

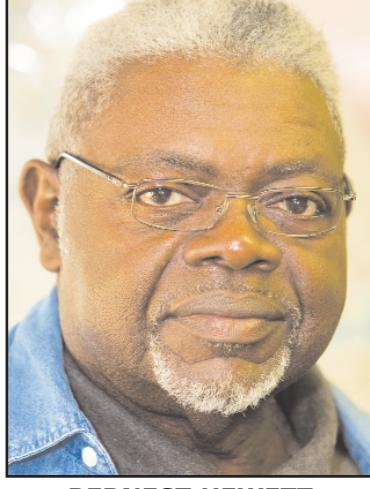
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"Strong citizen police review board needed"

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COUNTY****BERNEST HEWETT****JUSTICE IS FOR
ALL PEOPLE**

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we have problems on which our elected officials aren't willing to work, with all the events that occurred in the last four to five weeks from the death of George Floyd. I find it very strange that neither our county commissioners, nor our school board, nor our county manager has made an attempt at contacting the Black community to reassure them that they are willing to hear these problems and come to some kind of agreement on how to work on these problems. Maybe they are trying to hide

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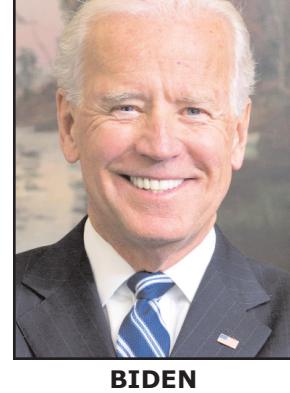
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NC Democrats look good for November election

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Right now, less than five months from the crucial November 3, 2020, general election, new polling shows North Carolina Democrats with the wind at their backs toward victory on a ballot that could deliver victories for the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, the incumbent governor, and, possibly, the first African-American female lieutenant governor in North Carolina history.

The question is, can the Democrats keep that momentum going into the fall?

According to Public Policy Polling, per its June 4 research, Democratic presidential candidate, Joe Biden, is leading incumbent Republican President Donald Trump in North Carolina 49-45 percent. That margin pretty much mirrors Biden's lead in other key battleground states, as Trump tries to gin up the pandemic-stricken economy and stave off criticisms of racial insensitivity after the George Floyd police killing.

No doubt, the other top Democrat on the November ballot is in a commanding lead in his race, and his coattails could easily bring other prominent Democrats with him.

Incumbent Governor Roy Cooper, according to the PPP poll of June 4, has a commanding lead toward re-election as he's challenged by the conservative Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, who trails Cooper 50-39.

Key to Gov. Cooper's success, thus far, is his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic in North Carolina and his positive response to the demonstrations in the aftermath of the George Floyd police killing. 55% of North Carolinians polled approve of Cooper's coronavirus man-

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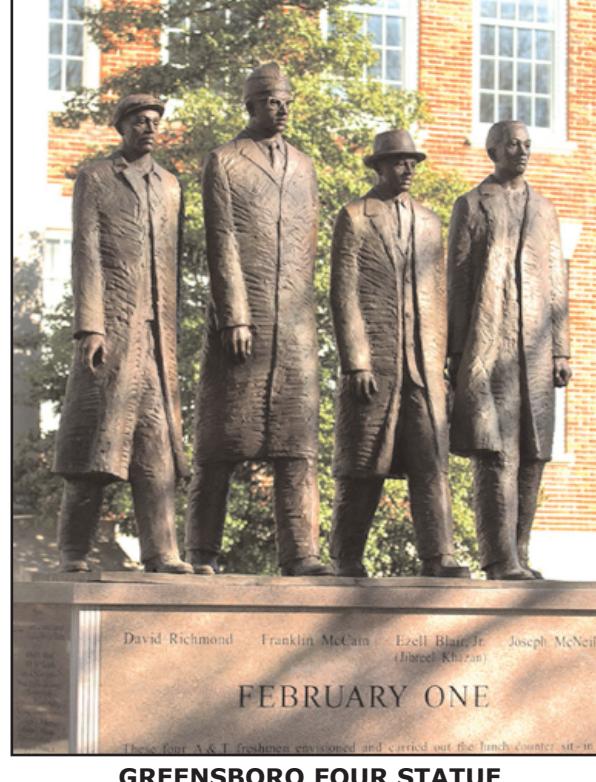
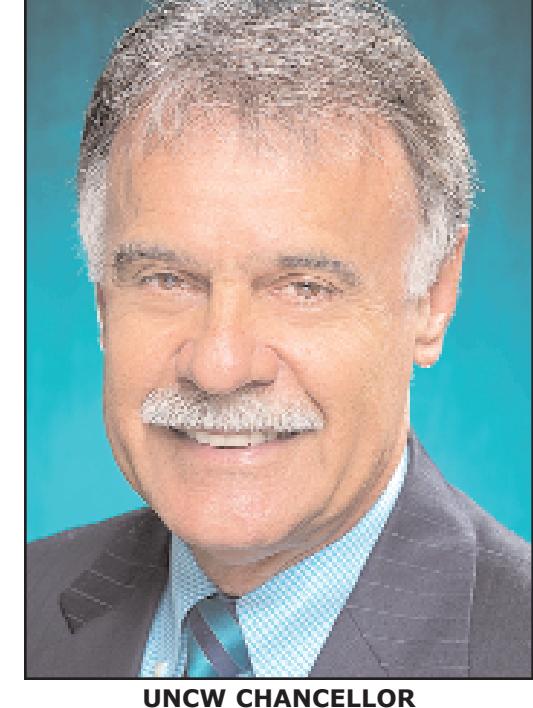
Are NC Black monuments now at risk after confederate statues removed?

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Are Black monuments, statues, historical markers and museums across North Carolina now at risk for attack in the aftermath of the removal of confederate statues in Raleigh and growing demands for the removal of monuments honoring historic White supremacists in other parts of North Carolina?

When Republican state lawmakers Monday night decided to indefinitely "pause" any discussion about following the State Senate's previous unanimous approval of \$4 million in appropriations for funding Black history monuments on State Capitol grounds and downtown Raleigh, it was clear they were sending a message to Gov. Cooper: "We don't like that confederate statues were removed from Capitol grounds and that you had a hand in it."

"We're just going to assess it this week," said House Speaker Tim Moore Monday. "I just know

**GREENSBORO FOUR STATUE****UNCW CHANCELLOR
JOSE SARTARELLI**

UNCW Chancellor prefers 'All lives matter'

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
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UNCW Chancellor Jose Sartarelli, a Brazil native, and former Dean of the College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University was selected by the board of trustees as the best fit to lead

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these problems. Maybe they don't think they exist or have racial bias or intentions, but I will tell them that there are problems when in our school system Black teachers have decreased from about 38% to about 3%. Some schools don't have any Blacks. This is a problem when Black county employees are given one set of rules and White ones are given another for the same job. There are many more than need to be brought to light. There is a problem when a White convicted child molester is hired and allowed to work around children, promoted through the system and retired, the system all the time knowing his record. Brunswick County, we have a lot of problems that need attention. There is no process that checks these problems nor works to correct them. Brunswick County, we have real problems. Race is at the middle of these problems. It's time to have that discussion. It's time to put these problems on the table for open discussion. Racism hurts everyone! When we let it come to open confrontations, it sometimes gets out of hand. We need that talk for the good of all citizens of Brunswick County. Justice is not for one race! It is for all people! *Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.*

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agement, compared to 29% disapproval.

One of those in the disapproval category is opponent Dan Forest, who blasted the Democratic governor early in the crisis for ordering the closing of restaurants, bars and nonessential businesses. Forest also bashed Cooper for not being tougher on demonstrators, and, as recent as last weekend, for ordering the

removal of a confederate monument in Raleigh after protesters toppled two others at the State Capitol.

Forest is pouring on the negatives to have a fighting chance.

Another major statewide race Democrats are fighting to keep the lead in, according to PPP, is the contest for U. S. Senate between Republican incumbent, Sen. Thom Tillis, and Democratic challenger, Cal Cunningham.

Cunningham has a slim lead over Tillis, 43-41%.

What is key in the Biden,

Cooper and Cunningham races is how the "undecideds" break in each contest, and right now, they're leaning decisively Democratic with, according to PPP, "The undecideds for President support Roy Cooper for Governor by 43 points and Cal Cunningham for Senate by 31 points and disapprove of Trump 11/73, suggesting that they're Democratic leaning voters who might eventually be brought into the fold."

If the "undecideds" maintain their support, in addition to a strong turnout by

African-American voters, then not only will Biden, Gov. Cooper and Cal Cunningham win their races, but their strong Democratic coattails could give strong assistance to Cheri Beasley, Chief Justice of the N. C. Supreme Court in her re-election bid; and Rep. Yvonne Lewis Holley, vying for lt. governor.

