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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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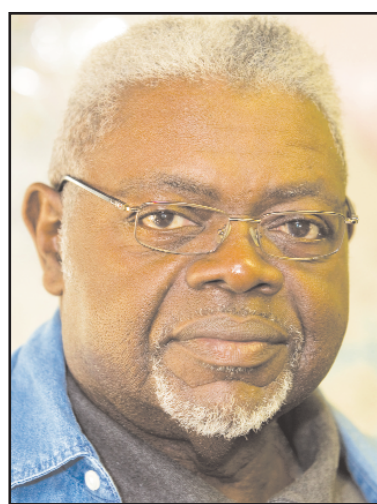


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BERNEST HEWETT

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Men and women my age remember seeing the hardcore racism of those who live with us or in our communities and the horror they would bring on Black people and people of color. It was hard on my people, but they kept fighting for freedom for a better life in these United States of America. Their strength came through their strong belief that God almighty was going to bring them out of the turmoil of abusive unfair medical care, unfair wages, poor housing and education.

I remember being told about the worst times, doors being kicked down in the middle of the night, Black men and

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Wilmington deals with dramatic change, turmoil and hope

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

From even before North Carolina native, George Floyd, was cold-bloodedly killed by a Minneapolis police officer with a knee to his neck, the coastal Port City of Wilmington, a place where raging White supremacists violently overthrew elected Black control in 1898, was dealing with extraordinary racism and clear evidence that Black lives really didn't matter.

However, few knew that, even in the midst of a deadly pandemic, that would dramatically have to change.

It was May 3, 2020, when an angry White mob, with guns, led by an off-duty New Hanover County sheriff's deputy, would

allegedly invade the home of a Black family, demanding entry in neighboring Pender County under the premise of searching for a missing girl. No one was hurt, but the incident deeply disturbed African-Americans, who felt threatened in a national atmosphere where angry Whites felt free to falsely and verbally attack Blacks for exercising their constitutional rights.

May 25 was the day that would rock the world, the day when George Floyd fatally fell victim to outrageous police abuse in a disturbing video, igniting massive protests and demonstrations in cities all over the nation, includ-

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DR. CHARLES FOUST



CHIEF DONNY WILLIAMS

Rev. Murphy on Pender school board changing school name and n-word report



REV. DANTE MURPHY

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Even though the Pender County Public School Board unanimously voted Tuesday to change the name of Burgaw Elementary back to C. F. Pope Elementary School, which is what it was during the days of segregation when it was named after a respected African-American Baptist minister, local principal and educator: The Reverend Dante Murphy, president of the Pender County NAACP, says there is more here to the name change than meets the eye.

"What should be stressed is the need to pay attention to the motives of public officials and why they make certain moves," Rev. Murphy told The Journal in a statement Wednesday. "For example, was the Pender County School Board's vote to change the name back to C. F. Pope made in the best interest of the community, or was it a continuation of plantation politics. My guess is that it was done in small portion for the benefit of the community and in large portion a continuation of plantation politics. We nevertheless celebrate the victory and champion those who have fought for some time to maintain their heritage."

However, the other decision of note that had

Rev. Murphy's attention was the Pender School Board's vote Tuesday to finally release a long awaited report on the alleged use of the n-word by a teacher.

The report, completed by Blue LLP a month ago, confirmed that Karen McGowan, a Pender High School teacher, used the vile racial slur twice in front of students in clear violation of school system policy.

McGowan was issued a letter of official reprimand.

Two other Pender Schools employees were also found to have used the slur, but apparently not in violation of school system policy.

Prior to the report's being released Wednesday, Rev. Murphy, who had originally demanded an investigation into the matter, commented.

"I wish to apologize to the citizens of Pender County in that we were unsuccessful in preventing our school board from spending thousands of dollars on an unnecessary "independent investigation" into the use of the "N" word by a teacher," Rev. Murphy told The Journal. "The report that will be released to the public will be the handiwork of what attorneys are paid huge amounts of money to do, make problems go away. We will continue to dig deeper into the money spent on this investigation as well as the millions of dollars spent on other legal fees."



DARRYL GADDY

Court says released felons owing fees, fines may vote

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Released felons on probation because they owe fees and fines may now be able to vote in North Carolina, ruled a divided three-judge Superior Court panel last week.

The decision will most likely be appealed. Ordinarily, in North Carolina, voting rights are returned to convicted felons after they've served their sentences, unless they are delinquent in fines and fees or haven't

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NC Black voters warned: "make sure your vote counts"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Now that Labor Day has officially passed, the upcoming presidential debates, starting Sept. 29, and the Nov. 3 general election less

than two months away, Black voters are urged to pay particular attention to all aspects of the voting process to make sure that their ballot is properly counted on Election Day.

First, check your voter registra-

tion status to be sure you're registered to vote in the Nov. 3 election. One must be 18 years-old (or at least be 18 by Nov. 3) and must have had a North Carolina address for at least 30 days. You may register online at

https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/online/Pages/voter-registration-application.aspx, or visit either your local county

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ing Wilmington.

Police chiefs across the state joined demonstrators in decrying the death of Floyd, and, in some cases, as with then interim Wilmington Police Chief Donny Williams, marched with them.

Black Lives Matter protesters took to the streets, taking up the rallying cry heard all over to end police violence, remove confederate statues that honored White supremacist legacies, and "defund the police," a cry to take funding from the local law enforcement budget and transfer it to more social service programs for the poor.

BLM protesters in Wilmington also demanded the establishment of a civilian police review board and the permanent appointment of Interim Chief Williams to head Wilmington law enforcement.

On the night of June 24, two confederate statues were removed from the downtown Wilmington area by order of city govern-

ment, per the demands of many in the African-American community who complained that they were reminders of past White racism and oppression that still plagued Black people in the Port City. That stunning news was immediately followed by the welcomed announcement that Interim Chief Williams had indeed been made permanent to lead the police department, becoming the first African-American ever to do so.

