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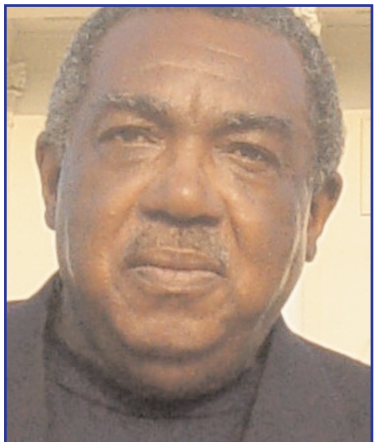


**EBONEE SPEARS**

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

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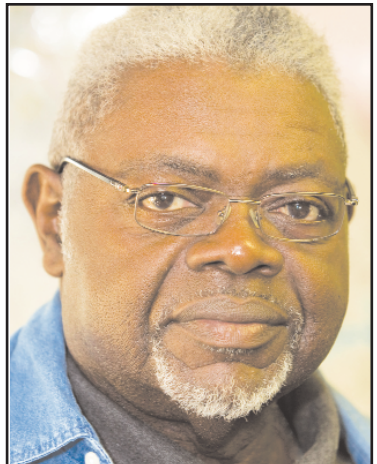
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**A. PETER BAILEY**

**GUEST EDITORIAL  
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**BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**VOTE FOR  
EQUALITY**

**BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Brunswick County, the election process has begun. We have candidates running from all over Brunswick County, some running for re-election for various offices, and some are first timers. However, whichever position for which they are running, be very careful of your chosen one. There are the so-called conservative candidates who are clearly racists at heart. There are those who think the South is going to do it again. There are some of these candidates who look to improve our schools, workplaces, and governmental offices. Study them well and have conversations with community leaders. Learn what these candidates are all about. Ask about their intentions for our communities. What are they willing to do to improve Black-White relations?

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**NEWS ANALYSIS**

## Upon MLK Holiday Week, struggle against violence, for economic justice, and racial equality undermines Black leadership

*Dr. King's plea for unity appears to be the answer*

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As America prepares to pause on Monday, January 20, to commemorate and reflect on the life and principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the three most essential aspects of the revered civil rights leader's work - economic justice, racial equality and strategic non-violence - remain among the foremost civil rights issues across America.

Moreover, despite talk by civil rights leaders, organizations and activists, African-Americans have

yet to unify enough to significantly impact public policies or attitudes that lead to tangible change.

"It is essential to American survival," said Marc Morial, president/CEO of the National Urban League, a foremost civil rights organization with an economic agenda. "This issue is an issue of morality, an issue of historic positioning. An issue that has to touch each and every person, each and every institution, because ... we have to get it right."

Speaking during a forum at Johns Hopkins University last year, Morial, according to the university's Hub News, said that 400 years after the beginning of slavery and more than 50 years since the civil

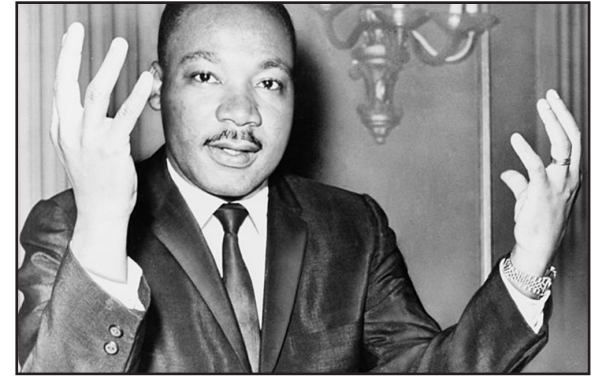


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**DR. KING DURING A  
1964 PRESS CONFERENCE.**

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**MRS. MILLER AND FAMILY AT HER 101ST BIRTHDAY PARTY**

## Centenarian, Mrs. Alice Miller passes

BY BEVERLY SMALLS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Memorial services were conducted Tuesday, January 14 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church for local 102-year-old centenarian, Alice Thomas Boykin Miller.

Born December 17, 1917, the retired child care educator, musician and community volunteer was the daughter of the late Presiding Elder Isaac Boykin, and Alice Burkett Boykin of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion denomination.

The Rev. Alexander Jones, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District refers to Miller as an exceptional human being.

"I've known her for more than twenty-five years," Jones said. She was very lively, full of energy.

She wrote poetry, was quite a musician, and



**MRS. MILLER AT HER  
100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**

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**SUSAN L. TAYLOR**

## Essence Magazine Editor-in-Chief Emerita Susan L. Taylor headlines 2020 MLK celebration

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Susan L. Taylor, *Essence* magazine editor-in-chief emerita and founder and CEO of National CARES Mentoring Movement, is the keynote speaker for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the University of North Carolina Wilmington on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

"Our Sunday's Best: A Creative

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## GOP legislative leaders file motion to stay judge's voter ID ruling

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Republican legislative leaders are not giving up without a fight.

On January 10, 2020, attorneys for NC Senate Pro Tem Phillip Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore filed a "proposed intervenors" motion for a stay pending

appeal" of federal Judge Loretta Biggs' granting of a preliminary injunction effectively stopping implementation of the HB 824 voter photo identification law for the March 3 primaries.

NC Attorney General Josh Stein has indicated that he will appeal Judge Biggs' ruling for trial but would allow the injunction to

stand for the primaries as to not cause confusion with early voting and absentee balloting slated to begin shortly.

However, State Republican legislative leaders, originally not allowed to intervene once before because they were not the defendants in the NC NAACP lawsuit, want voter ID back in business for

the primaries and feel that, because they created the voter ID law, they should have standing in deciding what happens to it.

Per their motion to appeal the denial of their original motion to intervene, Berger and Moore tell

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How do we improve a failing school system? What are their plans for bringing new jobs to Brunswick County? We have not improved the way of life for our County's citizens. Our elected officials should have things on their minds, not empty promises that will, and can, keep Brunswick County citizens living at a certain standard. If things don't change the County, burdens will be on the retired community, and that will not work for long.

Learn your candidates, and they are not right, don't vote for them. Remember! If the unjust and unfair keep going into office, we will lose. That means Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, etc. Turn your Bibles to Isaiah 10:1-3.

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Chapter of the NAACP.



GOP Senate leader fishes for Black supporters ahead of MLK Day

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Several Blacks and Whites on Facebook are blasting N. C. Republican Senate President Pro tem, Phil Berger, for promoting a Black Republican group called BLEXIT - which stands for "Blacks Exit the Democratic Party. It is led by the controversial conservative, Candace Owens.

However, a majority of White conservatives are showing their support for Owens, calling her "intelligent" and "straight-forward."

Owens is best known for her frequent rhetorical attacks on Democrats, calling Pres. Trump the "savior" of Western civilization, and concern about White nationalism "stupid." She once wrote on her Facebook page, "I proudly self identify as an Uncle Tom."

She is heading up an event this weekend in Charlotte that Sen. Berger is helping to promote.

"It's a grassroots movement, led by Candace Owens, to examine whether decades of loyalty to the Democratic Party has really produced results for the



SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM PHIL BERGER

Black community," states Berger on his page.

As of Monday of this week, Sen. Berger's post had 285 shares, and 281 comments, many of them negative from Black Democrats who diligently reminded other readers that Sen. Berger has played a major role in every North Carolina voting redistricting legal controversy and every voter ID legal battle that, according to the courts, sought to suppress the African-American's vote, since the Republicans took over the NC General Assembly in 2011.

Readers of Berger's BLEXIT pitch on Facebook

were not impressed.

"What's even cracking me up more is the people in support of this event are...wait for it...White! LOL!" posted a woman named Veleria. "Really, I can't stop laughing!" Another poster named Ryan wrote, "You lost credibility once this insight read "led by Candace Owens." Did my homework and moving on. Folks, you should too."

However, the majority of posters were White conservatives who raved about Owens and her controversial style.

"Go! Candace," wrote Tony. "We believe in you, and hearing the Truth."