A strong Democratic and Democratic-leaning undecided turnout would also make an impact in turning the NC General Assembly blue again, with Senate Democratic leader, Sen. Dan

Blue, becoming the Senate Majority Leader.

However, as always, the Black vote, which is critical to most Democratic Party victories, will be key.

Meanwhile, the NC House Democrats, who are also positioning to take back the majority, have appointed Da'Quan Marcell Love as the first African-American political director for the NC House Democratic Caucus.

Love has been a part of the House Caucus team for several years, serving as the Digital Director and Deputy Finance Director.

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the state's Wilmington campus.

While global tensions and narratives linked to the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis have created opportunities for complex discussions in the (BLM), 'Black Lives Matter' movement, Sartarelli has distanced himself.

In a June 11 Town Hall meeting with UNCW students and others, the chancellor seemed not to be aware that his, 'All Lives Matter,' response to a request for connection with BLM activities would offend his participants.

The alleviation of systemic racism through possible BLM-related projects similar to other state campuses was shut down.

"I was shocked that he took that route," said Dwayne Altman-Leach, a twenty year old UNCW student from southeastern NC.

Citing Sartarelli's status as a minority, and his perceived role to shape university standards, Altman-Leach and other students said they were hurt.

Their campus communications department chairperson, Rick Olsen has explained to media outlets that though he believes that all lives matter, the BLM moment in time can be used to address systemic racism and needs of blacks oppressed because of racism.

Olsen's opinion has been accepted widely universally.

A national spokesperson on matters of religion and humanity, Bishop T.D. Jake's has likened the Black Lives Matter Movement to biblical leadership shifts.

"No longer can you hinge it (BLM) in with a grammatical argument, 'All lives matter,'" Jakes said recently to millions of listeners.

"You can't argue about semantics when the whole

world, black and white is holding up signs, 'Black Lives Matter.'

"Now you sound a little stupid to shut down Joshua (generation) with semantics," he said adding, "Of course all lives matter, that's not the question."

Comparing the biblical Moses generation to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and the 1960s student protesters, Jakes agrees with leaders worldwide that the BLM movement has global momentum to actually change a sociological era of history.

The UNCW campus has a consistently low African-American student population, approximately 5%, according to Tabatha Radker, a twenty year old student from the Piedmont area.

In past years she has been helpful in speaking positively when African-American potential students visit the campus.

"He (Sartarelli) might not understand the impact that we have on trying to bring African Americans to UNCW," Radker said.

She was shocked and offended when her chancellor divulged that connecting with Black Lives Matter and the possible use of related art on campus grounds would not be.

Saying it would be difficult for UNCW to do so because he believes all lives matter stunned students.

Stranger than that, nine days prior, Sartarelli had issued a long, strongly worded statement about George Floyd.

"I join you in condemning those responsible for the murder of Mr. Floyd," he said.

"To be more clear, let us not ignore the fact that the past week comes after hundreds of years of oppression, inhumane treatment and cruelty ..." Sartarelli wrote June 2 regarding the mistreatment of African-Americans.

He has continued to

refuse to use the term, "Black Lives Matter," in a recent written communication to a Black Student Union representative regarding his, "hurtful," June 11 stated preference, "All lives matter."

A large contingent of African-Americans at UNCW have formed the Coalition of Black Student Leaders.

It includes representatives from Greek organiza-

tions, the student union, Upperman Center participants, and others.

Ideologies linked to BLM, development of future related activities, and a petition for a change of UNCW leadership are being considered.

Currently a petition has more than 5,000 signatures from students and the general community.

Most students will return to UNCW in August for fall

semester classes.

Details about the petition are in the link is below.

(Chancellor Sartarelli's office has not communicated with the *Wilmington Journal's* request for an interview.)

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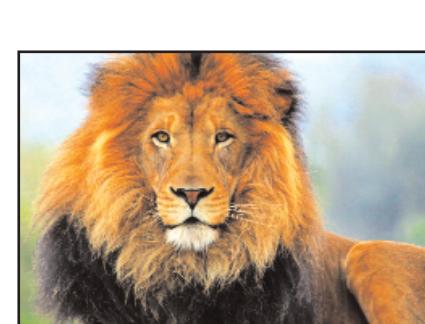
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STATE BRIEFS**SHAW CANCELS 2020 HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES**

RALEIGH] As part of its response to ongoing health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, Shaw University will cancel all in-person Homecoming activities for 2020, with the exception of the Homecoming football game.

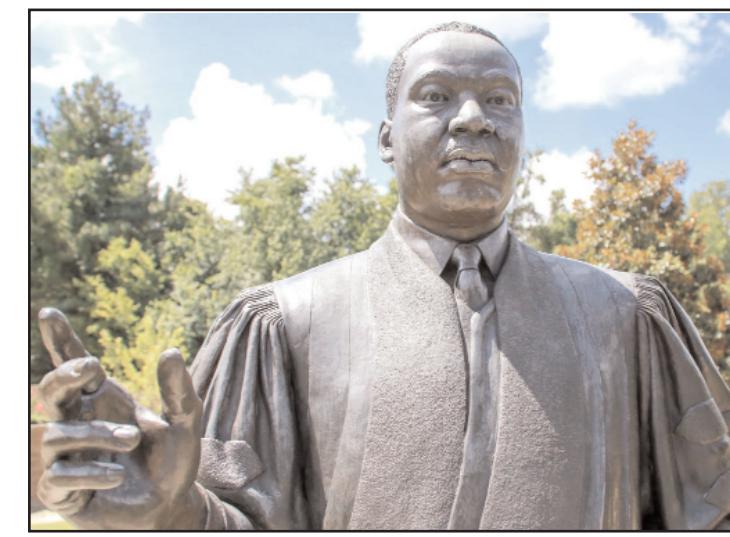
"Our primary concern is the health and safety of the Shaw University community, as well as all the supporters who participate in Homecoming every year. Choosing to forego a beloved tradition was difficult, and while we are disappointed, we recognize that this is absolutely the right thing to do for all involved," said Dr. Paulette Dillard, president of Shaw University.

Homecoming typically sees thousands of alumni, students, and fans coming on campus and surrounding area venues for a week of activities. "This is a major event for the Shaw family each year, and we look forward to Homecoming 2021," said Marilyn Baldwin Richards, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

The Office of Alumni Relations will provide information to the classes that would have been in reunion during Homecoming 2020. Richards shared that the University is considering options for virtual engagement of alumni and fans throughout the year, and will provide more information as plans are finalized.

Shaw's Homecoming game versus Johnson C. Smith University is scheduled for Saturday, October 24. The Athletics Department will provide further information regarding plans for the game, related activities, and operational plans at a later date.

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MLK STATUE AND GARDENS IN RALEIGH

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House Republicans are livid with Gov. Cooper, who is on record for advocating the removal of the Confederate statues, and at press time, were discussing exactly how to respond to the weekend's events.

They also weren't pleased that, for the most part, State Capitol police stood by and allowed protesters to pull down the statues.

There is little question that they may use the delaying funding for the Black monuments as leverage against Cooper per the Confederate statues.

Police have arrested and charged Conrad James, of Raleigh, with being involved in the toppling of the Confederate statues. James is a Black activist who once alleged that he was used by Russian operatives to stir up Black opposition to Hillary Clinton in Charlotte during the 2016 presidential elections after a police shooting.

However, in the meantime, are the Black history

statues and sites of interest like both Martin Luther King, Jr. statues in Raleigh and Rocky Mount; the statue honoring the Greensboro Four on NC A&T State University's campus in Greensboro, as well as the International Civil Rights Museum in downtown; the various official historic markers denoting important events and people in Black history in cities like Wilmington and Charlotte at risk for vandalism, or worse?