However, then the shocker came! On his first day as the permanent chief, Williams announced the termination of three veteran White Wilmington police officers who were unknowingly caught on a police vehicle recording using racial slurs to describe Black Lives Matter demonstrators, Black police officers, a Black magistrate, and even their new Black police chief. The officers were also caught using hate-filled speech, discussing starting a racial "civil war" to wipe Blacks "off the f---g map."

New Hanover County District Attorney Ben

David announced that, after reviewing the tapes, he couldn't find evidence of the officers' breaking any state law, but he did call for a federal Justice Department investigation. He also made sure the former officers could not serve as witnesses in any of the 70 cases in which they were involved.

Chief Williams ensured that they could never work for the City of Wilmington again and would be blackballed to ever work in any other North Carolina law enforcement agency. He also vowed that, as long as he was police chief in Wilmington, he would not tolerate racist attitudes among his officers on the force.

Recently it was reported that one of the former officers, James "Brian" Gilmore, is appealing his termination, claiming that the remarks for which he was fired, about Whites' "worshipping" Black protesters, were actually constitutionally "protected" religious speech, not racial. Gilmore wants his job back.

Then on July 6, the NC Clergy Truth and

Reconciliation Mission filed a federal complaint against the ousted White officers with the Community Relations Service of the U. S. Justice Dept., seeking an investigation.

Finally, on Monday, July 13, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, by a 3-2 vote, passed a resolution that was simply unthinkable before the death of George Floyd, declaring racism a "public health crisis."

"Racism has formed the basis for a public health crisis affecting our entire County and should be treated with urgency," read the resolution in part. "This resolution calls upon legislators, health officials and others in our community to research and analyze data and make meaningful changes to dismantle systemic racism. New Hanover County will seek to promote racial equity...."

At that same meeting, the NHC Commission Board voted to change the name of Hugh McRae Park, originally named after a prominent White supremacist in Wilmington's past, to Long Leaf Park. The sign was

promptly dismantled the day after.

On August 18, after several weeks of explosive controversy, the Wilmington City Council voted 5-2 to adopt a one-year pilot project sponsoring a donated art installation in its downtown area that says, "BLACK LIVES DO MATTER - END RACISM NOW."

Days later, a New Hanover County judge ruled not to release video/audio recordings of three White former Wilmington police officers racially disparaging African-Americans and arming themselves for a race war.

In the span of just four months, Wilmington, given its torrid racial history, has seen the kind of transformative change no one could have imagined.

The question now, and for the future, is, can it last?

EDITOR'S NOTE: LAST MONTH THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION HIRED ITS FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN SUPERINTENDENT, DR. CHARLES FOUST.

FELONS

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completed their probationary period. It's called the felony disenfranchisement law.

However, the lawsuit filed last fall by the NC NAACP and the Raleigh-based

Success Initiative, a re-entry program for the formerly incarcerated, challenged

that status, stating that it violates the U. S. Constitution's prohibition against a "property quantification affecting one's right to vote."

The judicial panel further found that the law violates the Equal Protection Clause.

Only those ex-felons who have not had their voting rights restored because they still owe money are affected by the ruling.

Advocates seeking to restore the voting rights for the formerly incarcerated, like Dennis Gaddy, executive director of Community Success Initiative, were delighted.

"This ruling is a major victory for the thousands of North Carolinians who have been denied access to the ballot due to an inability to pay financial obligations," Gaddy said. "We are thrilled that the judges took

this important step in the right direction in the continued fight for voting rights and equality in our state."

It didn't take long for Republicans to complain that the decision was another example of judges' writing law, instead of deciding law.

"Sure as hell nothing to celebrate here," tweeted Dallas Woodhouse, executive director of the NC

Republican Party. "Convicted felons who have NOT paid their debt to society and not concluded their sentences having their full rights restored."

However, advocates counter that the N. C. felony disenfranchisement law was the legal equivalent to a poll tax that otherwise prevented legal voters from carrying out their constitutional right to vote.

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Board of Elections office or local NC DMV office to do so.

You may also use same-day registration if you choose to one-stop early vote between Oct. 15 and Oct. 31.

If you believe that you are already registered to vote and feel you need to double check your status, just go to <https://www.ncsbe.gov>, click "Registering" to go to that page, scroll down to the box on the right that that says "Checking Your Registration," click that to go to that page. Then, once there, scroll

down past "Related Content" to "Voter Search Tool."

Click that to go to the "Voter Search" page. Once there, follow the instructions to confirm the you are properly registered to vote in North Carolina. If you are not, go to the proper page to correct or update your voter registration information.

Remember! You must be properly registered no later than Oct. 9, 2020.

Once you've confirmed that you are properly registered to vote, then you may decide on the several options you have to cast your ballot either before, or on, Nov. 3.

For instance, if you were

one of the over 643,000 North Carolinians who requested a mail-in ballot online, those ballots were sent out on Sept. 4. You should have received yours by now. If so, you officially have until Oct. 27 to mail your ballot back. However, to ensure that it is returned in plenty of time to be properly counted, most observers are urging you to fill it out, sign it in front of one witness, and then return it promptly (at least ten days before Nov. 3, Election Day). Just follow the instructions when you receive it in the mail.

Once you've properly filled it out and signed it, you may

physically return your completed ballot to your local county Board of Elections no later than 5 p. m. on Election Day, Nov. 3rd.

If you want to return your completed ballot during the early voting period, you may do that by taking it to any early voting site between Oct. 15 and Oct. 31.

Beyond yourself, only a close relative may return your ballot for you.

If you mail it back, you may check the SBOE voter "Search Tool" online to be sure it was received and accepted.

If you choose not to vote by absentee, or mail-in ballot, as indicated before, you

may "one stop early vote" between Oct. 15 and Oct. 31. Just check to see where the nearest early voting site is to where you live.

All early voting sites will open at 8 a. m. Monday through Friday, and at 12 noon on Saturdays and Sundays. They will close at 7:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, and at 5:00 p. m. on Saturday, October 17 and Saturday, October 24, and on Sunday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, October 25.

On the final day of early voting, Saturday, Oct. 31, polls will close at 3:00 p. m..