CANDACE OWENS

"A woman named Audrey posted, "Welcome free thinkers! Candace Owens is amazing!"

Finally, a poster named Robert wrote, "I love Candace - she should run for President."

On his post, Sen. Berger said, "...former Senator Joel Ford has been talking to me about [BLEXIT] for some time now, and I always value his input."

Ford, a conservative Black Democrat, formerly represented District 38 in Mecklenburg County in the State Senate from 2013 to 2018. He was known for working alongside the Republican supermajority, supported the controversial HB2 "bathroom bill," and even co-sponsored the 2018 Voter ID Law that a federal judge recently ruled against.

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the court that their motion should be granted because they are likely to succeed on the merits of their argument; that they will be "irreparably injured absent a stay of the preliminary injunction pending appeal; that the issuance of a stay will not substantially injure the other parties (the NC NAACP) to this proceeding; and finally, grant of stay pending appeal will serve the public interest.

Berger and Moore also

want county boards of elections to continue to issue free ID cards to those who may need them if the preliminary injunction is lifted. The State Board of Elections had ordered the counties to cease issuing the free ID cards once Judge Biggs ruled that voter ID would not be used during the primaries.

In a statement, Senate President Pro tem Berger defended their motion.

"Republicans are throw-

ing everything we can at defending the decision made by a majority of North Carolinians to amend their Constitution to require voter ID," Berger said in a statement.

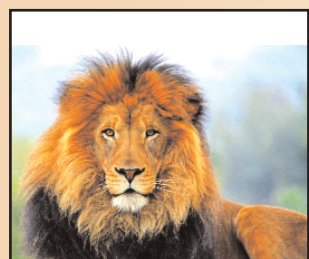
"We won't stop fighting. Remember this: President Trump has made it a top priority to appoint rational, rule-of-law judges to the courts, and this lawlessness is a prime reason why we need him to stay in office."

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**STATE BRIEFS**



**PRINCEVILLE TO GET \$39.6 MILLION FOR NEW LEVEE TO PREVENT FLOODS**

[PRINCEVILLE] It's taken many years, and a few freed African-Americans are now set to

receive \$39.6 million to construct a new levee system to prevent flooding. Hurricanes Floyd (1999) and Matthew (2016) caused the nearby Tar River to overflow, flooding the town, and forcing residents from their homes. The new levee funding, coming from \$19 billion in disaster relief from Congress, will pay for elevation of the highways, and installation more levees around the Tar

River.

**FORMER REP. H.M. "MICKEY" MICHAUX, REPLACES MCKISSICK IN NC SENATE**

[DURHAM] When state Sen. Floyd McKissick Jr. [D-Durham] left the Senate last week to take a new position on the State Utilities Commission, the question became, "Who could replace him temporarily to finish out

McKissick's term until a permanent replacement could be found. Enter former house Rep. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, who retired November 2018 as the longest serving member of the NC General Assembly. Gov. Cooper appointed Michaux to the seat just in time to be present when the legislature convened for a one day session Tuesday.

**REPUBLICANS FAIL TO OVERRIDE GOVERNOR'S VETO IN ONE DAY SESSION**

[RALEIGH] The NC Senate tried, but failed Tuesday with a one day session to override Gov. Cooper's veto of their 2019 state budget, thus, leaving teachers pay increases, and tax cuts for businesses unresolved, according to state Senate Pro-tem Phil Berger, until the legislature

convenes in April. The governor counters that Republican legislative leaders refuse to negotiate on issues like Medicaid expansion and bigger teachers pay. Thus, the state will not have a new budget in time for the next fiscal year.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

**MILLER**

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she helped churches many times and would not be paid for it," he said.

The AMEZ official emphasized that Miller came to their rescue many

times. The loss is hard for the Wilmington District.

She also was a devoted musician and volunteer for nursing homes, senior citizen agencies and non-profit establishments. Ebenezer, Gregory Congregational, and Zion Chapel are some of the houses of worship that she played for.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha soror, also shared her diversity of gifts with Elderhaus Day Center, Britthaven, the Good Shepherd House and many others one-on-one.

A recipient of a North Carolina Governor's Award from Jim Hunt, Miller was an everyday good neighbor to all according to niece,

Alice Boykin Fennell.

"When we would sit on her front porch she greeted anybody who walked by, even strangers with, 'Have a blessed day,'" Fennell said.

"She loved to pray for everybody. When she was confined to home an Elder came to give her communion, and she told him, 'I'll do

the praying,'" her niece said laughing.

The mother of a musically inclined son, the late Clarence Tobias, Miller is also survived by three grandchildren, Tyrone, Cassandra, and Carlton, four great grandchildren, two brothers, Oliver and Robert, nieces and nephews.

Miller stopped driving at age one hundred. Fiercely independent, she spent her final days in the care and comfort of brother, Robert and his family.

Her nephew, William Boykin was entrusted with her final rites as the manager and director of the historic Shaw Mortuary.

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rights movement, America is barely turning the corner on its historic racism. And what's more, even civil rights leaders are still trying to figure out how best to make impact.

In his final days, Dr. King not only articulated his vision for economic empowerment, racial parity and peace, but he gave the strategy of unity as the key to achieving them all.

"We've got to stay together and maintain unity. You know, whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, he had a favorite, favorite formula for doing it. What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh's court, and he

cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that's the beginning of getting out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity," King said in his final speech on April 3, 1968, the evening before he was assassinated. "It's all right to talk about streets flowing with milk and honey, but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down here and his children who can't eat three square meals a day. It's all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's preacher must talk about the new New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee."

• Nearly a half million Black people have been killed in street violence since the FBI began compiling the stats in the early 1970s. This does not count police violence against African-Americans.

• Despite recent Nielsen reports of Black spending power having risen to \$1.2 trillion annually, African-Americans still remain at rock bottom of racial group wealth.

• According to Forbes, White households have 86 times more wealth than Black households and 68 times more than Hispanics.

• Racial disparities in every category - including economics, criminal justice, health, and education - can be laid squarely at the feet of systemic racism, which are racial attitudes, policies and practices intrinsic across organizations, corporations and even government agencies that negatively affect racial equality.

Civil rights leaders and heads of major organizations, such as Morial, admit they have yet to even jointly come close to the goals for which they aim. In a June 2019 col-

umn reflecting on the new Poor People's Movement, headed by Dr. William Barber II, the Rev. Jesse Jackson of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, says next steps must be broad in order to achieve sweeping change.

"This is not a time for incremental change, but for fundamental transformation of our priorities and our direction," Jackson wrote as he praised the "Moral Budget" of the Poor People's Movement. "The budget details large reforms - from automatic voter registration, a living wage, health care for all, quality education from pre-k through college, investment in clean energy and modern infrastructure. It details how these and other reforms can be easily afforded by fair taxes on the wealthy and corporations and by ending our effort to

police the world."

More specifically, Jackson, a foot soldier who worked alongside King, agrees with King that people unifying for specific action will be the key to progress. "Ending the policy of violence on the poor at home cannot be achieved without challenging the costly endless wars and constant arms buildup that only make us less secure. It understands that change will come not from the top down, not from our corrupted big money politics, but from the poor, the worker, people of conscience coming together to revive our democracy and to change our course."

Jackson concluded, "Across the country, working and poor people are beginning to move. If this movement can continue to grow, it will transform our politics. And it is the only force that can."

Leaders of Black civil rights

organizations would tick off a list of achievements since they were founded - especially the historic National Urban League, Rainbow/PUSH, and NAACP. But Dr. King's wisdom went far beyond maintaining one's own civil rights organization from year to year. Perhaps his most relevant saying in this regard was within his "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" to other Black leaders who were trying to call him an "outsider" and tell him to stay in his place.

King, as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, wrote the ultimate response: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

**TAYLOR**

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Protest Remembered" begins at 7 p.m. in Kenan Auditorium. Admission is free with ticket. This year's celebration focuses on the aesthetic value of King's legacy of protest and activism, said Sean Palmer, director of the UNCW's Upperman African

American Cultural Center.