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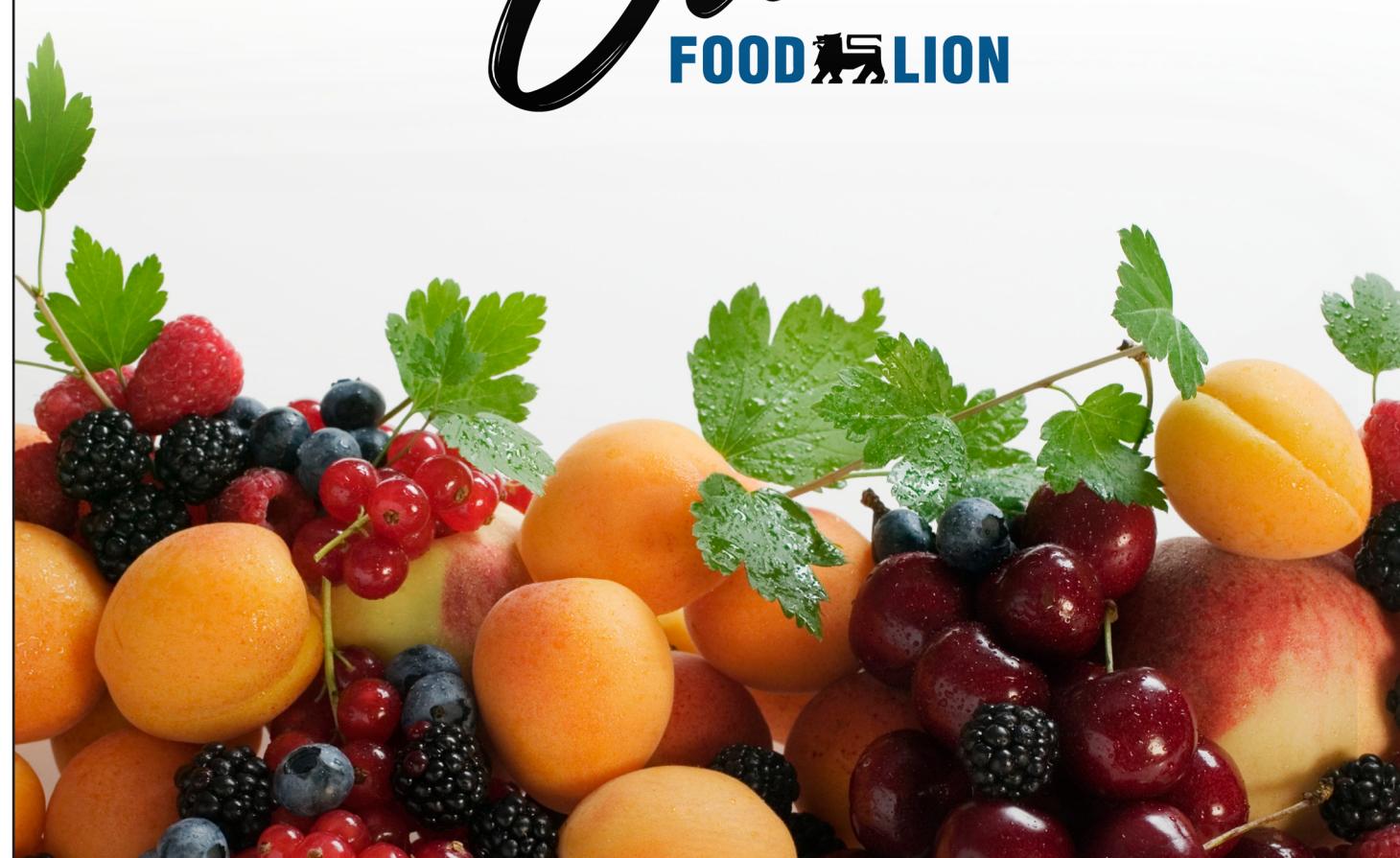
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A moment or a movement? The blowback will tell

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"George Floyd should not be among the deceased. He did not die of common health conditions. He died of a common American criminal justice malfunction." Rev. Al Sharpton June 4, 2020

I understand Rev. Sharpton's point, but to cast this lynching in the context of a "malfunction" is to lose site of the much broader historical context in which African's in America and later African-Americans have existed since 1619. I am not inferring that it was Rev. Sharpton's intent, but to cast this horror in the context of a "malfunction", is to give America a pass. We can no longer afford to do that.

The total disregard for George Floyd as a human being, coupled with a hatred for the Black community that Officer Derek Chauvin took an oath to protect and serve, led to the lynching on May 25. Chauvin was sending a message to the community by holding his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck in broad daylight. "Black people, know your place, understand your place and stay in your place". Even the knowledge that he was being videotaped didn't deter Chauvin. His inhumanity towards Mr. Floyd as his life was slowly choked out of his handcuffed body emanates from America's historic inhumanity towards people of color since Tristan de Luna established the short-lived settlement at Pensacola Bay in 1559.

This hatred is woven into the very fabric of America. It is in the founding documents of this country. It's evident in Supreme Court decisions and the blowback from America's dominant culture to any modicum of success achieved by African Americans (The Red Summer of 1919 or Tulsa 1921). A clear and indisputable pattern is obvious. Within this historic context, this atrocity captured on video, this act of domestic terrorism was America in



Dr. Wilmer Leon

action. The power of the State as carried out through Officer Chauvin was in full effect. This was no malfunction...it was business as usual.

Our ancestors were brought to these shores for only one purpose; free labor. Our task was to perform all the requisite dirty work to build an economy and empire for Europe. The so-called "christians" who swore in the Mayflower Compact of 1620 that they undertook, "...for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of Virginia..." could not reconcile their inhumane treatment of their African captives with their "christianity". To absolve themselves of the dilemma posed by the true Christian ethic that God created man in his own image, the Europeans slowly dehumanized their captives and codified this in law and constitution.

Examine the Laws of Virginia:

- Act XII 1662, "children got by Englishmen upon a Negro woman, is the child slave or free?" The status of the child shall be determined by the status of the mother.

- Act II 1667 addresses, "What happens to the status of a baptized slave?" Answer: "the conferring of baptism doth not alter the condition of person as to his bondage..."

- Act I 1669, a master cannot be charged with murder for the "casual killing of slaves" since no one in their right mind would destroy their own property.

By 1669, the enslaved were no longer persons, they were no longer human; they were property.

The Constitution gave us the Three Fifths Compromise, the Fugitive Slave Provision (the constitutional validation for slave patrols, the early form of American policing) and allowed for the importation of enslaved Africans for twenty years, until January 1, 1808. In 1857 the Supreme Court via Chief Justice Taney gave us the Dred Scott decision, validating the belief that all blacks - enslaved as well as free - were not and could never become citizens of the United States. The

framers of the Constitution, he wrote, believed that blacks "had no rights which the white man was bound to respect..."

These are a few examples of what is meant by structural or "institutional racism". Stripping our ancestors of their humanity, relegating them to the position of property or things and codifying it in the founding documents and court decisions of this country. This is not a malfunction; this is the machine operating as designed!

Yes, there has been legislation and court decisions that have amended and/or eliminated many of these laws from the books. The Brown decision, the 64' Civil Rights Act, the 65' Voting Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act were all great legal and legislative advancements. This progress has lulled us to sleep with a false sense of accomplishment and optimism. The reality remains that legislation alone does not do anything to disabuse those in power and those they represent of the controlling mindset of this country, of the notion that African-Americans are less than human.

For example...banning the chokehold is a great idea, but that same banned chokehold is what killed Eric Garner. Until we get to the real crux of the issue, the controlling and racist mindset of an entire criminal justice system that turns a blind eye to choking, shooting unarmed suspects and not holding officers accountable when they use excessively violent tactics, nothing substantive will change. Jury verdicts validating police abuse and police departments staging sickouts to protest fellow officers being charged with crimes is evidence of the machine making corrections to protect itself.

Are the ongoing protests a moment or a movement? The jury is still out. The verdict will be determined by the blowback that comes from this moment and how those who are protesting and advocating for change respond to it. The response to judicial and legislative advancements is always substantive blowback. The Supreme Court has dismantled the Voting Rights Act and conservative groups have escalated

voter suppression tactics such as The Crosscheck Program. The Supreme Court has made it more difficult to prove discrimination under the Civil Rights Act. The election of Donald Trump was blowback to the election of Barak Obama as was Sen. McConnell's not allowing the nomination of Merrick Garland to go forward.

The American ethos of exceptionalism and the illusion of white supremacy are under attack. The battle is playing out right before our eyes on both the foreign and domestic fronts. You cannot separate the racist aggression being carried out against people of color in the streets of the US by the State (aka the police) and the racist aggression being carried out by the US against Venezuela, Bolivia, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, Yemen, Libya and Syria (just to name a few). Dr. King warned us about the three major evils: "poverty, global racial oppression and militarism"... King told us, "And we must face the hard fact that many Americans would like to have a nation which is a democracy for white Americans but simultaneously a dictatorship over black Americans."

Too many white Americans are insecure and losing their footing in the shifting sands of the quest for ethnic equality in America. How those of good conscience and morality respond to the violent blowback will determine if and how the country can move from this moment of unrest and uncertainty to a movement of peace and equality. I am certain that we will never get there until Congress and others stop wading in the safety of the shallow waters of chokeholds and panels and begin to swim into the deep waters of the real issue... the racist ethos of America.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Voter suppression: The new poll tax

There was a time when black folks had to pay a poll tax, or recite the United States Constitution by heart, or tell a poll worker how many jelly beans were in a jar in order to be able to vote.

The black vote was considered to be so powerful that the power structure knew it had to neutralize and/or eliminate it, no matter what.

The black vote is still important - as are the votes of other marginalized people who tend to vote Democratic and for that reason, "the new poll tax," voter suppression, is in full view.