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, polls will open at 6:30a.m. and close at 7:30p. m.

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women being beat up or killed, KKK marching in people's yards, burning crosses to scare them or even harm people, just because they wanted to.

I have seen these things change because people were strong enough to stand up for what is right and just! The people kept praying! People stood together and, with God on our side, things began to change. We now need to teach our younger generation from where we came and have them learn about the past and what it takes to go forward! We must first find ourselves with true faith. God will lead us. Then we must start work that will improve our communities and build the conscience of our elected officials.

We must not return to the past! We can use the past to live by, but not to live in. We must learn from our mistakes, move forward, and make the future better! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

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



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

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB

STATE BRIEFS



JUDGE LIMITS RELEASE OF POLICE BODYCAM VIDEO

[DURHAM] A Durham judge has released police body cam video of officers drawing guns on a group of black children playing tag

last month, but only to Durham City Council members and the attorney for the three police officers involved. One of the children was even handcuffed. Mayor Steve Schewel and the rest of the Durham Council are scheduled to view that video today. Then, the council is expected to request another court hearing to request that the video be released to the public. The police maintain that they got a report

of a man with a gun, which is why they had their weapons drawn. But the parents counter that their children - one as young as eight at the time - were just playing tag in the yard. No word on when that second hearing will be held.

TRUMP WANTS STATE TO REOPEN AMID COVID-19

[WINSTON-SALEM] Pres. Donald Trump, during his third visit to North

Carolina in just two weeks, told hundreds of supporters at a Winston-Salem airport Tuesday night that Gov. Roy Cooper "doesn't know what [he's] doing" when it come to managing the COVID-19 pandemic in the state. Speaking before a crowd where an overwhelming of those attending were not wearing protective masks as required, Trump said the state would reopen after the election, and urged them to elect Lt.

Gov. Dan Forest as the new governor. Observers note that there was very little social distancing at the rally.

NINA SIMONE'S HISTORIC N.C. HOME NOW PROTECTED FROM DEMOLITION

[TRYON] The house where legendary singer Nina Simone grew up is now permanently protected from demolition by agreement with the

National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation North Carolina and World Monuments Fund. Simone was born Eunice Waymon in Tryon, NC in 1933. She taught herself how to play the piano when she was three, later growing up to become a world famous jazz singer and social activist. She died in France in 2003.

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RAINBOW COALITION

America's greatest athletes are standing up, calling this country to change

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The greatest athletes in America are standing up for justice at a critical time. Despite unprecedented, multiracial demonstrations across the country protesting police violence against African Americans, the horrors keep on coming. Last week, Jacob Blake was shot seven times in the back by a policeman in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

As the anger has grown, some of the protests have been marred by vandalism and looting. Now armed right-wing militia groups are escalating the tensions. In Kenosha, two demonstrators were murdered and one wounded by a 17-year-old Trump supporter illegally wielding an assault weapon. It is into this cauldron that the professional basketball players of the NBA stood up, forcing a suspension of the playoffs, to support the call for justice. Their example was picked up by others — the WNBA, baseball players, tennis champions like Naomi Osaka and more.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

This takes courage. Great athletes are taught to focus on their sport and to ignore their power in the culture. Owners, agents, managers and fans see them as entertainment, not as citizens or leaders. Yet the very God-given gifts, discipline and skills that make a great athlete contribute to their capacity for leadership. In the Old Testament, little David honed his skill with a sling. When an oppressive horde led by a giant named Goliath threatened the Hebrew people, David stepped up, hurling the stone that slew the giant and saved his people. Now America's greatest athletes are standing up, calling this country to change. They know that they will face criticism and abuse. They know that they could be risking their careers and livelihood. When LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, Chris Bosh and the Miami Heat players stood up in response to the death of Trayvon Martin, Americans across the country took notice. The same is true now as the current athletes focus on Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Jacob Blake and the others they name.

They know the risks, but they also know that when they leave the court or playing field and return to their families, they are just another Black person to the police, and must worry about how to protect their sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, or even themselves. Both Sterling Brown of the Milwaukee Bucks and Thabo Sefolosha of the Houston Rockets were victims of police lawlessness. Here the example and leadership of LeBron James has been critical. Athletes across the world look up to him. When LeBron uses his platform to speak out — even in the face of insults from the president and others — he sets a tone and an example for others. In my opinion, he uses his gifts and platform so responsibly because it is his way of thanking God by serving others.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. used his gifts and platform to change the culture. Today, athletes are using their commitment to call this country to its senses. Great athletes have often been pacesetters. When Heavyweight Champion Jack Johnson stood up to racially biased and arbitrary social mores, he impacted the culture. When Joe Lewis defeated Max Schmeling, he pummeled the entire Nazi theory and racist ideology. When Jesse Owens became the world's fastest man at the Berlin Olympics, Adolf Hitler wouldn't shake his hand, but when Owens came home, he told me President Roosevelt wouldn't shake his hand either. Jackie Robinson broke the racial barrier in baseball and bore the physical and psychological scars from doing it. At the height of his career, Muhammad Ali, became a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War, and paid the price of years stolen from his career. Every athlete should be grateful to Curt Flood for ending the reserve clause and gaining athletes the right to free agency to negotiate the best deal they could. Colin Kaepernick launched his nonviolent campaign against police killing of Black people four years ago that has cost him his career.

The athletes had to stop business as usual to gain attention. They have been in intense meetings figuring out how they can most be effective. They understand that the murders can't go on; the system must change. They are calling on others to join them. They are putting their time and their resources on the line. They've now convinced NBA owners to turn their arenas into polling places where people might vote safely. Their actions have already had effect. It is too easy for cynical politicians and entrenched interests to turn attention from the injustice to the excesses that mar those protesting it. The players have forced our attention back to the injustice and to the core demand that Black Lives Matter. For that, they deserve our respect and our support.