"Valuable scholarship has recently emerged about the importance of the images being transmitted in media as ways to humanize the African American experience, in an environment that had a long-standing history of degradation through art and even fashion," he said. "It was intentional to have people dressed in their Sunday school attire to show that black folks were

more than sharecroppers or maids or convicts or slaves. The images were about seeing African Americans with the dignity and respect that was accorded to other types of Americans. Images from the civil rights movement aren't just activist and political movements. They are aesthetic movements filled with iconography."

Sunday suits and dresses turned into activist uniforms for protest and jeans

turned into uniforms for voter registration, Palmer added. Black leather and berets became uniforms for defiance.

"All of this speaks to the ways that protest is indeed a creative, iconic force meant to influence the masses," he continued. "No better person than Susan Taylor, given her legacy with Essence magazine, could make sense of the fashion of the time as a motivator for

change."

After more than two decades as the chief editor of Essence magazine, Susan Taylor left publishing to build National CARES Mentoring Movement, an organization devoted to breaking the cycle of inter-generational poverty among African Americans. Taylor is the editor of eight books and the author of *In the Spirit; Lessons in Living; Confirmation: The Spiritual*

*Wisdom That Has Shaped Our Lives*, which she co-authored with her husband, Khephra Burns; and *All About Love*.

Admission to the MLK observance is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Kenan Box Office from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 910.962.3500 or visit uncw.edu/upperman.

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### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### REALITY CHECK

### We must celebrate Dr. King as a warrior, not a dreamer

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

At the risk of being considered repetitious, I am once again asking-not begging-Black folks to cease reducing the great historical legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to "I have a Dream." Anyone who is still doing so, which includes most Black folks in this country, should celebrate his birthday this year by reading his last book, Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community. There is no way one can read that book and continue reducing Dr. King to being some kind of other-worldly dreamer. The seriousness and tone of the book is graphically revealed in the following no-nonsense statements by Dr. King:

"But the scope of the struggle is still too narrow and too restricted. We must turn more of our energies and focus on the useful things that translate into power... We in this generation must do the work and in doing it stimulate our children to learn and acquire higher levels of skill and technique."

"It must become a crusade so vital that civil rights organizations do not repeatedly have to make personal calls to summon support. There must be a climate of social pressure in the Negro community that scorns the Negro who will not pick up his citizenship rights and add his strength enthusiastically and voluntarily to the accumulation of power for his self and his people...."

"...Power is not the white man's birth right; it will not be legislated for us and delivered in neat government packages. It is a social force any group can utilize by accumulating its elements in a planned, deliberate campaign to organize it under its own control."

"Our meddlesome task is to discover how to organize our strength into compelling power."

"A second important step that the Negro must take is to work passionately for group identity. This does not mean group isolation or group exclusivity. It means the kind of group consciousness that Negroes need in order to participate more meaningfully at all levels in the life of our nation."

As a Malcolmite I agree with 90 percent of what Dr. King is advocating in the above quotes. I never thought I would be able to say that.

Finally, it must be noted that J. Edgar Hoover knew that Dr. King was more than a dreamer. In an August 28, 2013 article on the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, the Washington Post noted that following Dr. King's speech that day, the FBI launched one of the biggest operations in its history. Hoover paid attention to the rest of that speech which included the following passage:

"In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check - a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice."

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

## Visual Voice



## YOUR VOICE

### The Emperor's New Clothes (II)

A fairy tale tells the story of a leader in a faraway land whose subjects/citizens are afraid to tell him the truth. His weavers convinced him that anyone who actually sees his invisible clothes should be considered stupid or incompetent. Following several favorable comments about his "clothes" from the parade watchers, a lit-

tle boy shouts, "Look, the emperor is not wearing any clothes." I join the boy in saying that our emperor (US President) has no political "clothes" or cover after dropping out of three international partnerships-climate change, trade (China), and nuclear weapons (Iran). He reluctantly provided disaster funds to Puerto Rico (hurricane) and California (wild fires), thereby

jeopardizing thousands of lives. The "saddling" of tariffs on Chinese products led to the destruction of the U.S. soybean market and record-setting bankruptcies for small farm owners. Cancelling the Iranian nuclear deal has led to the resumption of nuclear weapons production, possible U.S. removal from Iraq, and indirectly the loss of 176 lives (seniors, newly-weds, and

babies) in an airplane crash. Generally, he thinks that the outcomes of his decision-making have been GOOD. It is doubtful that people in the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Syria (Kurds), Ukraine, Iraq, and Canada would agree with him. And they are not stupid!

William Flythe Southport, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### TOO BE EQUAL

### War with Iran is ill-advised and thoughtless

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The United States uses military force, the American people and members of the United States Armed Forces deserve a credible explanation regarding such use of military force. The War Powers Resolution requires the President to consult with Congress "in every possible instance" before introducing United States Armed Forces into hostilities. Congress has not authorized the President to use military force against Iran. Congress hereby directs the President to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran or any part of its government or military, unless - (1) Congress has declared war or enacted specific statutory authorization for such use of the Armed Forces; or (2) such use of the Armed Forces is necessary and appropriate to defend against an imminent armed attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or its Armed Forces, consistent with the requirements of the War Powers Resolution." - War Powers Resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, January 9, 2020

The Trump Administration has said the death of Iran's top military commander, Maj. Gen. Qassim Suleimani, was necessary to prevent American deaths the general was plotting, and the world is safer because of his death.

I don't know a soul in America who feels safer now than we did before January 3rd. And that includes President Trump, who has spent the days since Suleimani's death issuing empty threats on Twitter, some of which are clearly war crimes.

The United States has been in conflict with Iran since 1979, when students stormed the American embassy in Tehran and held 52 Americans hostage for more than a year. In four decades since the Iranian Revolution, Iran has been the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism. For 22 of those years, the last 40 years, Suleimani has led the Quds Force, a U.S. designated terrorist organization, which has armed and trained terrorist and paramilitary groups

throughout the Middle East.

Yet Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama - and even Donald Trump, for the first three years of his term - all declined to kill or capture Suleimani, for a very good reason: such a move would be tantamount to a declaration of war, not only with Iran, but with its inestimable network of proxies around the globe - what Iran expert and Carnegie Endowment senior fellow Karim Sadjadpour has called "a Shia foreign legion."

We don't want this war. We don't need this war. We cannot afford this war, neither in blood nor in treasure. Nearly half a billion lives have been lost in the conflicts in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan since 9/11, including 15,000 U.S. troops and military contractors. More than 970,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veteran disability claims have been registered with the Veterans Administration.

The United States federal government has spent or obligated \$5.9 trillion dollars on the wars in the Middle East.

As a study by the Watson Institute at Brown University noted, "This total omits many other expenses, such as the macroeconomic costs to the US economy; the opportunity

costs of not investing war dollars in alternative sectors; future interest on war borrowing; and local government and private war costs. The current wars have been paid for almost entirely by borrowing. This borrowing has raised the US budget deficit, increased the national debt, and had other macroeconomic effects, such as raising consumer interest rates. Unless the US immediately repays the money borrowed for war, there will also be future interest payments. We estimate that interest payments could total over \$8 trillion by the 2050s."

The Trump Administration has not articulated or advanced a strategy with respect to Iran. President Trump cannot keep us safe with a Tweet, as he seems to believe.

The House on Thursday passed a resolution to force President Trump to come to Congress for authorization before taking further military action against Iran, but it will take the forceful involvement of Senate leadership to keep us out of another Middle East quagmire.

"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

### RAINBOW COALITION

### New hope for Pembroke Township

(Via TriceEdneWire.com)

Across America, there are pockets of poverty, communities that have been left behind or deprived of the basics needed to develop, like Pembroke Township, a small community south of Chicago along the Indiana border. In this community, one-third of the families live below the poverty line. It is one of the poorest communities in the country, with a median income that is among the lowest. In the 1860s, newly freed slaves - Freedmen - settled into the rich farmland of the region. It was a land of promise and opportunity. During the Great Migration and the Great Depression, waves of black farmers settled here. Land was still available for black farms in part because much of it was seen as marginal. The land is so bad, the joke became, as Rev. Hezekiah Brady Jr. reported, "you can't raise hell on it." Today, the residents of Pembroke Township are denied the hope that their ancestors once held. In

Pembroke, residents lack heat and access to basic necessities.