Ahead of Kentucky's primary this week, polling places have been reduced - from over 3700 to fewer than 200. In Jefferson County, the state's largest, all voters will have to cast their ballots at a convention and expo center, where voting booths have been set up eight feet apart on the convention floor. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/kentucky-braces-for-possible-voting-problems-in-tuesdays-primary-amid-signs-of-high-turnout/2020/06/19/b7b960ce-b199-11ea-8f56-63f38c99007_storyhtml)

This is not surprising, given what happened in the recent Wisconsin and Georgia primaries, where people stood in line for hours to cast their votes. There has been no support or protection for voters given by the high courts in these states, where, unsurprisingly, Republican candidates are being seriously challenged and who may lose in November's general election.

In spite of the objections of the residents of these states to having to appear personally at polling booths because of the danger of having large numbers of people congregate due to COVID-19, there is still pushback to the suggestion that people be allowed to vote by mail in order to protect their health.

The Republican power structure does not care.

The question is, then, *how do we meet and deal with this challenge ahead of the November general election?* It seems fairly clear that courts are not ruling on the side of voter protection by allowing people to vote by mail. The GOP strategy seems to be to make voting as difficult as possible - if not impossible - for the largest numbers of Black and brown people, certainly, but for all residents who traditionally vote for Democrats.

How many more poll workers are going to be needed? Who is going to train them and who is going to oversee that training? Are there new voting machines? How do we make sure the poll workers know how to work them? Do we have to have a brigade of people charged simply with making sure there are enough extension cords - the right kind - so that the voting machines can be connected to power?

Do we need another brigade of people to minister to the lines of waiting people - providing food and water, and perhaps chairs for them as they wait in line? Do we need to make sure we have umbrellas available, or hats and gloves for states where the November day will be cold? Do there need to be dedicated teams assigned to child care? What kind of pressure can be put on employers now so that if their employees are in line all day to vote, they will not have to worry about being fired or losing a day's pay?

Can election day be declared a holiday in states? Can early voting be extended?

This is going to be a different type of election, one where the new poll tax will be a huge factor in turnout. We cannot depend on government to help the masses, and we cannot expect protection and support from the judicial system. This will be an election "of the people, by the people, and for the people" in a way that it has never been before. The masses will have to rise up and organize in ways they've never done before, in order to make sure their votes are cast, honestly tallied, and pivotal in getting the candidates and issues passed that are needed in this time where basic democracy is being threatened.

There is no time to merely complain and/or wring our hands. This is a time to anticipate what's ahead and strategize to beat it. Organized people is how to meet and defeat organized injustice and tyranny. There might be a new poll tax, but the power rests with the people.

And at this time in history, that power is more important than ever before.

Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.com.

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ing good from a place, typically in a war or riot"). From my perspective, Black people have been at war with white supremacy forces as long as we have been on the hoes. We have been subject to violence, exploitation, expropriation of fair compensation of our wages, further exploited through Jim Crow, and other laws. There are documented cases of economically envious looting Black communities (Wilmington, Tulsa, Rosewood) because of economic envy, plundering our homes, and then using the power of the majority media to turn a Massacre into a "riot."

Accounts from Tulsa 1921 survivor document a massacre, not a riot.

All it took to light the match was Black men standing to speak up for themselves.

White folks could not stand Black self-determination or Black wealth. They destroyed the thriving Greenwood in 1921, but Black men and women are still standing up for ourselves. That's why folks have taken it to the streets, protesting night after night, wearing shirts that say "Black Lives Matter" and "I Can't Breathe." They aren't just Black folks. If you have a heart, it could not help but shatter just a bit when you saw the inexcusable 8:46 minute knee to George Floyd's neck.

If I could have just 3 minutes with Mr. Trump, I'd like to ask him, "who's looting who?" Changing the tax code to benefit your friends and the wealthy are looting the rest of us. Taking food from hungry people is another form of looting. Losing tax dollars to support your decrepit lifestyle and multiple golf trips is looting. Taking money from public

schools to help your pet private schools is stealing. You see looting when people set fires and break windows. Why don't you think about the fire that ran people out of Greenwood, the broken windows that destroyed Black presses, the looting that has stolen Black wealth?

And then there is the term "lowlife." The dictionary describes such folks as people who have "low social status" or "low moral character." So what kind of moral character does a man have who brags about grabbing women by their genitals? What kind of moral character does a man have who derides people because of their race or gender? What kind of person calls people he disagrees with "sons of bitches." He doesn't know their mamas, but he has insulted them. At 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, the House that Enslaved People Built, our tax dollars are housing the Lowlife in Chief. We have endured over three years of this man's venom, vituperation, namecalling, and contempt of the people who are merely exercising First Amendment rights by taking it to the streets.

Many of the so-called "looters and lowlives" are descended of enslaved people who have had enough. I stand with the looters and lowlives, the people who, in the shadow of the poet Langston Hughes, ask "what happened to a dream deferred." It explodes. Since 1619, since 1865, since 1964, it has been exploding. Still? I stand with the looters and lowlives and reject a man whose unfamiliarity with truth is a vexation, abomination, and a despicable affront to decency.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux is an economist, author, educator, and writer, and President Emeritus of Bennett College.

RAINBOW COALITION

College football amid a pandemic is not worth the risk to young men's lives

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

How many lives of young men and women should be sacrificed for entertainment - and for billions in profit? That question can't be ducked as the NCAA allows colleges to begin "voluntary" football practices, and other college teams begin to practice. Colleges are desperate to open the full football season, a source of millions in profits for colleges and universities. Donald Trump, who pretends that COVID-19 is behind us, wants a return to normal, with stadiums filled with fans cheering their heroes.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

ers are in quarantine, either testing positive for the virus or from being in contact with those who tested positive. Twenty-three Clemson football players have tested positive since workouts started on June 1.

Thirteen at Texas, 14 at Kansas State, and more at Alabama, Mississippi, Southern Florida, Auburn, Oklahoma State and others. Houston and Kansas State have suspended voluntary workouts after a raft of positive tests. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the United States' leading infectious disease expert, warns that football might not be possible now: "Unless players are essentially in a bubble - insulated from the community and they are tested nearly every day - it would be very hard to see how football is able to be played this fall." For Donald Trump, this is unacceptable.

He wants to pretend that the pandemic has been conquered and wants praise for the self-proclaimed "phenomenal job" that he has done, even though the U.S. has suffered more victims than any other nation in the world. He sought to kickstart his re-election campaign with a rally in an enclosed arena in Tulsa, Oklahoma, site of one of the worst racial massacres in our history in 1921.

Yet, after boasting that a

million people had sought tickets for the 19,000-seat arena, he spoke before an arena that was only one-third full. Even the Trumpsters thought twice about gathering in a closed arena to listen to hours of speeches in a crowd parading without masks. Who will be responsible for the athletes whose lives will be at risk so fans can be entertained, and the universities can profit?

College presidents now make big salaries, but they should feel a greater responsibility to the young men and women who attend their schools.

College coaches make millions at big-time programs, but they should protect the players that play for them. The NCAA should reconsider its decision to open practices now that the virus has spread so quickly. In the end, sadly, it is likely that the players themselves will have to be the adults in the room. At UCLA, 30 players petitioned the university for additional protections, seeking a Third-Party Health Official to review all safety measures and protocols to ensure the greatest protection possible. They wanted guarantees that players would not lose their scholarships or face retaliation if they chose not to return to the campus for the season this fall. They argued, sensibly, that they could not

trust university or athletic department officials who had interests other than their lives and health at stake.

With demonstrations in support of the Black Lives movement continuing, it is time for players to speak out. Oklahoma State's football coach, Mike Gundy, found that out when he wore a sweatshirt from OAN, the virulent right-wing cable network that has consistently mocked Black Lives Matter demonstrations. His Heisman Award candidate, running back Chuba Hubbard, called him out, leading to Gundy's abject apology for what he claimed was an ignorant mistake. Now players need to speak out about their own health and safety. College football is a wonderful spectator sport, but it is not worth the lives of young American men.

The same is true for other college sports. If college officials, college coaches and the NCAA are not prepared to act responsibly, the athletes themselves must take the lead. Their parents should support them. Thirty players testing positive in "voluntary" practices is 30 too many. It is time to give greater weight to the pandemic experts than to the panicked administrators.