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

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WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR TODAY

VISUAL VOICE



YOUR VOICE

AWOL INCUMBENTS

Based upon a Google search, AWOL is an acronym for "Absence With Out Leave" (permission). It is a military term that means to take unauthorized time off from work, school, and other duties. Brunswick County incumbents or politicians currently in office (District 3 Commissioner, NC House 17, and NC Senate 8) are current-

ly AWOL because they refuse to participate in a League of Women Voters' (LWV) Candidate Forum. Since they refused to participate, LWV guidelines prevent their opponents from participating.

This same "Run and Hide" strategy of running for office, getting elected, and then "hiding" from voters was also used in 2018. Voters are cheated because incumbents

do not have to defend their record on refusing to oppose offshore drilling, failing to expand healthcare coverage, and/or opposing NC COVID-19 guidelines that have been measured and science-based. Wouldn't you like to know how incumbents AND their opponents plan to deal with COVID-19 (schools and jobs) and climate change (hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods)?

What should happen if politicians go AWOL? After 30 days or more, soldiers face a dishonorable discharge. BC voters should render their verdict during the Early Voting period (October 15-31) and General Election Day (November 3) by discharging these incumbents without honor.

William Flythe Southport, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Is the economy rebounding?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On the Friday before Labor Day, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released its monthly report, The Employment Situation. It reported good news — the unemployment rate dropped to 8.4 percent, higher than in February before the pandemic hit. We added 1.4 million jobs last month, the highest gain since the corona recession began. But while this is progress, it is no cause for celebration. The Black unemployment rate remains double-digit and has not dropped as rapidly as either the overall rate or the white rate, 7.3 percent. Eleven million fewer people held jobs in August than in March. And the "rebound" is not spread evenly across populations. The top 10 percent have already recovered. The bottom 40 or 50 percent are still struggling.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee Senator Kamala Harris told CNN that "one in five mothers is describing her children as hungry." The lines at the food banks have not gone down, and in some communities, they are getting longer. Once thought to be relatively immune to the virus, small-town America is now being hit, and forcefully. The challenge is that there are fewer hospitals or health care facilities in rural areas. Economic recovery is dependent on the development of a COVID vaccine, which the current President says will be ready in October or November. More realistic, such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, say a vaccine might not be ready until next summer or even later.

The bottom line is that the macro indicators may show some progress, but a deeper dive is far less optimistic. Hundreds of thousands of small businesses, including 40 percent of Black-owned companies, have closed, resulting in permanent job loss. Some of the hardest-hit industries include the leisure industries -- travel, dining,

and more. Women, especially women of color, heavily populate some of these industries. While COVID hit women of color harder than others, recovery will not make these women whole.

The economy will not regain its position from early March. Indeed, the slight comeback in leisure industries has been partly a function of people enjoying safer, outdoor dining. The colder it gets, the more likely it is that people will choose to pass up dining out in favor of eating at home. People bought more groceries between March and August, not wanting to risk the possibility of contagion. Many have cautiously begun to eat out again, but restaurants lose money when they reduce seating because of social distancing.

By mid-September, we will know whether the Labor Day weekend will spark another COVID outbreak. And if there is another outbreak, count on the economy to slow again. Congress could at least prevent some of this if the Senate passed the HEROES (Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions) Act,

which would extend unemployment insurance, provide relief for cities and states, and provide money for schools. The HEROES legislation has been caught in partisan drama, with a bipartisan group of Congressional representatives passing it, but with Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell failing to even put the legislation up to a vote. Some Republicans dispute the need for the HEROES Act because of the latest unemployment rate data. But many states and local jurisdictions will lay off public servants — teachers, police officers, sanitation workers, transportation workers, health care workers, and others, pushing the unemployment rate back up.

The August Employment Situation report has more good news than bad. It indicates that for the fourth month in a row, things are improving. But this improvement is not enough, and it could be much better if our legislators would offer some assistance, especially to those

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Open season

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I read with interest that our neighbors directly to the south, in Virginia, were experiencing an uptick in the numbers and presence of coyotes. Although dog-like in appearance, these predators threaten outside pets and other small wildlife. In rural areas, wild hogs destroy millions of dollars of commercial agriculture. Even normally non-threatening animals have become problems. Locally, Dulles Airport programs hunt for deer to reduce the potential for aircraft-deer collisions on runways! The expanding range of what's called "nuisance" animals has created increasing problems.

Except for programmed hunts, elimination of these nuisance animals is open to individual citizens. There're no limits or special requirements. A farmer experiencing crop damage may kill as many offending hogs as his judge-

ment considers necessary. Unlike "game" animals, there are no closed seasons — it is ALWAYS open season for nuisance animals. Sadly, it appears as though many in this country have come to emotionally accept the fate of the nuisance animal as comparable with the fate of African Americans and other people of color.

The recurring murders of people of color demonstrate a callous disregard for the lives and humanity of the victims. This is not new! Further back than anyone living can remember, African Americans were brutalized and murdered without regard for their circumstance or humanity.

In memory, there was no or little difference between law enforcement and the KKK. The badge you saw during the day was replaced by a hood at night. In Black communities, law enforcement's only mandate — "control the nigras!" This mandate gave complete license to law enforcement to be as brutally creative as they chose. The Black community was at the complete whim, mood or mercy of any law enforcement person they might meet.

The woes of Black folks were

increased by the activities of the "night riders," the Ku Klux Klan or similar organizations. Their extra-legal activities gave a new dimension to controlling the Black community. Their activities are legendary. A Black person was fearful of looking at a white person in a manner that could be perceived as insolent or disrespectful. This was dramatically demonstrated by the fate of Emmitt Till. No wonder most Blacks cowered and looked down in the presence of a white person. The foundation of their control was fear.

Considering how far we've come in time, most would pray and think that we are long past those times. They would be wrong!

Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, Laquan McDonald, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and now, Jacob Blake are more notable names on a long list of victims of police violence. Neither age, gender, nor social status distinguishes one from another. Their common characteristic is their race. Whether a part of the culture of their agency or the result of an established personal bias, officers involved with those individu-

als have chosen "nigga control" above "serving and protecting."