They are the victims of economic violence in many ways. They can't develop basic infrastructure without capital investment. Investment won't come without basic infrastructure. They face a Catch 22 all too familiar to poor communities in this country. In recent months, this has begun to change for the 2,100 residents of Pembroke. Wi-Fi has come to the community. Now Nicor Gas is joining with local officials trying to work out a plan to bring natural gas to Pembroke. A secure source of energy would help kickstart other development - and in turn create jobs and generate hope.

To bring energy to Pembroke will require regulatory changes, millions in investment and support from

the business community, the residents of Pembroke, the state of Illinois and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Nicor has made a serious commitment. Now it is time to turn up the heat on the others to ensure that the residents of Pembroke have heat. Dr. Martin Luther King always envisioned the civil rights struggle in three different movements or phases. First would come basic civil rights, the end of segregation. The Supreme Court and the Civil Rights Act of 1965 helped achieve that. Then came political rights: The Voting Rights Act helped move toward that.

It wasn't just African Americans who profited, but women, young people and other minorities all made great strides to equal justice. The final movement, which Dr. King knew would be the most difficult, was the movement for economic justice. Sadly, the war on poverty that was making great strides was lost in the jungles of Vietnam, and then abandoned under Ronald Reagan in 1980. Now, as America suf-

fers extreme inequality, a declining life expectancy, rising deaths of despair - from alcohol, or drugs or suicide - we need a new push for economic justice.

It should focus on the pockets of poverty like Pembroke. It must engage the efforts of private enterprise and public and private resources. Keystone legislation like that proposed by Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., that would target federal spending to the communities that have been mired in poverty for decades, joining the urban and the rural poor, across regional and racial lines, as the focus for new energy and new hope. What's clear is that our current course won't do it. Unemployment is low, but poor urban and rural communities still have not recovered. Communities like Pembroke won't recover without focused energy. As Dr. King taught us, that will happen only if citizens organize and lead the way.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.



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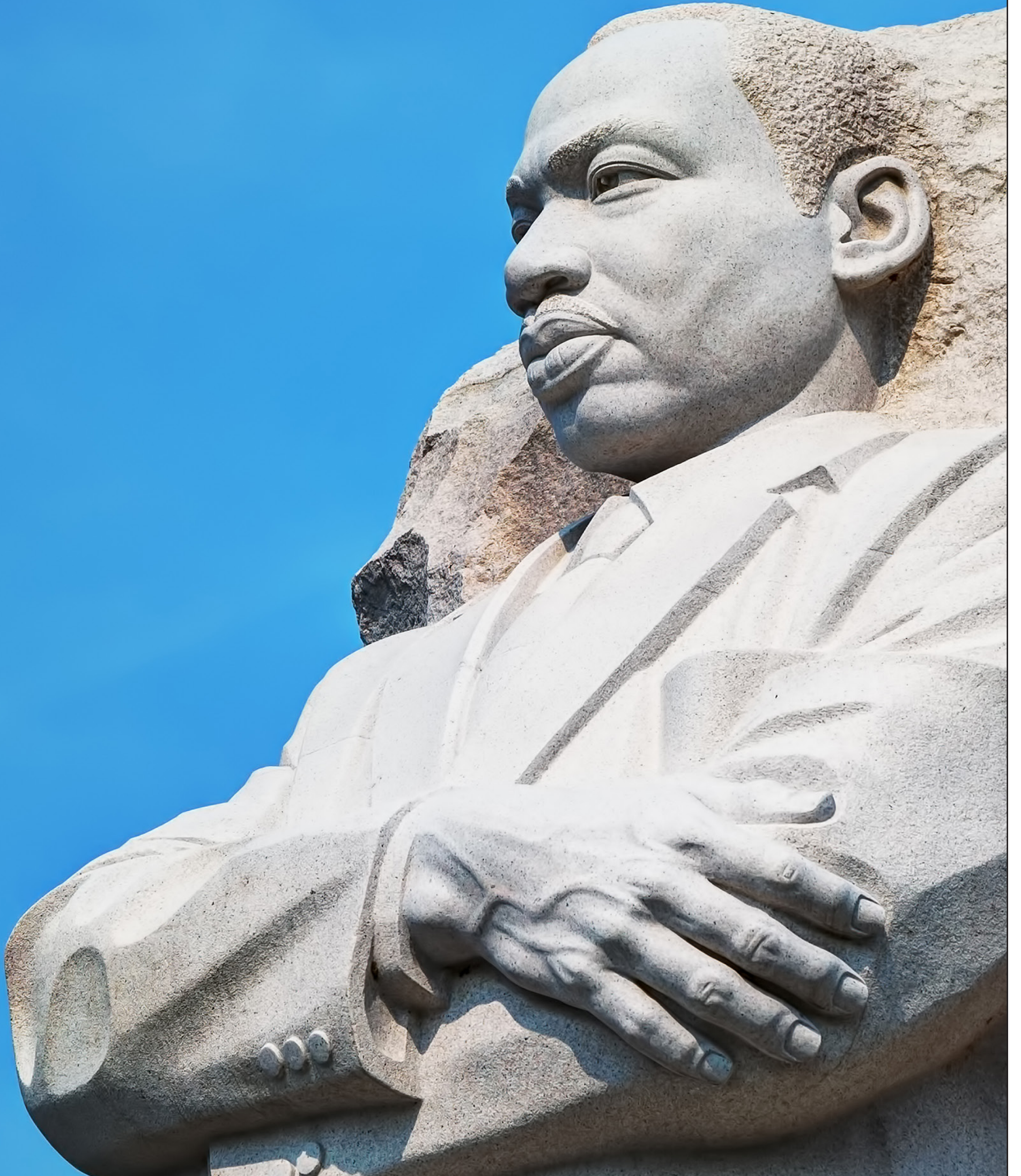
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## New Hanover County

Forever In Our Hearts Banquet for Clara "NaNa" Everett will be held on Saturday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m., 130 N. Front St., Wilmington, NC. The event is a red, black and gold semi-formal affair. Please contact Twalla Clemmons at 910-617-1299 for tickets.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, January 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. The meeting will include information on the 2020 Moral March on Raleigh and The Historic Thousands on Jones Street Peoples' Assembly Saturday, February 8th, beginning at 10am. The HKonJ Peoples' Assembly coalition is made up of more than 125 North Carolina NAACP branches, youth councils and college chapters from across the state and members of over 200 other social and justice organizations. Other important state and community issues will be on the agenda as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## NHCS awarded Safety Grant from the NCDPI

New Hanover County Schools is the recipient of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) Center for Safer Schools 2019-2020 School Safety Grant. The safety grant will provide over \$600,000.00 in financial resources to allow for the district to fund School Resource Officers and help upgrade radio communications. The grant will also enable the district to increase partnerships with Coastal Horizons, Communities In Schools of the Cape Fear, and the New Hanover County Resiliency Task Force.

"This grant allows New

Hanover County Schools to continue to support our students' emotional and physical safety in conjunction with our community partners," stated Kristin Jackson, NHCS Director of Student Support Services.

Through community partnerships, the district will be able to provide a Trauma-Informed Licensed Professional to students K-12. NHCS will also expand current Trauma-Sensitive Schools Training to five more schools and offer a two-day resilience training for educators to provide them with tools to ease stress and secondary trauma.

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

### A veteran and never purchased a home?

As we start 2020 off with our country going to war, it is weighing on my heart for the safety of the many brave men and women currently on Active Duty. I so Salute all of you for your dedication, your willingness to protect and serve. I know you signed up for this, but I know it still can not be easy so I had to take a moment and tell you that there are many of us lifting you up and we will continue.