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

"When a school child remains unchallenged, he or she will shut down and lose interest in learning altogether".--BESSIE HOGAN

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!**The Top 5 reasons most can't get a home loan
#3 Reason-- JOB HISTORY/DOCUMENTATION OF INCOME**

This week I want to explain how having a steady job history and keeping good books if self-employed is important in the home-buying process. When applying for a home loan you are asking the lender to entrust you with thousands of dollars and the only thing the lender wants to know is, CAN YOU pay it back. So here are the key things they will be looking for. They want to know if you have a history of longevity on a job or if you

have been changing jobs frequently. They want to know if you and the employer foresee you having this position permanently. They want to know if you moved from job to job, what was the reason. Was it for more pay, better hours, more benefits? Whatever the reason, it must

make sense to them and give them a sense that you make good financial decisions. They just want their money and if they feel you make irrational decisions by quitting jobs for no good reasons, they are going to take a pause on approving your loan. Now let's talk about self-employment. This is one of the biggest gaps in homeownership, the self-employed. That is because the bank will require the last 2 years' tax returns and they will be looking over

them carefully and most of all they want to know that your business is viable. They want to know that you are in profit and have the potential of continuing to be. The lender will look at your net after expenses and they will add the gross net of the two years together and then divide by 2 to get an average of yearly income. Then they will take that average yearly and divide by 12 and that will give them an average monthly amount you earn and they then will use the

debt/ratio calculation on that to determine how much they feel comfortable in lending you for a home. The biggest problem is that so many write so much off, or do not report all that they make so those tax returns are so lean, there is no way to get a loan. If you are self-employed and want to own, you must demonstrate that you have a solid business that is sustainable for the foreseeable future. Yes, that means you may owe more income tax, but hey what is

more important. Paying the taxes, you owe and owning a home or not paying taxes and renting for the rest of your life. It's a decision you have to make, choose wisely. Until next week, please share this info with at least 3 people and let them know to reach out if you want a free 1 on 1 to get a game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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Brunswick County Branch NAACP awards four scholarships

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MS. HANNAH GARNER RECIPIENT OF THE MR. AND MRS. BURRELL SCHOLARSHIP

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The Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP has recently awarded scholarships to four graduating seniors from Brunswick County area high schools. These scholarships range from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 for this academic year. These scholarships were awarded at South Brunswick High Thursday June 4, 2020 and West Brunswick High School Friday June 5, 2020. The four deserving scholarships recipients are:

Ms. Hannah Garner South Brunswick High School. She aspires to obtain a Bachelor's degree in English and eventually become a lawyer; Mr. & Mrs. Burrell Scholarship awards \$500.00.

Ms. Hailey Jones of South Brunswick High School plans to attend NC State University. Her goal is to graduate with Bachelor's degree in chemistry and focus on health care; Capital Power Scholarship awards \$1,000.00

Ms. Olivia Fish Grace of West Brunswick High School has her sights set on entering the medical field with a goal to obtain a DDS (Doctor of Dental Surgery) and open a practice here in Brunswick County; BC NAACP scholarship awards \$500.00.

Mr. Zion Smith of West Brunswick High School plans to attend the University of NC in Charlotte majoring in Business Analytics. He has his sights set to work for a large firm such as Amazon; BC NAACP scholarship awards \$500.00.

Mr. Carl Parker Sr., President of the Brunswick County Branch, thanks Capital power for \$1,000.00 scholarship Mr. & Mrs. Burrell for \$500.00 scholarship. The scholarship funds raised for the other two students came from local community businesses and member donations obtained at the annual Freedom Fund Banquet held here in Brunswick County.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunities in the public and private sectors.



MS. HAILEY JONES RECIPIENT OF THE CAPITAL POWER SCHOLARSHIP



MR. ZION SMITH RECIPIENT OF BC NAACP SCHOLARSHIP

Douglass Academy students celebrate triumphant graduation

DOUGLASS ACADEMY STUDENTS CELEBRATE GRADUATION

Wilmington, NC - Douglass Academy hosted a modified graduation ceremony for kindergarten and fifth grade students. Students drove by in cars decorated with signs and balloons as their teachers cheered them on. The ceremony also served as an opportunity for students to return the laptops each received as part of Douglass Academy's on-line learning program. All students were also given graduation lawn signs to proudly dis-

play at their homes. The graduations capped a year of resilient success for Douglass Academy and its students and families.

Colton Thomas, a kindergarten student, exclaimed, "It was fun and exciting!"

Samantha Leigh, a kindergarten parent, commented, "Douglass Academy - this is how I knew Colton and next year that Cannon would attend. I think we are all in a place where the news is harder

and harder to watch. We need to teach our children better than we were taught. Hope, love, faith, compassion, and empathy are important. This is leadership in action, and I am so proud to be a part of it! Thank you, Douglass Academy!

We are so blessed to have found such a wonderful school with the most amazing staff. We can't wait to see you again for first grade!"

"I really liked how the graduation was put together!"

remarked kindergarten parent Candice Thomas. She continued, "Despite the circumstances, I can tell a lot of thought and effort was put in to make each child feel special and appreciated!"

Douglass Academy began live on-line learning following a daily instructional schedule for all grades K-8 on Monday, April 20, 2020. Instructional staff members conducted online, professional development on learning platforms, such as

Zoom and Google Classroom, and student engagement expectations. These actions successfully translated Douglass Academy's results proven Direct Instruction educational model, which is dependent upon face-to-face, real-time interaction between teachers and students, to a live on-line learning environment.

Douglass Academy is one of four public charter schools managed by The Roger Bacon Academy, Inc. founded in 1999

by education pioneer Baker Mitchell. The other schools include Charter Day School in Leland, Columbus Charter School in Whiteville, and South Brunswick Charter School in Southport with a combined enrollment of over 2,100 students in K-8. All four are tuition-free, charter schools that welcome all students, regardless of income, ability, or address. To learn more or enroll online, please visit EnrollRBA.com.

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We are in a battle for the soul of the nation.

"NOW IS THE TIME FOR RACIAL JUSTICE." - JOE BIDEN

The moment has come for our nation to deal with systemic racism.
To deal with the growing economic inequality in our nation.
And to deal with the denial of the promise of this nation to so many.

The history of this nation teaches us that it's in some of our darkest moments of despair that we've made some of our greatest progress.
As president, it is my commitment to lead on these issues — to listen.
Because I truly believe in my heart of hearts, that we can overcome.
And when we stand together, finally, as one America,
we will rise stronger than before.

This is the United States of America.
And there is nothing we can't do, if we do it together.

BIDEN
PRESIDENT

James Albert Herriott

The earth lost a spirited and passionate soul, James Albert Herriott, a beloved son, father, grandfather and friend. James made many smile and always welcomed the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Funeral services were held Monday, June 22, 2020, at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

James is the only son of James and Dora Herriott and was born on January 16, 1947, in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was known to many as "Booster," a nickname bestowed upon him by his late father. James enjoyed his high school days at Williston High School. He was a member of the social club, the Gaylords and a proud graduate of the class of 1965. During this time Booster could be seen speeding around town in his yellow GTO, looking debonair, and being cool.

Upon completing high school, James joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska where he served as a telegraphist. After his service in the armed forces, he worked for General Electric, Bertrand Corporation, Lifetime Resources Incorporated and S. T. Wooten Paving Company.

James Albert gave his life to Christ and was a member of Saint Stephen AME Church where he served as an altar boy, usher, and choir member. Later in life, he joined Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and served as a Deacon. James remained constant in his faith, whenever he wavered he always found strength in the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Herriott; sisters Geronia Holden and Lillie Ann Wilson; and nephew, Michael Holden. He is survived by his mother, Dora Mae Herriott, son Tavares and his granddaughters Sade' and Simiyah. His memory will be cherished by his sister Loretta Herriott and nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives.

James was a thoughtful father figure to Bridgette, Senectra, Jermaine and Marteke. Booster enjoyed life and having a good time. He did not mince his words and always supported his family in any way he could. James was a doting grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters.

James Albert leaves behind many loving memories and will be forever missed. We know that he is smiling down on us while watching a western, cheering for his favorite team, and cooking crabs. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N.C. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Lillie Ann Wilson

Mrs. Lillie Ann Wilson, daughter of James and Dora Herriott was born on February 17, 1949 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Lillie grew up on the Northside of Wilmington in a home filled with love, laughter and big Sunday dinners. As a teen, she spent time at Seabreeze. All of these family experiences fostered the close-knit Herriott family bond. While Lillie adored all of her family, she was a true "mama's girl" and the two remained inseparable throughout her life.

Lillie Wilson attended New Hanover County Schools and was a proud graduate of the Williston Senior High School Class of 1967. She later attended and earned a

license from Troutman's Beauty School. Lillie served her community as a businesswoman and beautician for over 30 years. While known for providing beautiful relaxers and roller sets, her customers and friends appreciated her attentive listening skills and sound advice even more.

On August 23, 1968, she was united in holy matrimony to Mr. William "Billy" Wilson. Billy and Lillie were high school sweethearts. While William initially said it was "love at first sight," their love lasted a lifetime. The couple celebrated 51 years of marriage and their union was blessed with two daughters, Stacey and Melissa. Lillie was an exceptional mother and supported her girls' interest while encouraging them to become the strong, independent and loving women they are today. She enjoyed shopping with her girls, traveling with her husband, and watching movies with her grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Gammy." Lillie loved her two sons-in-law and felt blessed to have added them to her family. She enjoyed cooking, crafting, and watching the Food Network. Her nieces and nephews loved to eat her delicious meals.