In addition to the travesties of the police, we're now menaced by a new generation of "white supremacist vigilantes." The most recent example is given in the person of Kyle Rittenhouse. He is 17. He's a resident of Illinois and lived 21 miles from Kenosha, WI. His mother drove him and his AR-15 to Kenosha where he, according to an interview (with him), was there to do his "duty" to protect property and maintain order. This terrorist killed two and severely wounded a third. Right-wing analysts and #45 weigh in with the opinion Rittenhouse's activities were appropriate and his actions were taken in self-defense.

If this trend is called "Making America Great Again," I want no part of it and will VOTE to do my part toward eliminating the leadership which condones and encourages this type of violence.

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at the bottom. Even though 45 has made the economy his issue, repeatedly proclaiming

that he created “the best economy in the world” until COVID, his inability to grasp the many ways that COVID will continue to plague the economy raises issues about

his sagacity and discernment. Don’t celebrate the rebound yet. Don’t stop the pressure either. The Senate must pass the HEROES Act or face the consequences. If

we want economic recovery AND economic justice, we must vote. *Dr. Julianne Malveaux is an economist and DC-based author.*

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
Burning Bibles and flags is not how Black folks protest

When unrest erupted in Milwaukee after George Floyd was murdered by police, and then continued to erupt in other cities as example after example of state-sanctioned violence against black people continued to be exposed, the media focused on violence. The stories seemed to lean toward the belief that the violence was coming exclusively from black people, thereby feeding into the fear many white people in this country have of black people, and eroding trust and support for the goals of the Black Lives Matter movement.

But some of the violence that was flashed across television screens seemed suspicious, at least to me. In one video, a white man carrying an umbrella, was shown walking along a street, smashing windows. Dubbed “Umbrella Man,” he was said to be a white supremacist working to incite violence. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/07/29/umbrella-man-white-supremacist-minneapolis/>)

In another story, destruction in Richmond, VA, was said to have been wreaked by white supremacists. White supremacists, said the mayor of the city, were marching under the banner of Black Lives Matter. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/nearly-two-dozen-arrested-in-richmond-as-weeks-of-peaceful-protest-turned-violent-over-the-week-end/2020/07/27/45857f1a-d02a-11ea-8d32-1ebf4e9d8e0d_story.html)

And recently, “rioters” were said to be burning Bibles and American flags. Although investigations revealed that only two Bibles had been burned, there was something about this story that rang totally false. It turns out that it was a story instigated by the Kremlin, in order to exacerbate white fear and opposition to the BLM movement, and support for this country’s president. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/11/us/politics/russia-disinformation-election-meddling.html>)

What I knew was, even before the disinformation efforts of the Kremlin was reported, is that the violence described did not seem to fit the pattern of how black people in this country protest.

We are not going to burn anybody’s Bible. Of that I am fairly certain. And it is unlikely that we have burned flags. When it comes to Bibles, all of us have grandparents and great-grandparents, long gone physically but still with us spiritually, who would tan our hides if we even thought about burning the Good Book.

And in our history, as angry as we have been (righteously so), the focus has not been to burn the American flag. The goal has been to alert this country as to how white supremacy has disrespected the flag by disrespecting and ignoring black people in the quest for freedom and full American citizenship.

When it comes to the Bible, black folks have revered and held onto God and God’s word even when God has seemed to be absent; our theologians have looked for ways to teach us who God is and where God is as we have fought for liberty, and when it comes to the flag, black people have, as Doc Rivers said last week, “loved a country which has not loved us back.”

Colin Kaepernick, remember, did not advocate the destruction of the flag. He knelt to show his respect for the ideals the flag represented.

The burning of the American flag reported this year was supposed spearheaded by a group called RevCom, short for the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. It was founded in 1975 by a white man, Bob Avakian, and its goal is to overthrow America’s capitalist system. Members of this and other anti-government groups have been present at BLM rallies.

Reports say that when RevCom began a flag burning exercise earlier this year in Chicago, other protesters rushed in to stop them. (<https://thehill.com/homenews/news/505891-protesters-burn-american-flag-outside-white-house-after-trump-july-fourth>)

Protests are American, but they are also cultural. The world knows about America’s racism and Russia, which has a vested interest in seeing the current president win re-election, is using its knowledge of white fear of black people to push racist disinformation.

We can and will see much of that leading up to November 3rd.

But it is and will be important to remember who we are and Whose we are. We will do well to remember our Sunday School lessons and our grandmothers’ words to us. They would not have tolerated us burning either a Bible or a flag.

The anti-fascists are doing the BLM a great disservice by showing up at BLM rallies, supposedly in support of what black people drawing attention to the disrespect and disregard of black lives in this country. We who listen and watch would do well to monitor stories like those featuring the burning of Bibles and American flags, and work to counter the disinformation being spread in order to dilute the strength and necessity of the BLM movement.

Our work and our struggle deserves that much. *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.*

REALITY CHECK

Needed: All Black police officers in inner-city neighborhoods

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In a 1992 column written for the Richmond Free Press I wrote, “Someone should tell young black males who are killing each other with such deadly efficiency that they are being allowed to do so precisely because they are killing each other. The harsh reality is that there are many white people in this city who believe that it is cheaper to let them kill each other off than to educate them or to keep them in jail.”

Two years later for the same newspaper I wrote, “I have a suggestion on how to more effectively combat street crime in black neighborhoods in Richmond which is to put all black police officers in our inner-city neighborhoods....This would eliminate race as a major factor in crime control by taking this cover

out of the hands of the minority of residents who indulge in criminal behavior mainly against their own people. Many black people, for legitimate historical reasons, don’t trust white police officers. Black criminals are well aware of this situation and take advantage of it.”