This week I wanted to also speak to the thousands that have served their term and some paid a hefty price yet they remain proud that they fulfilled the call. Because you did so graciously serve, you deserve every entitlement that you've earned and this week I want to urge you to go get it.

Over the last few months, I have run across many families that 1 or more of the spouses are Veterans and they are paying ridiculous amounts to rent other people's homes. They contact me and they say they are tired of throwing away money and

want to use their VA Eligibility Certificate to purchase a home. If you are a Veteran and can put your hands on your DD-214, get it and call your local VA office and get your Certificate. This is one of the 1st documents that will be mandatory to proceed with an application. This certificate is needed when you apply to the mortgage lender because it tells the lender your max VA loan total. Even though the certificate gives a max guideline for the lender, you still have to prove you have enough income to handle a monthly payment for the max allowed. If you don't have enough income to support the max listed, the lender will tell you what your max would be to stay within the ratio guidelines.

In previous articles, I went over what a debt -ratio was and how it affects how much a lender will lend you to purchase a home. A debt-ratio is figured based on your total monthly income vs. your current monthly debt (including what the new house note will be). The lender will make sure they don't lend you any more than they think you could handle. These calculations could vary per lender, but for the most part, the ratio guidelines for VA loans will be similar. The interest rates and the required credit scores

will also vary lender to lender so make sure to call around and ASK QUESTIONS before letting a lender pull your credit. You want to only let one lender pull credit because it could drop scores each time a different lender pulls it. Also, since VA loans are 100% financing, some believe they do not have to come up with any money to purchase but that's untrue. There are upfront fees you will have to come up with like an earnest deposit, (good faith money) to show the seller you are serious about purchasing so they will take the home you like off the open market. Also, there is a home inspection fee (optional but highly recommended) and appraisal fee (mandatory) that has to be paid upfront so the bank can make sure the home is worth what you agreed to pay for it. Yes, there are a few more steps and a few more fees that may have to be paid by the Veteran in the process and a good Realtor will make sure to talk you through all of them. I wanted to give you a few of the beginning ones and to encourage you to just Do IT. You will be surprised how your mortgage payment to buy a home is the same or LESS than it was to rent a similar style home. Not to mention that as the home

prices go up every year, you will gain Equity (money) year after year as you own it.

The ultimate benefit is that you will now have something of real value that you can leave to your family. Everybody that has loved ones wants to know they have put things in place so the family will have something that says, "I loved you enough to do this for you." It's not as hard as you think and it can be obtained. The rental market has skyrocketed and as a Veteran, you have earned the right to own.

Again, I SALUTE you all, Active and InActive. May God continue to Bless you. "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE."

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## Cape Fear Community College to host 180 eighth graders for a science and mystery filled day

Cape Fear Community College will host the entire eighth grade class of Topsail Middle School on Friday, February 28, at its North Campus during EASE (Effective and Authentic Science Events), a STEM outreach initiative. EASE is sponsored by NC Community Colleges and BioNetwork.

E.A.S.E. is a one-day outreach program designed to

expose middle school students to nontraditional STEM careers and to feature community colleges as a great first choice for STEM education.

"This program will introduce students to the life science industry, which is one of the fastest-growing sectors in North Carolina," said Brandon Keith, Student Recruitment Director at CFCC. "It will


also expose students to important STEM skills and introduce them to Cape Fear Community College's Career and College Promise program."

"This is a fantastic way for these young students to learn about Cape Fear Community College and the many educational opportunities our programs provide," said Jim Morton, CFCC president.

"I know they will enjoy being on campus and learning about all we have to offer."

Students will visit the CFCC North Campus, interact with faculty and staff, and participate in engaging hands-on STEM activities to solve a mystery.

For more information at the EASE program, visit [ncbionetwork.org/EASE](http://ncbionetwork.org/EASE).



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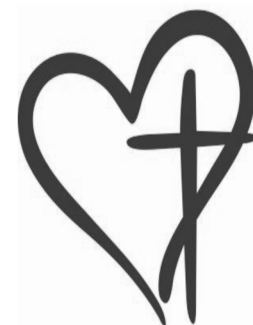
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**Wanda Faye Spicer**

Wanda Faye Spicer was born to Alvin Bernard and Ollie Spicer on November 7, 1951 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She departed this life on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina.

Wanda received her high school diploma from John T. Hoggard High School in 1970. She worked in New York State and Wilmington, North Carolina until her health declined.

Wanda joined Hanks Chapel AME Church at a young age. She was a devoted member and loved to sing in the choir.

Wanda was preceded in death by her father Alvin Bernard Spicer. She will be greatly missed, and her memories will live on forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Wanda is survived by her mother Ollie Spicer of Wilmington, NC, one sister Helen Vernell Porter of Brooklyn, New York, two brothers Wayne Spicer of Wilmington, NC and Phil Spicer of Durham, NC, two aunts Regnarda James and Agnes Spicer and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 10, 2020 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkins-drainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkins-drainfuneralservice.com).

**Yasmar Washington**

Yasmar Washington died December 29, 2019. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Yasmar DeCarlos Washington was born June 2, 1982 in Scotland County, North Carolina, to Michael T. Wallace and Renee D. Washington. He was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 27, 2019 in Tucson, Arizona. Yasmar attended New Hanover County Schools in Wilmington, North Carolina and graduated from Richmond Senior High School in Rockingham, North Carolina. He was employed at Auto Zone in Tucson, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wallace, Sr.; his maternal grandparents, Mr. Willie J. and Mary Washington, Sr. and his older brother, Vic Caesar.

He leaves to cherish: three beautiful daughters, Yasjaia D. Washington, Naturi Farrior and Yasmia D. Washington all of Wilmington, NC; his mother, Renee D. Washington and father, Michael T. Wallace; his younger brother, YuRon D. Washington of Raleigh, NC; sister, McKenzie Wallace of Leland, NC; uncles: Bernard McNeil of Dover, DE, Reggie Washington and Howard Wallace Jr., Hamlet, NC, Phillip Wallace of Southern Pines, NC and Rev. Perry Quick of Brooklyn NY; aunts: Grace Quick of Brooklyn, NY, Margaret Williams, Laura Robbins, Barbara Washington and Maxine Wallace of Hamlet, NC, Annette Bundley of New Jersey, Elaine David of Louisiana, Josephine Wallace of Atlanta, GA, and Delores Carlton of Wallace, NC; a host of cousins and everlasting

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**Charlie Wilson**

Charlie Wilson died January 1, 2020. Funeral services were held Friday, January 10, 2020 at First Born Holiness Church, Carolina Beach Road. Burial followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Charles Edward Wilson, was born to the late Edward Croom Wilson and Lucille Hortense Laceywell on December 1, 1942, in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System and lived his young life in the Seabreeze Community, where he worked and learned carpentry and brick masonry from his father. He later moved to Boston, Massachusetts where he began his career in Housing Maintenance. He resided in Boston for 42 years until his return to his hometown due to sickness. Upon his return he lived with his sister where he enjoyed sitting on the porch, eating fresh seafood and talking and reminiscing with family and friends, until God called him home. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Mama Lydia; daughter, Tina Wilson; grandsons, Rashad Payne and Lloyd Payne; brothers, James Lewis Wade and Larry Darnell Wilson and sister, Lydia Lee.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: six children, Charles Edward Wilson, Jr. of Wilmington, NC, Anthony "Danny" Wilson (Monica) of Kannapolis, NC, Eric Jerome Wilson and Alender Michael Session of Wilmington, NC, Michael Grant of Carolina Beach, NC and Cassandra Wilson (Michael) of Boston, MA; fourteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; siblings, Eddie D. Wilson of Wilmington, NC, William "Billy" Wilson of Greensboro, NC, Paetha R. Wilson and Howard J. Wilson (Vernell) of Wilmington, NC, Alonzo V. Wilson of Los Angeles, CA, Lorenzo L. Wilson of Wilmington, NC, Javonn L. Wilson (Jamie) of Burgaw, NC and Tamara L. Ross of Leland, NC; special families, Eloise Wilson-Andrews, Mildred Wade-Irvin and the Session; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Eugene Green**

Eugene Green died January 1, 2020. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church.