Mrs. Wilson's love of family and her ability to make abundance and beauty out of simple things was unmatched. Lillie was not only a pillar within her family, she was an integral part of her community. Mrs. Wilson professed her faith in Jesus Christ and served as an active member of Saint Stephen's AME Church for over 60 years. She later became a member of Saint Paul AME Church in Raleigh, NC.

Lillie Ann quietly departed this life on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her father, James Herriott; sister, Geronia Holden; nephew, Michael Holden; in-laws, Willie Wilson, Sr. and Laura Wilson Powell; sister-in-law, Dr. Sondra Wilson; and brother-in-law, Dennis Wilson and joined in homegoing with her brother the late James Herriott.

Lillie's beautiful life will forever be cherished by her husband William and daughters, Dr. Stacey Wilson-Norman (Joseph) and Dr. Melissa Balknight (Ricky); and grandchildren, Joseph William Norman, III, Kerri Elizabeth Norman and Ricky Randolph Balknight. She was adored by her mother, Dora Herriott; and sister Loretta Herriott, all of Wilmington, NC. She will be missed by her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Dianne Jackson, Patricia Pleasant, Michael Wilson (Janet), Craig Wilson (Denise); and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N.C. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Mary J. Toomer

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, God called Mrs. Etta Mary Eliza Josephine Jacobs-Toomer (age 86) to his heavenly home. She was named after all of her aunts since she was the first girl in the family. Mary (as she was fondly known), the daughter of the late Ben Jacobs and Eliza Banks, was born January 1, 1934 in Columbus Count, North Carolina. She received her education through the Columbus County School System and later completed her education at Cape Fear Community College.

At an early age, Mary professed

her faith in Jesus Christ. After settling in Wilmington, NC, she became a faithful member of Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church where she remained until she transitioned into her eternal home.

Mary was diligent and hard worker during her years of employment in the food service industry and home health care services. In her later years, she retired to spend more time with her children, grandchildren, and to travel (which she loved). The most exciting trip for her was to Panama to visit her family, where she explored the country. Throughout her travels she was afforded many opportunities to visit areas and shop due to her light beautiful skin tone.

As a result of her generous spirit and loving personality, Mary was loved and respected by everyone who had the privilege to grace her presence. Her life was as beautiful as her vegetable garden which she loved so well, and her influence will remain in the lives of all those she mentioned and embraced.

She was preceded in death by her husband Reuben Toomer, stepson - Luther Toomer; daughters - Francis Wilson, Rosalind Lennon, grandsons - Ben and Michael, and great grandson Kashawn.

Mary, our loving mother, grandmother, and friend will forever be cherished in the lives of her children; Richard Bellamy (Mary), Andrew Bellamy, Larry Bellamy (Shirai), Wanda Harvin (Willie), Wendy Bellamy, Barbara Johnson, son-in-law Gary Lennon, daughter-in-law Barbra Toomer, 21 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, 15 great-great grandchildren, two very close and special cousins - Johnnie and Iris, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N.C. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com

Madeline V. Smith

Madeline V. Smith, age 85, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her niece, Angela Buie of Maryland; nephews, Alton Henderson, Derrick W. Henderson and Corey Nivens all of Maryland and a special friend/caretaker, Gregory Westfield of Leland. 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.

Micah L. Mosley

Micah L. Mosley, age 35, of Bolivia, passed away Monday, June 8, 2020. Graveside services were held on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at Brown Cemetery in Bolivia.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of wife, Amanda Mosley of the home; children, Nyssa Small, Aniyah Mosley, Kyrah Mosley and Micah C. Mosley all of Bolivia; father, Leander Mosley, Sr. of Bolivia; siblings, Antoinette Jenrette (Rodney) of Shallotte, Leander Mosley, Jr. (Brandi) of Boiling Spring Lakes, Adriene Mosley of Four Oaks, Elias Mosley of Bolivia, Justus Mosley (Tekeysha) of Bolivia, Leanna Tyler (Polite) and Priscilla Mosley both of Southport; god-brother, Thomas Randolph of Virginia Beach, VA; father and mother-in-law, George Miller, Jr. and Barbara Miller both of Leland

and a host of nieces, nephews, other 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.

Bernette W. Davis

Bernette W. Davis, age 60, of Bolivia, passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

A celebration of Mrs. Davis' was held on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia. Interment followed at Marsh Branch Cemetery.

Bernette W. Davis was born on July 21, 1959 in Vicksburg, Mississippi to the proud parents of Henry and Hattie Mae White.

Bernette was an extraordinary lady who confessed Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at Mt. Zion #1 Missionary Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Bernette met Preston who would later become her future husband in 1976, where they began a long distance relationship. She graduated from Vicksburg High School in 1977.

She moved to North Carolina shortly after to marry the love of her life. Bernette later joined Rutland Chapel AME Church where she served as an active member and treasurer.

Once settled in North Carolina, Bernette began working for the Brunswick County Board of Education where she served dutifully as a Child Nutrition Secretary until her health declined.

While becoming acclimated to the "country life", Bernette developed a green thumb and passion for plants and flowers, which she had a house and garden full of. She would be sure to share them with her friends and family, as long as she knew those plants would go to a good home.

She loved her plants, but her real joy came from her grandchildren and especially her great grand-baby Londyn. Any time she'd get to spend with her was enough to brighten the worst of Bernette's day. Londyn was her "Sweetie Ma" and Bernette was Londyn's "Old Ma". Londyn had Bernette wrapped around her little finger and could get away with anything.

Anytime Bernette would go out to the store, she'd be sure to pick up something for her Sweetie Ma; whether candy, crayons, coloring books or bubbles.

Bernette also had a true passion for fashion and loved costume jewelry. She would tell her daughters that she always had to wear "a bold statement piece" to give her church suit or outfit a little more pizzazz. Bernette's love for gospel music, especially quartet, started at the tender young age of six where she sang along side with her father and sister at the local radio station WQBC, in Vicksburg. Some of her favorite quartet groups were the Canton Spirituals, Lee Williams and the QCs, Doc McKenzie, and The Hi-Lites and Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Hattie Mae White; grandmother, Everline Gibson and her brother Michael White.

Bernette leaves to cherish her loving and uplifting memories; a loving husband Preston Davis of 42 years; two daughters, Tawanna White of Bolivia, North Carolina and Pondanika Davis of Hampton, Georgia; three grandchildren, Shaquita White, Trevor White, and Ezra White, all of Bolivia, North Carolina; one great grandchild, Cori Londyn White; one sister, Deneese White (Albert) Hatchett of Vicksburg, Mississippi; one uncle, Freddy (Odessa) Todd of Vicksburg, Mississippi; one aunt, Rebecca (Leon) Russell of Cleveland, Ohio; in-laws of the Davis family, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members including the White, Reed, Martin and Flagg family and special 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.

Pastor Joann Pressley

Pastor Joann "Jodie" Pressley entered into eternal rest on June 12, 2020. A celebration of Pastor Pressley's life was held on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at Calvary

Memorial Cemetery

Born on September 12th 1952 to the late James Fred and Maggie Swinney Little in Wilmington , North Carolina. Joann received her primary and secondary education in New Hanover County Public Schools. She was preceded in death by her sister Ozaline Freeman and son Anthony "Tony" Frazier.

Joann began her Christian walk at an early age. She sang the songs of Zion with Roman Wilson and the Soul Stirrers in addition to Anthony Genwright and the Joyful Noise Assemble. Her walk and strong faith led her to the ministry of Evangelism and she later became pastor of Judah the House of Praise Ministries and founded New Restoration and Praise

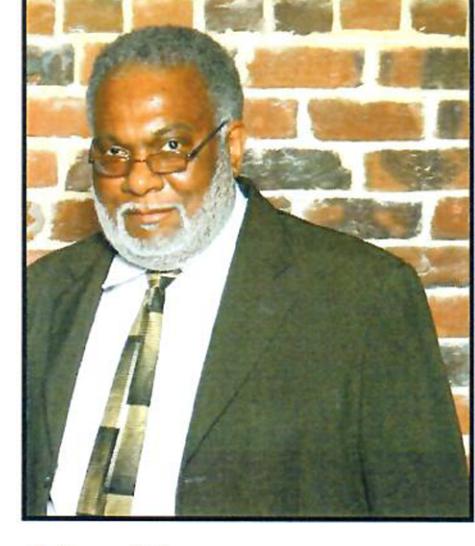
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Happy Heavenly Birthday

Jonathan Q. Allen
Sunrise: June 25, 1989
Sunset: June 2, 2014

Thinking of you today, tomorrow and everyday. With sadness in our hearts. For a very special someone. From whom we had to part. We miss you Jonathan and will always love our prince.