In a 2009 column distributed by the News Service of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, I noted that my all black police officer position “...was based on the premise that many, if not most, black officers either live in inner-city neighborhoods or have relatives or friends who live there. Thus, they have a much more vested

interest in safety in such neighborhoods than their white counterparts...I believe that black police officers have a better chance of sifting out information from people in the neighborhood than white cops most of whom don’t give a you-know-what about inner-city neighborhoods. Their chief goal is to prevent inner-city street crime from spreading into other parts of the city. It must be admitted that they have been very successful in doing this; it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to know that if black street criminals were killing or brutalizing Whites on any income level, from street bums to corporate executives, the way they kill and brutalize each other; they would be stopped by any means necessary...What the young street criminals fail to comprehend is that their destructive behavior towards each other and towards their

communities is allowed, sometimes encouraged, by a system which regards them as expendable. By their behavior the minority of young black people who disrupt their communities have, for all practical purposes, become allies of white supremacists/racists.”

That is as true in 2020 as it was in 1992 when I first wrote about the subject.

There are organizations within inner-city communities throughout the country who are trying to deal with this unfortunate situation. They have earned and deserved support from all of us who really care about the present and future of black folks in this country.

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A. Peter Bailey

Commitment March 2020: Get your knee off our necks

“And so this march must go beyond this historic moment. We must support the strong. We must give courage to the timid. We must remind the indifferent, and we must warn the opposed. Civil rights, which are God-given and constitutionally guaranteed, are not negotiable in 1963.” – National Urban League President Whitney M. Young, 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Justice

Fifty-seven years to the day after Whitney M. Young stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to declare that civil rights are not negotiable, I stood on the very same spot to say: racial justice is not negotiable in 2020.

Transforming our racially-biased criminal justice system and mass incarceration crisis is not negotiable.

Protecting and defending our sacred right to vote against racially-motivated suppression and foreign sabotage is not negotiable.

Dislodging the structural racism that infects our institutions and paving a patriotic pathway to shared prosperity, economic parity and educational opportunity is not negotiable.

Last week’s Commitment March, “Get Your Knee Off Our Necks,” was convened in support of police accountability in solidarity with the families of African Americans killed or injured at the hands of the police.

In conjunction with the March, the convening organizations – National Urban League, National Action Network, NAACP, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., along with Martin Luther King, III – have issued a Statement of Principals to establish a shared civil rights and social justice agenda. These principles are:

F u n d a m e n t a l l y Transforming the Criminal Justice System
Protect and Defend Voting

Rights During the Pandemic and Beyond

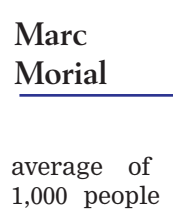
Achieve Economic Parity for African Americans

Promote Equity in Educational Opportunity

Promote a Fair and Accurate Census

Promote a Healthier Nation by Eliminating Disparities and Prioritizing Testing, Treatments and Cures for Covid-19 in Communities of Color

The Commitment March, like the March in 1963, happened as people all across the country are taking to the streets to demand justice. The cycle of lawlessness against Black people extends back through the centuries. Police have shot and killed an



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average of approximately 1,000 people in the United States in each of the past three years, and 2020 is on track to meet or exceed that number. Moreover, Black people are three times more likely than white people to be killed by police. We support the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this year. We urge the U.S. Senate to pass, and the president to the bill into law.

When we gathered to march in 1963, the white establishment stopped Black people from voting with violence, literacy tests, and poll taxes. Today, they are sabotaging the Postal Service. Reductions of early voting, restrictive identification requirements, onerous registration procedures, exact name match requirements, purges of voting rolls, foreign and domestic disinformation campaigns, and mandated in-person voting during a pandemic are all efforts designed to undermine the rights of African-Americans to the franchise. We urge the Senate

to pass and the president to sign the Voting Rights Advancement Act. This is the most fitting tribute to the late Congressman John Lewis, who dedicated his life to the advancement of voting and civil rights.

The pandemic has thrust long-standing economic injustices into the forefront of our consciousness. Our leaders must adopt a fair response to the Covid-19 pandemic that has destroyed the nation’s economic output, thrown tens of millions of people out of work, left families with greater food insecurity, cut off millions of school-age children from learning, and has left municipal and state budgets for public services in shambles. In the immediate term, we believe that the HEROES Act, passed by the U.S House of Representatives on May 15, 2020, represents the best response to the economic devastation caused by the pandemic. We urge the Senate to pass the HEROES Act and the president to sign it into law immediately.

The disparity in educational investment in minority communities and the resulting achievement gap among Black youth is the biggest threat to equality and upward mobility. Therefore, we support progressive funding mechanisms that promote quality and direct more resources to those areas where the need is greatest—more often in high poverty and minority communities. We support a universal early childhood curriculum that prepares our youngsters to learn and achieve at a competitive level. We believe college should be an attainable—and affordable—goal, and that federal resources should be structured to ensure that financial aid does not become a barrier to the development of the next generation of leaders in business and government.

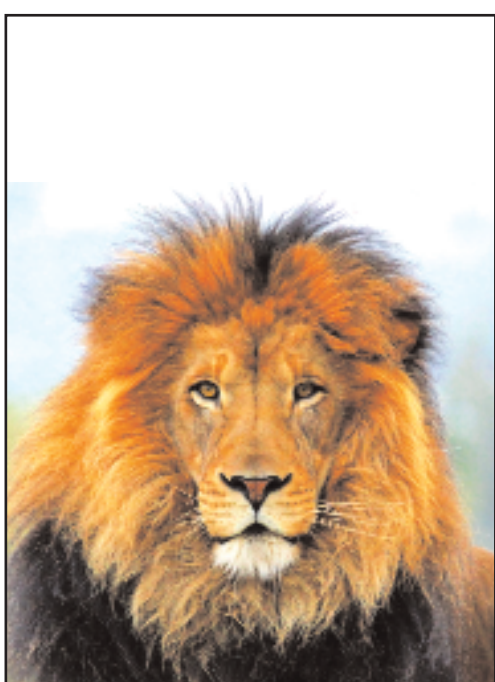
For several years, concerned communities across the country have worked tirelessly to spread the word about the importance of the

2020 Census and the need for everyone—especially Black Americans—to participate. Even so, Black America is facing an historic crossroad due to low participation in the 2020 Census. To make matters worse, the current Administration is trying to end all counting efforts by September 30th, a month sooner than previously announced. The National Urban League has sued to stop it. We urge the Senate to include much-needed language and allocation of funds in the next COVID relief package to extend the statutory reporting deadlines for the 2020 Census by four months.