Eugene Green, was born in Wilmington, NC on July 7, 1944 to the late Stephen Green and the late Virginia Pleasant Green. He spent his formative years in Wilmington where he attended Peabody elementary school, Dudley, and Williston Jr. High School before graduating from Williston Sr. High School in 1961. St. Stephen's AME was his church home in Wilmington, NC. At 17, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served as an Air Policeman prior to completing a four-year program, at Fayetteville State College, in 3 1/2 years. After his military service and graduating from Fayetteville, he moved to Washington, DC, married his college sweetheart, Patricia Davis, and began raising a family in the DC area. He and his wife shared 49 years of marriage and this union produced three daughters, Eugeneia Patricia, Monique Evette and Margaret Annissa. He worked in the DC public school system for 31 years as a PE teacher and administrator. During this time period,

he achieved a Master's in Education Administration from Howard University. Eugene and 7 other DC public school teachers and coaches founded the Anacostia Youth Athletic Club, he also chaired the Anacostia elementary league Region A for many years. He was also the booster fundraising parent for the PTA at his daughters' schools. He always stated "Those things the community has given to you, it's incumbent upon you to try and give back". He and his family joined Ebenezer AME Church in 1983, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr. At Ebenezer, he was Chairman of the Trustee Board for 26 years as well as President of the Men's Fellowship. This led to him broadening his commitment to helping the community. He founded the Coalition of Concerned Black Christian Men (CCBCM), a group of black men representing churches throughout Prince George's County (PG), MD, in 1987. In addition to being President of CCBCM, he was the convener for Maryland's 27th Legislative District. He felt that he wanted to make a difference in politics and ran for the 9th District's County Council in PG County. He was appointed to the Housing Commission by the late Wayne Curry, former PG County Executive and served for 8 years. His contributions to the community led to him receiving honors from the PG County NAACP, Fayetteville State Meritorious Service Award and the Fayetteville State football Hall of Fame to name a few. He believed strongly in supporting children to reach their highest potential. He established the Margaret A. Green Memorial Fund for Asthma and Scholarship, as a way to continue his daughter's legacy and to give back by awarding scholarships to students in PG County and continued this tradition in Brunswick County once they moved back into the area. Eugene retired from DC Public Schools in 1999 and subsequently him and his wife, Patricia, moved to Leland, NC in January 2010. They joined Warner Temple AME Zion Church on November 7, 2010. He continued to serve and help others by working with the men of the church. His philosophy of life was "Be yourself and treat others the way you want to be treated. I am striving to be the person the Lord will have me to be." He was preceded in death, by his youngest daughter, the late Margaret Annissa Green; his siblings, the late Joseph Pleasant and the late Lewis Green.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife, Patricia; daughters Eugeneia Burch (David) and Monique Eleby (Maurice); grandsons, Eugene Green, Brandon Eleby, Michael Burch and a granddaughter Caitlyn Eleby; one niece Marva Pleasant; nephews Stephen Pleasant, LeGrande Green, Lawrence Green, Parrish Wynn and Morgan Green (Krisi); sister-in-law Sonja Bull Green; brother-in-law James Davis (Patricia) and a host of cousins. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Marvis W. McCrimmon**

Marvis W. McCrimmon died January 5, 2020. Memorial services were held Friday, January 10th at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

Marvis Waddell McCrimmon was the consummate wife, mother, sibling, educator and friend. Marvis Waddell McCrimmon made her heavenly arrival on January 5th. She was born in Brunswick County, North Carolina and was

always proud to tell everyone. Marvis was the daughter and the 11th and last child of the late James Edward Waddell and Cora Hankins Waddell. She is survived by her husband, McIver G. McCrimmon; daughter, Deborah McCrimmon and son, M. Ricardo McCrimmon. Marvis graduated from Fayetteville State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in primary education. She was an educator in New Hanover County. This was the only county where she taught and molded the minds of first and second graders at Gregory, Pine Valley and Mary Washington Howe elementary schools. For over 30 years, she was entrusted to shape young minds. Retirement freed Marvis to travel, to get more involved in the community, and to share her love through her home cooking. She loved traveling but was limited to modes of transportation to land and sea due to the vertigo she experienced while flying. That didn't stop her. Amtrak was one of her main methods of touring. She visited Canada, and most of the contiguous United States. She also enjoyed her cruises to the Bahamas and places in the Caribbean. Marvis was very active in the community. She was a member of the Zeta Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She was a board member of the Fannie Norwood Memorial Home for the Aged, chartered board member of the Family Neighborhood Institute, Inc., and a member of both the Retired Teachers of the Cape Fear Area and New Hanover County Retired School Personnel. Marvis was a member of the National Education Association and the North Carolina Association of Educators. The Ebenezer Church family was an integral part of Marvis's life. This is why she gave back. She loved crocheting and realized it was a dying art. She and Marion Morris created the Ebenezer Crocheting Class to perpetuate this craft. She also saw the need to support the senior community within the church and created the Soup for Seniors Program on Martin Luther

King Holiday. Marvis had a gift for cooking. When she put her magic wands together, extraordinary culinary delights happened. Many friends, neighbors, medical staffs, colleagues, seniors and children across New Hanover County and the United States have tasted the love she made. She always said she was a cook, not a chef.

Left to continue her loving memory: The Waddell nieces and nephews, Belinda Quick Farmer (niece), Brielle Sheryce Bibbs (goddaughter), LTC (Ret.) Kevin and Sheryce Bibbs Gainer (parents of goddaughter), Joseph Linel Green (Ashley) (adopted grandson), Dr. Sharon J. Willis (adopted goddaughter), Richard Morton (adopted godson), sisters-in-law Ruth Weaver Waddell and Elizabeth Latham Waddell and a host of friends, other nieces and nephews as well as grand-nieces and nephews. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Ms. Gloria Elizabeth Robinson**

Ms. Gloria Elizabeth Robinson died January 8, 2020. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at Mount Zion AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Gloria was born on October 11, 1957 in Andrews South Carolina to Virginia Robinson and the late Jack Robinson. Gloria family later moved to Wilmington NC where she attend school and graduated from New Hanover High School. Gloria gave her life to the Lord at an early age. Gloria was a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend to so people. She loved to cook and feed anyone who stopped by. She loved children so much that she would let as many as her nieces and nephews spend the night but church was a must if you stayed on Saturday night. Gloria joined Mount Zion AME Church and had worked faithfully. Her greatest passion was working with the Junior Usher Board. Even when her health began to decline, she continued working with the Ushers. She was preceded in death by father,

Jack Robinson; brother, Jerome Robinson and sisters, Deloris Brown, Joann Robinson, Willie Mae Morris.

She leaves to Cherish her memories: three children, Rev. Germain (Cynthia) Robinson, LaShanda Robinson and Kadiem Burton;

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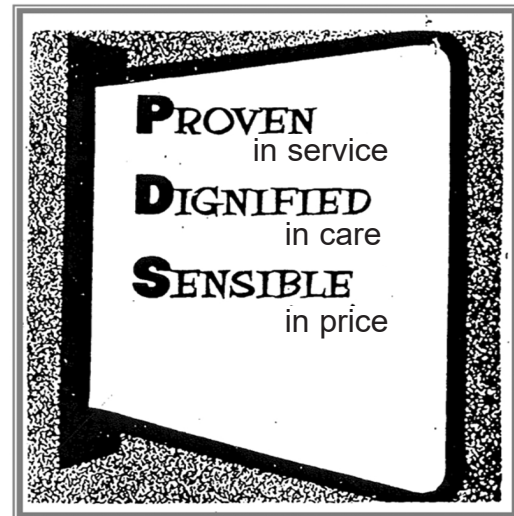


Thank you for your kindness following the passing of our father "Captain" Randolph Johnson, Sr. We are so grateful for everything you have done to support us during this sad time. We appreciate the flowers, meals, the visits, cards and phone calls. Thank you also for attending the funeral, it meant a lot to us. Given the great outpouring of support we are unable to write each individual thank you cards. But please know that we appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for being there for us.

