July, 2017

Charles Keith Parker, Executor
808 Santa Maria Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28411

July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Betty Jo Sloop**, 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 **14th day of October, 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 13th day of July, 2017

Debra Williamson Peterson, Executrix
214 Candlewood Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Elizabeth S. Newkirk**, 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 **20th day of October, 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 20th day of July, 2017

Karen E. Evans, Administrator
7511 Morningside Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20012

July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 28th day of February, 2017, as Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES DOVER COLVIN, JR.**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Administrator, Martha M. Colvin, at 725 Devon Court, Wilmington, NC 28403, on or before the **18th day of October, 2017**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 14th day of July, 2017.

MARTHA M. COLVIN, ADMINISTRATOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Saffo Law Firm, P.C.
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
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July 20, 27, August 3, and 10, 2017

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington ("UNC at Wilmington" or "the University") has issued a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for interested parties ("Developers") who are qualified to enter into a public-private partnership (P3) with the University to develop student housing buildings, associated parking and a possible dining facility in a multi-phased development plan on property owned by the State of North Carolina and located at the University.

RFQ information has been posted to the North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System (IPS) at <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/Default.aspx> as RFQ number 72-QCWP17258. Issue date: 7-26-17.

August 3, 2017

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July 20, 27, August 3, 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 15th day of August, 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 810 South 8th Street; 704 North 7th Street and 1015 North 7th Street 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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August 3, 2017

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Across Platforms: 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013)
The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)
2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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