According to one recent estimate, Covid-19 is the third-leading cause of death among Black Americans. For too many people of color, healthcare is tied directly to employment. High unemployment means low access to healthcare. Furthermore, low wage workers often do not have employer-provided healthcare and too few states have opted into Medicaid expansion. During the Covid-19 pandemic, too few African Americans have access to rapid testing, antibody testing, therapeutics, and vaccines. We support prioritizing the availability of testing in communities of color. Personal protective equipment, paid for by employers, should be made available to front-line workers. We also encourage funding for research into the long-term health effects of Covid-19 infection. By providing access to quality and affordable health care for all, promoting community-based prevention efforts, and expanding Medicaid to our most vulnerable citizens, the Affordable Care Act will play a pivotal role in reducing the human cost of these disparities.

Read the full Statement of Principles here: <https://nul.org/commitment-march-declaration-of-principles>.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

PLEASE, don't do it...

This week I really want to alert you on how making any changes to your credit after you get a home loan approval could hurt you.

Some things may seem harmless, but in the credit world, everything works in a precise sequence that at times makes no sense. Let me break it down further: When lenders pull the credit to evaluate if it is in good standing, they base the approval on what it is at that time. The credit report review is only good for a certain period. Depending on the lender, they will require it pulled every 60-90 days until

you close on a home. Some changes in your credit report are within your control, and some are not. Well, when you are dealing with new construction that takes months to complete, this gets a little hairy and nerve-raking. I have seen buyer's credit scores dip 60 points for no apparent reason when pulled but then, it was figured out. Did you know paying off a loan will drop

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your score? Well it does and it did and it was a fight to recover those scores quickly so a family could close on their new home. They had no idea that paying a debt off early would jeopardize a home they had watched over 6 months being built from the ground up. They thought paying off the bill was a good thing because 1 less bill to pay before starting the new mortgage. I know it doesn't make sense that paying off debt would hurt you, but it's the scoring system the credit agencies use, and the more open accounts, the higher the score. Same with an acciden-

tal late payment on a credit account. Credit card debt payment is the one that seen most of the oversight in paying. That is because a credit card payment date is a drop-dead date. There is no grace period. If it's due on the 22nd and you pay it on the 23rd, it's not 1 day late, it's 30 days late. Yes, 30 days, and that will drop your scores. Then, what about new inquiries on your credit that was not there the 1st time the lender pulled credit. You really going to apply for new credit after you got a home loan approval and haven't closed on a home yet? Don't you know that will 1)

Alert the lender that you are trying to get into more debt, even if you didn't get the new account and 2) it may drop your scores as much as 50 points. If the lender sees other creditors pulling your credit, it will give them great pause because they gave you mortgage approval amount the 1st time based on what open credit you had. If you are seeking new credit, they may reduce the approval amount or worst, can't get the approval back because your scores dipped below the required numbers. As you can see, you just can't do anything different to your credit

file once approved. If there is something you really need to do or want to do, do not make a move until you check with your lender to ask if it will hurt your approval. Making all financial moves strategically will keep you from big-time regrets later. No matter how harmless it seems, please don't do it. Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out for a free game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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Death of Chadwick Boseman puts focus on colon cancer and African Americans

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The death of actor Chadwick Boseman from colon cancer at age 43 has brought

new attention on the disease and how it disproportionately impacts African Americans.

Boseman was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer at 38. It later advanced to stage 4. Boseman was filming movies that included completing his

own stunts while undergoing cancer treatment that included chemotherapy. The actor died on August 30. His death caught many who worked closely with him by surprise.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women in America. It is the second most common cause of death related to the disease. African Americans are disproportionately impacted with a 20 percent greater rate than whites and an even greater degree of mortality.

Every year on average 140,000 Americans are diagnosed with colon cancer with about 50,000 succumbing to the disease. For African Americans the death rates are higher. Diets high in animal

fat and low in fiber are associated with the development of colon cancer. Cigarette smoking, obesity, lack of exercise and vitamins C and E deficiency are also contributing factors tied to colon cancer.

Dr. Wayne Frederick, who is the President of Howard University and a medical doctor, where Boseman graduated in 2000, commented on Boseman's trip to Howard University's commencement in 2018 as the featured graduation speaker. Frederick focused on the importance of knowing what one's family history is and knowing what close relatives died of. He instructed that if you're unclear how a close relative died you should investigate and find out.

"When I was in medical

school, we got screening guidelines that it should start at 50. What we are seeing now is individuals getting colon cancer now is much younger. It is something for us to watch," said Dr. Frederick on Roland Martin Unfiltered on August 31. Martin broadcast a two-hour tribute in honor of Boseman on his daily show.

"African Americans are much less likely to get the generic screening," he added. Dr. Frederick also mentioned that popular historian Dr. Ibram X. Kendi was diagnosed with colon cancer at 36.

In January 2018, Kendi learned he had colon cancer after a colonoscopy. Though the cancer spread to his liver, further tests revealed that Kendi was cancer free after six

months of chemotherapy and surgery. In January 2019, Kendi wrote "What I Learned From Cancer," in The Atlantic. Kendi was trying to complete another epic work "How to Be an Antiracist," as he was being treated for colon cancer.

"In the hours of each day when I managed to submerge myself inside the writing zone, the metastatic cancer was an afterthought. The symptoms from the six months of chemotherapy, from January to June last year, were an afterthought: my marathons of tiredness, the bubbling nausea, my hands and feet tingling and darkening and drying and blistering, making them unusable at times," Kendi wrote regarding this cancer battle.

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As COVID-19 increases the digital divide, the Black community faces yet another threat to tech access

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

As COVID-19 wreaks havoc on a digital and educational divide that has already severely impacted African-American and other children of color, yet another situation on the horizon could further increase disparities by hindering access to crucial technological tools, according to experts.