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## New Hanover County

**Mt. Nebo Baptist Church**, 801 S. 10th St., Unity Choir will celebrate their 26th anniversary with a musical program on Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 p.m.

**St. Stephen AME Church**, 501 Red Cross St., Wilmington, Women's Missionary Society will celebrate their Annual Day on Sunday, January 12th at 3:30 p.m. The speaker will be Sister D. Faye Conley, WMS President of the 2nd Episcopal District. Also the St. Stephen's will hold a New Year's Revival, Wednesday, January 15th-Friday, January 17th, 7:00 p.m. nightly. The speaker will be Reverend James A. Brown pastor of Light of The Word Missionary Baptist Church. The church will celebrate and honor their pillars (85 years of age and older during morning worship service Sunday, January 19th at 10:00 a.m. Guest preacher will be Reverend J.W. Nixon. For more information please call St. Stephen at 910 762-9829.

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## OBITUARIES

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grandchildren; Darian Handley, Aaliyah Robinson, Germain Robinson Jr. and Christian Robinson; mother, Virginia Robinson; two brothers: Jackie Robinson and Leon (Patricia) Brown; Five sisters: Betty (Ronald) Robinson, Vernell, Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Mary Coley and Francine Patrick; Five uncles: Billy (Elizabeth) Robinson (SC), Cramon Cumbee(SC), Salis Brown (SC), Silas (Virginia) Graham (SC), Harold (Joann) Brown of Rochester, NY; Seven Aunts: Bessie Johnson, Helen Robinson, Ida Chandler all of Rochester, NY. Bernell Snow, Edna Robinson. Ruthie Robinson all of New Jersey, Norris Clinton of Ohio; A host of great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Alice T. Miller

Alice T. Miller died January 8, 2020. Funeral services were held 11:00 AM Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Alice Thomas Boykin Miller was born to the late Presiding Elder Isaac and Alice Burkett Boykin on December 17, 1917, in Wilmington, North Carolina. She departed this life on January 8, 2020. She grew up in Zion. Alice's education began at Williston Primary School and continued thru Williston Industrial High. She attended Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina and Goddard College in Plainfield, VT. She furthered her education which was related to her career in child care in New York. Serving in various positions in the child-care arena, she retired in 1981 as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Community Participation Services of Human Resources. Alice was well-known not only in the Wilmington area but she lived in Dayton, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. After retiring, she returned to Wilmington where she was involved in a multitude of activities, to include; visiting various nursing homes providing music activities for the elderly. She was very active in missionary work, always willing to assist in whatever area needed. Not only graced with a talent in music, Alice was a professional hair

dresser. When she would come home to visit her parents, streams of ladies would come to her parent's home just to get their hair styled. She enjoyed all types of activities and loved sitting on her front porch greeting each and all who passed her way. She was a prayer warrior and never missed the opportunity to pray for each person who stopped to visit with her.

When Alice reached the age of 100, she decided this was time to stop driving and gave up her keys. This did not stop her from attending church and providing music for the church at Zion Chapel, assisting at the Good Shepherd, Elderhaus, Gregory Congregational Church and Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. When her health failed and she could no longer live at home, her youngest brother provided and shared his home with her. Not only was she cared for and loved, she was able to share with her family and friends. In addition to her parents, Alice was preceded in death by her son, Clarence Tobias and three brothers, Isaac, Harford and William.

Alice leaves to cherish her memory: her grandchildren, Tyrone, Cassandra and Carlton; four great-grand; two brothers, Oliver, and Robert (Helena) all of Wilmington, NC; nieces and nephews; three special nieces, Alice Boykins Fennell, Helena Boykin Highsmith and Marie Fogle Boykin; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Sandra Chamberlain

Sandra Chamberlain memorial services were held Thursday, January 16th at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Letha Smith

Letha Smith died January 9, 2020. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Shiloh MB Church, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## David Batts

David Batts died January 9, 2020. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## TELL SOMEBODY

## “A new beginning -Part 1”

*"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Rev. 1:8*

The True source of new beginnings, is Jesus Christ, according to Revelation 1:8 It is in him that we live, move, and have our being, and He gives us the power to start all over again, when ever the need arises. If we make ourselves available to him, he will work in us, through us, and for us to bring about the manifestation of the grace of a new beginning.

There are many things we need to let go of, in order to achieve the new beginning. One of the first things to let go of... is the past. Whether we failed or succeeded, the past has passed, and we need to prepare for the future. Even when we do not have a plan, God has a plan for each of us, if we would dare to ask him what it is.



Sylvia Hooper

heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13.

We need to let go of past offenses. It is a waste of time and energy to hold on to grudges, feuds, and unforgiveness. Vengeance belongs to the Lord, and he will repay. Let go and let God have his way. God is not blind, deaf, nor is he forgetful. All of us will one day reap what we have sown. God has promised this to each and every one of us in Galatians 6:7.

We need to let go of the familiar; and trust God when he leads us into unfamiliar territory. We must be willing to change and make great effort to do so, realizing we can do nothing in our own strength, but by his power; we can do all things! Philippians 4:13.

In preparing for a new beginning, we must allow God the Holy Spirit to give us a new heart, mind, and spirit. Our personality, character, and attitude could all use an upgrade, as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 5:17, says, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Ephesians 4:24 declares, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Your new beginning is just a prayer away, so, what are you waiting for? Don't say you are waiting on the Lord, for he is

always ready to grant a new beginning. He is waiting on you to say those two special words he longs to hear from his children. "Yes Lord!" THANK God for your new beginning. 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!*

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Southern sayings

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a cloudy but warm morning that the Lord has made. We the Senior Citizen Fellowship met at the MLK Center, regardless where we meet we are always grateful and happy to see each other. Our meeting was called to order by President Gladys Taylor. Mrs. Mattie Holmes was our devotional leader for the day. We opened with, "Hold to God's unchanging Hand." Our prayer warrior was Mrs. Ethel Lawton.

Thank you God for hearing our prayers. We then sang the 2nd verse of "Hold to God's unchanging Hand." Mrs. Mattie Holmes then read the poem, "The Sign." Mrs. Holmes was thanked for the devotion.

Our meditation speaker was Mrs. Doris Alston Almoctar. God is good y'all. How great is our God. We often say God is good when positive things happen to us but it is important to remember that His goodness goes way beyond the happy things He throws our way. Psalm 34:8. Psalm 145:9 with His

help we will still be able to say God is good y'all out of His virtuous character. God provided His own son Jesus as a sacrifice on the cross for our redemption. Our eternal salvation. Remember this when someday you are faced with a health scare or a difficult situation or death. God demonstrates his boundless love, comfort and compassion. Mrs. Almoctar was thanked for a great message.

We then had expressions which was great. Next we had roll call and the callers were all given a hand of appreciation. We have a lot of

members that are sick and we pray for everyone. Sheila Ross's sister-in-law passed and Charles Brown's niece passed. Announcement were read. Mrs. Mary Martin made us laugh today with her smiles. She knows how to make us laugh. We were given suggestions for things to do at our meetings. We had moments of sharing things that we have experienced, which gives us strength. Our meeting was closed with us singing "Bind us Together" and prayer by Mrs. Shirley Drye. There were 30 in attendance.

## Pain is a very real thing; but so is medical bias

I found out, first-hand, what I had read and heard about for a long, long time: Some doctors believe black people have an ability to be strong and tough out painful conditions, and therefore do not give them the meds they need!

Racial disparities in all health outcomes are still commonplace in the United States, and one way this is apparent is the differences in how African Americans receive medication for opioid addiction treatment. In recent years, the opioid crisis has impacted the lives of millions of Americans. Oftentimes, those impacted by opioids are portrayed as white, middle class Americans who receive treatment upon enduring non-fatal overdoses. According to PBS, "roughly 80% of American's opioid overdose victims are white." This means that people of color make up only 20% of opioid overdose victims. Despite this, much of the attention is on, and continues to be on, white victims of the crisis. Research has shown, conclusively, that African Americans are administered pain medications less frequently than whites.