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"And the Lord spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3 "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: thy God is a jealous God." verse 5a

Idol -Any person or thing regarded with blind admiration, adoration, or devotion; a false conception , notion, fallacy
Fallacy - A deceptive, misleading or false notion. unsound argument

Idolatry - Simply stated, anything that you love more than God. Anything that you worship more than God. Anything or person that you trust, more than God. Anything or anyone that you depend on, more than God. Anything or any person whose words motivate you to respect, disrespect ; accept or



Sylvia Hooper

reject by displaying actions and attitudes contrary to The Word of God..... That is your idol.

America, land of the free and home of the brave. Are we a Christian nation or not? What is your opinion? One thing I love about our nation, by law, we are free to agree or disagree with one another, and stay in character as spirit filled christian believers in God and His Son Jesus Christ. In God We Trust is still on our currency. In God we Trust is still on our lips. Can we truthfully say, In God We Trust is still in our hearts?

When God gave his people the Ten Commandments, his laws were written to protect and to preserve them. He had

brought them out of Egypt, and delivered them from the house of bondage. God already knew that if and when these laws were not kept, the people would sin and slide straight into idolatry. As Christians, we need to refresh the wisdom of the Word of God, written in the Ten Commandments for our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Read Exodus chapter 20.

1. Thou shall have no other god before me.
2. Thou shall not make any graven image(idol) and bow down to it.
3. Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shall not kill (murder).
7. Thou shall not commit adultery.
8. Thou shall not steal.

9. THOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR

10. Thou shall not covet. (a strong desire to have something that belongs to someone else)

In Matthew 23rd chapter, Jesus was questioned by a lawyer who was trying to tempt him to twist the scripture in the Old Testament, to justify religion, law and order, carried out with little or absolutely no compassion for others.

"Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:36-40

Micah 6:8 states, "He hath

shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Any person to decree, declare, announce, or justify any conduct, character or action to directly or indirectly disobey God's commandments, which was written for the blessing and benefit of his people for his nation, has presented a spirit of idolatry, which should be discerned and disregarded.

I Corinthians 10:12-14 says, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. WHEREFORE, MY DEARLY BELOVED, FLEE (run away,

avoid, distance yourself) FROM IDOLATRY."

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!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

What will mean to the Black Community to "defund the police"?

First, let me be clear on the matter of where I stand on police brutality when a policeman intentionally inflicts bodily harm unjustified on any person, he should be punished by the same laws that everyone else is punished by (Just laws have no respect of person). What we have seen that there are unjustified killing of Blacks in this country by a policeman and unnecessary beatings and yes the system needs to be an overhaul, that Blacks get the same respect as whites, we are all a part of the human race created by the same Creator, all are the descendants of the one man Adam whose genes was color-coded, that out of this one man would come all the races of people: Acts 17:26, And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; All men come from one source, from God Himself. All men have the same blood and nature. No man or nation is above another. All are equal; all stand before God. No one is a favorite of God. God shows no partiality to one person over another; to Jew or Gentile, to religionist or heathen (black or white).

All men and nations are "appointed a time" to live and are given "bounds" within which to live. God oversees the birth and life of every per-

son and nation. He is actively involved in the world and the lives of people. A man just needs to acknowledge and reach out to Him and Him alone; then a man will come to know the glorious care and guidance of God's hand. (POSBC)

What does it mean to the Black Community to 'defund the police'? Chaos, Chaos, Chaos: "Complete disorder and confusion. Behavior so unpredictable as to appear random)." The greatest danger to the

Black Community is the Black (male) in the Community. Did You Know? In 2015, Black men committed 62% of murders and were 79% of all murder victims. Black men committed 36% of murders and made up 52% of all murder victims. White men committed 30% of murders and accounted for 43% of all murder victims. A Homicide is largely intra-racial. Of crimes involving a single offender and victim: 81% of white victims were killed by a white perpetrator; 89% of all black victims were killed by a black perpetrator.

Chicago saw its most violent Memorial Day weekend in five years with dozens shot and 10 people killed, despite a

stay-at-home order meant to keep people inside during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Jun 1, 2020 - 85 shot, 24 fatally, over Chicago's most violent weekend of 2020 ... lives of 24 people and injured at least 61 others from May 29 to June 1, 2020, ... the 25-year-old man and shot him multiple times about 5:25 a.m. in 1200 ...

The Baltimore Sun reports two people were killed Thursday night, pushing the number of homicides in 2020 to 103, one more than at the same time in 2019. In the last seven days, the city has recorded 14 homicides. A man and a woman were fatally shot on the sidewalk there - the 299th and 300th individuals killed in Baltimore in 2019. Their deaths marked the city's fifth consecutive year with at least 300 homicides.

Cleveland Ohio, As of Saturday, nearly 87 percent of this year's homicide victims -- 92 out of 106 -- were black and 77 percent are black males. In 2018, roughly 75 percent of homicide victims were black. Several high-profile homicide cases remain unsolved as the police department's homicide unit remains understaffed. Three of this year's 10 homicide cases involving children remain unsolved; four of the seven involving children in 2018 also remain unsolved, according to statistics from the prosecutor's office. Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley has criticized Cleveland police department brass for failing to keep

the homicide unit properly staffed with detectives.

CINCINNATI, OHIO - Homicides are dramatically rising in Cincinnati. Over the first four months of this year, the city has seen 28 homicides - 25 of which were gun-related. And with this new data, many questions arise. There have been 28 homicides in Cincinnati in 2020, from January 1 to April 28, 26 of the victims have been African Americans. Cincinnati City Council Member Jeff Pastor is sick and tired of seeing black people being killed in Cincinnati.

"These are young African American people whose potential has been cut short by violence," Pastor said. "We do not need people, specifically our young black brothers and sisters in predominantly African-American and working-class neighborhoods killing each other."

Police said a significant amount of violent crime occurs in Cincinnati's Westwood neighborhood. And while police are doing their part, Pastor said the solution to correct the issue lies within the communities themselves.

"When community leaders say we are tired of young black kids dying, that's when this madness is going to stop," Pastor said. "Until then, it's going to be the same recycled solutions out there that are only going to get us partially better."

CHARLOTTE, NC (WBTV) - So far this year in Charlotte, more African Americans were killed in homicides than other races.

Police say a breakdown of the 22 homicides shows that 16 were African American, three were Caucasian and three were Latino. "What's most troubling to me is that our most vulnerable continue to - year after year - look more and more like me," Chief Kerr Putney said.

Black lives must become the priority of the Black community first, in the womb, and on the streets of our cities in America. How can we demand respect for the lives of our people, when we don't have respect for it.

Can you imagine what would happen if we defund the police; get rid of the bad cops and keep good ones (don't throw the children with the bath water).

(AMPC) But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].² For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholly and profane.³ [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless

(admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanders (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.⁴ [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.⁵

For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

The church should not allow the ungodly world who do not recognize or honor God, to lead the church contrary to the word of God, "if the blind lead the blind they both shall fall into the ditch," "we cannot serve two masters for either we will hate one and love other." Father, in the Name of Jesus, help us to receive your ways, your mind, and not that of the world. Amen.

Phil 2:5, (AMPC)⁵ Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:]

Reverend Naoniel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

Friday, June 26, 2020 at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation is 5-7 PM Thursday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Loretta McMillan

Loretta McMillan graveside services will be held 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2020 at St. James AMEZ Church Cemetery, Snowfield. Visitation 3-5 p.m., Thursday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mamie Hollins

Mamie Hollins funeral service will be 12 Noon Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation is one hour prior to the service on Thursday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie Palmer

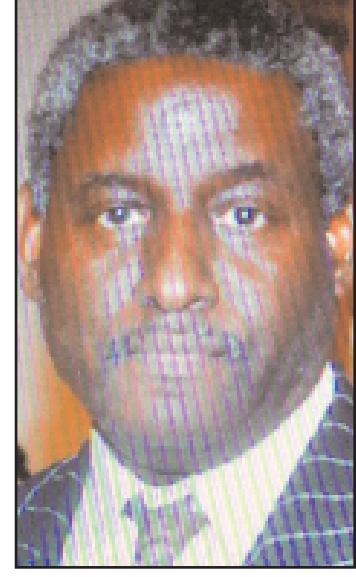
Willie Palmer funeral service will be 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation is one hour before the service on Saturday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Robert Johnson

Robert Johnson graveside service will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation is 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Saturday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Lopez Robinson

Lopez Robinson graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.



The Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church Family would like to congratulate their pastor Reverend Richard W. Smith on his 34th anniversary on June 28, 2020.

Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church has truly been blessed to have a leader sent from God. We've been taught to read His word and His wisdom. We thank the Lord for you Pastor Smith and we give God the Glory.