Two cases pending before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) are being watched by educators and lawmakers who describe them as deeply troubling. Many big names in technology are under attack - including Amazon, Apple, Asus, Dell, HP, Lenovo, LG, Microsoft, Motorola, Samsung, and Sony - and tech experts say the outcomes of these cases are absolutely realistic threats to the ability to obtain certain mobile communication devices - an outcome that would increase the digital divide even further during this unprecedented time of online learning.

In a nutshell, Neodron, a company just recently created in Ireland, is seeking to block the import of more than 90 percent of mobile touchscreen devices, like smartphones, tablets and touchscreen laptops, that come into the United States. Neodron doesn't design or manufacture products within the U.S. Its business plan is to acquire patents and then sue for infringement.

The cases have caught the attention of members of Congress, and those in the tech world express major concern.

"When we talk about digital divide, you're talking primarily about the availability

of high speed internet and its distribution across our nation. The big problem with this patent infringement claim is that the vast majority of inner city schools still have barely sufficient internet connection," says Michael Russell, the lead instructor for information technology, security and forensics at the Pittsburgh Technical College since 2002.

Russell points out that "the majority of young people who access the internet today access the internet from their smartphones." Particularly low income children often use their smartphones in order to get on the Internet.

He believes the Neodron case could impact their educational lives.

Russell used the term "patent pirate" when describing the activities of companies like Neodron which acquires patents for the purpose of financial gain. Neodron recently obtained patents from Microchip Technologies, possibly with the motive of filing petitions asking the ITC to investigate and close the U.S. market to nearly all smartphones, tablets, and laptops. In short, Neodron is putting the devices that people rely on at risk amidst a season when they need them most.

According to a statement by the ITC, the complaint "alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 in the importation into the United States and sale of certain touch-controlled mobile devices, computers, and components thereof that infringe patents asserted by the complainant. The complainant requests that the USITC issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders."

Restricting the import of these devices into the United States would cause educational and personal hardships for people largely dependent on their smartphones and other affected devices.

The issue is so dire that two members of Congress formed a bipartisan partnership to deal with it. Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.) and David Schweikert (R-Ariz.) introduced the Advancing America's Interests Act to stop patent abuse through the ITC and to assure that the agency adheres to a high standard of public interest.

"The ITC was established to protect U.S. companies and consumers from unfair foreign competition, but in recent years, patent licensing entities have abused the ITC process for financial gain," said DelBene in a joint release. "This legislation addresses this problem and helps protect American businesses from unfair and unjustified claims."

Schweikert called the legislation "an important step in the right direction towards reforming the ITC's unfair imports process to ensure that American businesses have equitable access to protection for their ideas."

This potential impact of this case cannot be overlooked as African-Americans and other racial minorities have been so disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. As lives have become almost totally dependent upon access to the internet and remote services, the impact of an ITC exclusion order would have a broad reach.

Instead of rushing to get children out the door to catch the school bus and then driving to work, many parents

now struggle to manage their children's education as schools have shifted to remote learning and parents work from home. Government services of all types are now online, from job applications to business licenses to unemployment claims. And then there's access to health care. Throughout the pandemic, it has become clear that telehealth is surging and is a crucial resource that allows people to protect both their community as a whole and the healthcare workers providing their critical services.

According to a recent study, up to 42 million people may not have access to broadband, a figure that is disproportionately made up of African-Americans and other people of color. But without the devices necessary to even access the internet, the problem becomes worse and communities of color are at a great disadvantage.

A key concern is that since the COVID-19 pandemic, an already serious struggle for low income students of color, has been exacerbated.

The Greenlining Institute, a 27-year-old multi-racial organization in Oakland, Calif. that aims to end economic discrimination such as redlining, conducted a survey of Oakland and Fresno, Calif. residents before COVID-19. The findings were as gloomy as expected. But all of the common themes were "made more urgent by the pandemic", the Institute reports on its website.

Those common themes include "Internet access is not a luxury; Lack of access creates significant hurdles for everyday life; Smartphone access is insufficient; Internet plans designed for



Michael Russell, an instructor of information technology, security and forensics at the Pittsburgh Technical College, is among tech experts who say two pending cases before the ITC could seriously broaden the digital divide.

low-income families are inadequate; Lack of access is a barrier to academic success." Russell says if Neodron prevails, these issues could expand and get even worse for more people across the nation.

"I'm not only talking about just young people," he said. "I'm talking about the elderly needing to monitor their health care, making appointments with the doctor and things of that nature. All of those things could be adversely impacted. Mostly inner city; mostly Black and Latino families would continue to have the largest impact."

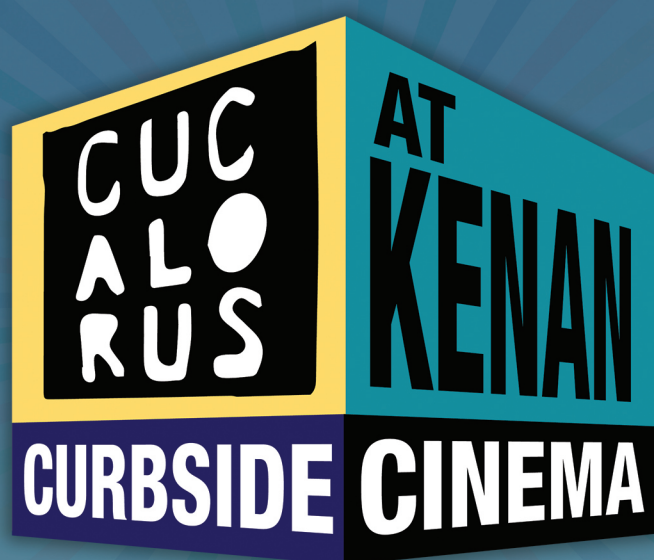
As the issue spirals, even

more considerations will come into play.

"The educational, financial and personal need for the internet could lead to an even greater conflict than the inability to get online," says Russell, who also teaches regulatory compliance.

"I do believe that technology has a potential of being another form of warfare," he says. "I'm really concerned about that. Like economic warfare. We have a company located in another country filing a claim against American corporations that could adversely impact the way we live and do business. That's a real deal."

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