There are those who would like to dismiss this claim and find all kinds of reasons to justify this pattern. Some attribute it to a natural tendency of African Americans to exhibit behavior that is described as "drug seekers". These are people who misuse prescription drugs most commonly seek prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines; drugs that, when abused can get you "high".

However, even though there is a growing body of evidence to silence these skeptics, the institutional bias of prescrib-

ing less pain medications for African Americans persists. Recently, I found myself personally "victimized" by this experience in a clinical encounter.

Without going into too much detail (and taking up too much space in this column), following a minor laceration on my leg that was healing a little too slow for me, I made an appointment with a wound care doctor.

Upon being examined by the doctor, I described the history of the injury, how long ago it happened, and how painful it was; especially at night. I emphasized that it had disrupted my ability to sleep for almost two weeks. I told him that my attempts to get relief from over-the-counter acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen (Advil) were doing nothing. I expressed my concern about the possible kidney or liver damage that results from taking too much of either of these medications. The doctor, even though listening intently to me, looked at me with suspicion, proceeded to clean and dress the wound, gave me a follow-up appointment in two weeks, and never addressed the pain.

Now, as you can imagine, even though I'm not a doctor, I knew enough to understand that based on my description of what I was dealing with, at some point the doctor should address the management of the pain in the healing process that I was experiencing. I guess this doctor thought

that I was a patient seeking drugs for myself, or to pass on to a family member or friend with dependency issues. Or maybe he thought I was trying to get drugs to sell on the street. Drug-seeking behavior is a commonly used, although poorly defined, term that describes a range of activities directed towards attainment of sought-after drugs. It seemed to be beyond his belief that I was genuinely just trying to manage my pain.

Opioids are narcotics, there were other options the doctor could have prescribed. There are mounds of evidence to support this attitude by the medical establishment as it relates to African Americans and pain medications:

A 2017 report released by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality stated, "Overall access to efficient health care was worse for blacks than whites."

A 2015 study African American children in the Emergency Room for appendicitis were less likely to receive any pain medication for moderate pain and less likely to receive opioids for severe pain.

A 2016 study found that medical students believe that African American's nerve endings are less sensitive than white people's nerve endings. In other words, they felt that "black people's skin is thicker than white people's skin".

As most of you know, or have heard, the Opioid Epidemic that has hit this country has fueled the drug addiction rate, that has received national attention in large part due to the impact it has in white communities. As crazy as it may sound, the

medical community relies on a flimsy justification for this pattern of denying appropriate pain medication to African Americans. There is a report that has determined that denying prescriptions to African Americans for pain, 14,000 lives were spared from opioid abuse (or overdose).

As reported in the New York Times, "When the opioid crisis began to escalate some 20 years ago, many African Americans had a layer of protection against it. But that protection didn't come from the effectiveness of the American medical system. Instead, researchers believe, it came from racial stereotypes embedded within that system. As unlikely as it may seem, these negative stereotypes appear to have shielded many African Americans from fatal prescription opioid overdoses."

The only person who can judge the effectiveness of pain relief is the person who feels the pain, but African Americans' pain is at the mercy of medical bias. The struggle is real, and the struggle continues...

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible! The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice.

Glenn Ellis, is Research Bioethics Fellow at Harvard Medical School and author of *Which Doctor?*, and *Information is the Best Medicine*. Ellis is an active media contributor on *Health Equity and Medical Ethics*. For more good health information visit: [www.glennellis.com](http://www.glennellis.com).

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This the 9th day of January, 2020

Sherrie Lee Benton Taydus, Executrix  
267 Sap Rd. #1429  
Hampstead, NC 28443

January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Harold Ivan Horne**, 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 **9th day of April, 2020**, 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.

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David Horne, Executor  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joseph V. Preciose**, 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 **9th day of April, 2020**, 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 9th day of January, 2020

Jeneen M. Preciose, Executor  
7901 Strawberry Meadows St.  
Raleigh, NC 27613

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Edward Middleton Jeffrey**, 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 **9th day of April, 2020**, 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 9th day of January, 2020

Lauris Jeffrey Rackley, Executrix  
4829 Sandy Ct.  
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**NORTH CAROLINA  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE UNDERSIGNED, Herbert M. Fearington, Jr., having qualified on the 8th day of January, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **Betty B. Chinnis (2020-E-27)**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **14th day of April, 2020**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 9th day of January 2020.  
Herbert M. Fearington, Jr.  
Executor  
ESTATE OF Betty B. Chinnis  
David Anderson  
Attorney at Law  
9111 Market St, Ste A  
Wilmington, NC 28411

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John F. Healy**, 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 **26th day of March, 2020**, 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 26th day of December, 2019

Gwendoline F. Healy, Executrix  
8746 New Forest Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28411

December 26, 2019, January 2, 9, 16, 2020

**NOTICE  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **James Coleman Greiner** 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 **19th day of March, 2020**, 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 19th day of December, 2019.

Jeanette Burgess Greiner, Executrix of the Estate of James Coleman Greiner  
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1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101  
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December 19, 26, 2019, January 2, 9, 2020

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Mark Perry Phillips, (19-E-1558)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 2, 2020** 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 20th day of December, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator  
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910-815-0085

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Linnea B. Carlson, (19-E-1581)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** 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 8th day of January, 2020

Keith J. Carlson, Executor  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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910-815-0085

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

**BID REQUEST**

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for the Town of Nags Head FY 19/20 Drainage Infrastructure Improvements Project bidding on 1/30/20. There will be a pre-bid conference at 11:00 AM on Monday 1/17/20 at the Town of Nags Head Board Room, 5401 S. Croatan Hwy, Nags Head, NC 27959. Plans and specifications are available at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 or may be downloaded from the Town of Nags Head website at <http://www.nagsheadnc.gov/bids.aspx>. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**ALLAN BRANDON TISE, Plaintiff v. STEPHEN B. LEE, Defendant COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT**

**TO: STEPHEN B. LEE**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is Breach Of Contract and Attorney Fees.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days from the first date of publication which is January 16, 2020 and, upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

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This the 9th day of January, 2020.

Allan Brandon Tise  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 18 JT 242**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
A.B.**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF FEMALE JUVENILE BORN ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 24, 2012 IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA TO NICOLE WILSON**

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to A.B.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, January 9, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 7th day of January, 2020.

Jennifer G. Cooke  
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January 9, 16, 23, 2020

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Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Alejandro Santiago Lopez, (20-E-16)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** 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 8th day of January, 2020

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Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **William R. Chesser, (19-E-1213)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** 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.

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Christina E. Baj, (20-E-01)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** 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.

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**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 3:00pm in the 1st Floor Annex Conference Room in the city's municipal office building at 305 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

Mike Kozlosky  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area  
Metropolitan Planning  
Organization

January 16, 2020

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Douglas A. Wentworth**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of April 2020**, 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 16th day of January, 2020.

Michael D. Wentworth,  
Administrator CTA of the Estate of Douglas A. Wentworth  
2912  
Harvard Drive  
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1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101  
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January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

**NOTICE  
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This 16th day of January, 2020.

Kelly Licina, Co-Executor of the Estate of Claire E. Trimpey  
18233 Shelburne Road  
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Taralyn Trimpey, Co-Executor of the Estate of Claire E. Trimpey  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Brittany Nicole Holyfield** of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** 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 8th day of January, 2020

Gary Holyfield, Administrator  
309 Central Blve.  
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The Boseman Law Group  
520 Market St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Gloria Kay Chadwick**, 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 **16th day of April, 2020**, 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 16th day of January, 2020

Sheila Justice, Administratrix  
534 Jeb Stuart Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

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January 16, 23, 2020

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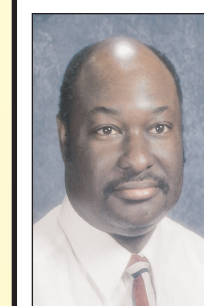

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