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OBITUARIES

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Ministries where she pastored. Joann was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and an excellent childcare provider.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, her husband, Charles Pressley of Wilmington; son, James Edward Frazier, Jr (Katherine) of Charlotte; daughters, Edweenae (Lonnie) Wright of Raleigh, Tameka (Timothy) Bunting of Wilmington and Shakia (Sean) Wilmington; siblings, Cleanis Little and Celia (Donald) Singleton both of Wilmington, 21 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a host of other 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.

Lillie Mae Vann

Lillie Mae Vann, age 88, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, June 19, 2020. A celebration of Ms. Vann's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Bertha Selena Patrick

Bertha Selena Patrick died June 12, 2020. Graveside service were held 1:00 PM on Saturday.

June 20, 2020 at First Baptist Church Cemetery, Armour, NC. Bertha, daughter of the late David James Moore and Martha Graham Moore was born in Acme, North Carolina on October 27, 1937. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a daughter, Vanessa "Net" Patrick; a grandson, LaColtus "Antwan" Grady; two sisters, Odessa and Mary; two brothers, Clarence and David and her husband, Willie Dossie "Pete" Patrick. At an early age she joined First Baptist Missionary Church of Armour, NC where she served faithfully until her health failed. She was a member of the usher Board, Kitchen Committee, Sunday School Teacher and served at any other capacity where she was needed. Ma Bert as she was affectionately known was a devoted mother, sister and friend. She will be missed and loved by those who knew her. She leaves to cherish her memories: daughter, Jacquette Taylor of Riegelwood, NC; sons, Ricky Patrick (Sonya) of Wilmington, NC, William Patrick (Renee) of Riegelwood, NC and Borenzo Patrick of Wilmington, NC; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren daughter-in-love, Sheila Patrick of Riegelwood, NC; sisters, Marie Andrews, Rose Keith (James) and Lessie Smith of Riegelwood, NC and Martha Sutton (Rev. A.B.) of Birmingham, AL; brothers, James Moore, Sr. (Marie) of Riegelwood, NC and Ernest Moore of Trenose, PA; brother-in-law, James Patrick of Fairmont, NC; special friends, Romelia Brown and Thelma Bryant both of Riegelwood, NC; godchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Harold Andrew Butcher, Sr.

Harold Andrew Butcher, Sr., 81, of Castle Hayne, North Carolina passed away on June 13, 2020 at his home. He was born in Downingtown, Pennsylvania to the late Horace Sr. and Elizabeth Butcher on June 18, 1938. Harold married Clara Mitchell Butcher (deceased) on July 26, 1959 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He later married Maria Teresa Padilla Butcher on February 11, 2015 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He joined the United States Marine Corps. Harold was a veteran of the Vietnam War and retired after serving his country for 30 years as a Master Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Corps. Harold Butcher, Sr. lived a long happy life and will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Horace Butcher, Jr., Ronald Butcher, Sr., Robert Flowers, Thomas Flowers, Lois Flowers, Elizabeth Flowers, Lewis Ray Flowers and Inez Butcher. He is survived by: his wife, Maria Butcher; children, Harold Butcher, Jr. of Wilmington, NC, Yolanda Butcher Graham of Memphis, TN and Dennis Butcher (Wendy) of Spring Lake, NC; grandchildren, Kristine Graham of Seattle, WA, Monica Williams of Memphis, TN, Jade Butcher and Martin Butcher of Spring Lake, NC and Ricky Williams of North Carolina; sister, Eleanor Butcher of Coatesville, PA; and brother, Tommy Parker of Downingtown, PA. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

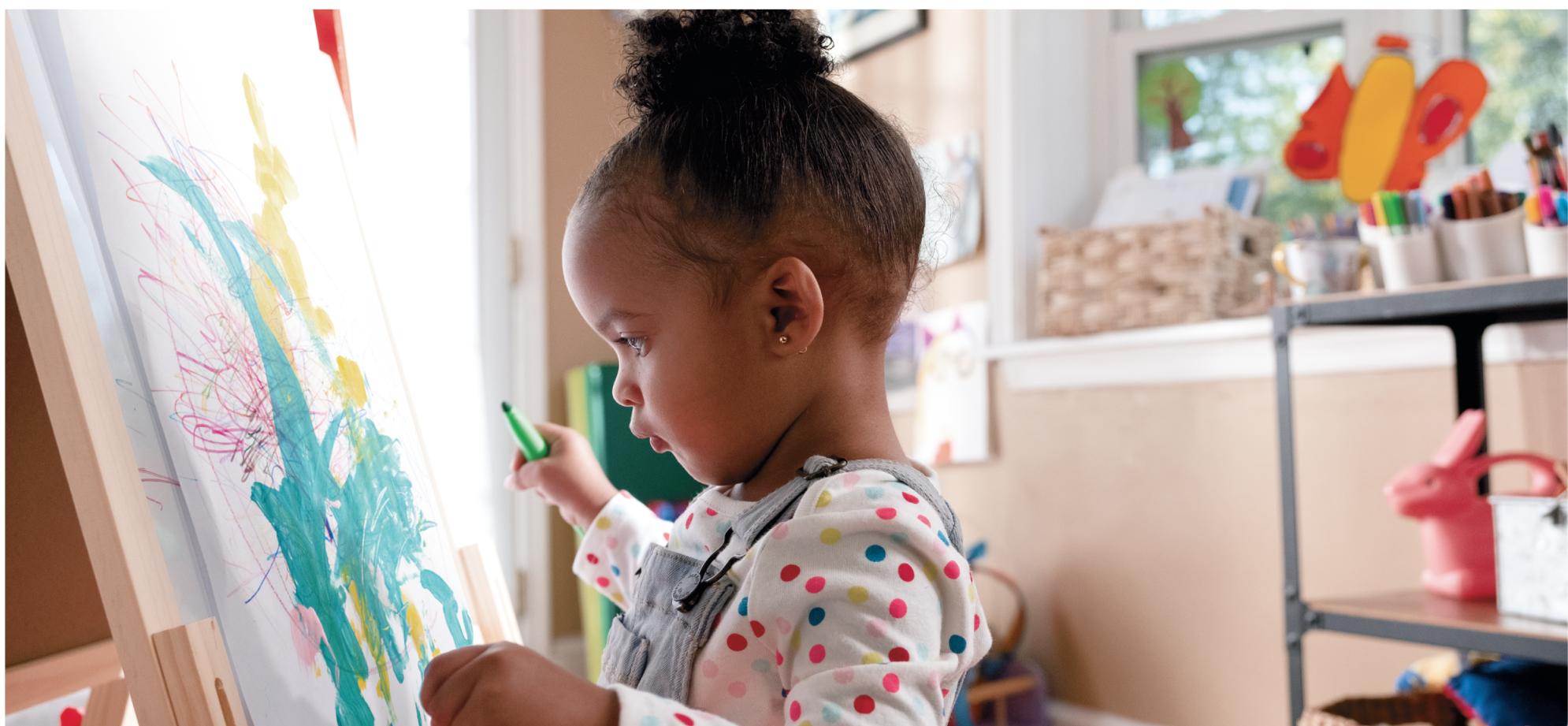
Robert Simmons

Robert Simmons died June 15, 2020. Visitation and funeral service on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial

Chapel. Robert Herbert Simmons, Jr. "Fatman", was born on June 24, 1953 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Florence Simmons and Robert Simmons, Sr. He graduated from New Hanover High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. He attended Cape Fear Community College. He worked for General Electrical Company from 1987 to 2017 when he retired after 30 years. He was a member of the Scotts Hill Men's Club serving as a board member for several years, organizing annual neighborhood reunions, community outreach services, etc. As a car enthusiast Robert joined the Old School Car Club. He would attend car shows in various cities showcasing his 1972 SS Chevy Chevelle. He was known as "Fatman" not because of his size but how big his heart was for the love of his family and friends. He was a die-hard Cowboys fan who loved to watch old black and white western movies while sipping his favorite cognac. He also enjoyed talking about cars with his youngest grandson. He is survived by: his children, Derrick Spicer (Tanisha), Lashawda Simmons, and Nicholas Simmons (Mwanaisha); grandchildren which include, Mia Fowler, Donte Spicer, Arron Spicer, Jaujan Wright, Zion McIntosh, Nature Parker, and Jacob Simmons; two great-grandchildren, Milo and Maxton Battle; his partner, Ellen Miller and her daughter, Tshema Mallette; one sister, Ophelia Jones (Council); a host of nieces, and nephews. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Nathaniel Boynton

Nathaniel Boynton graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is



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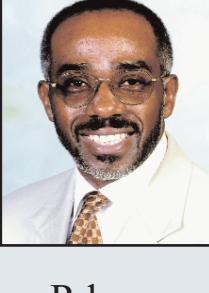
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