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BERNEST HEWETT

FALSE VICTORY

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, are supposed to be a guide in a person's life to keep him or her on the right path to living a good life! However, with the move on the U.S. Capitol this past week, we saw the unjust declare a false victory. They were motivated by lies, false pride and unrighteous leadership. It's time that we get deep into God's Word and pray for His grace and mercy to leads us to work a little harder for what we believe a free nation ought to be. We must talk and teach our people to take a part in government (vote, pass out information, etc). One vote can make a difference. Look at what Georgia did in this last election!

We are somebody! We must stand for something positive! We have a few who are making progress, but we must fight this battle head on. This Republican Party that has encouraged the mob actions that took place in D. C. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, is not only in Washington, D. C. We have that same

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N. C. Rep. Alma Adams: "It was frightening"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

"We could have all been blown up. This could have been much, much worse!"

To Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12), what could have been on the afternoon of January 6, 2021 is chilling enough.

However, what did happen when a predominately White pro-Trump mob of thousands attacked the U. S. Capitol, seeking to either delay or stop the congressional joint session certification of 2020 presidential electoral votes, still has the third-term N. C. Democrat emotionally shaken to the point wherein she has serious concerns about the safety of the January 20, 2021 inauguration of President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President- Elect Kamala Harris.

"Yes, I do," Rep. Adams said, admitting during a Zoom interview Sunday that she doesn't want to put anymore stress on her family. "I have trepidations about going back this week."

However, trepidations or not, Adams maintains that, because she believes that President

Donald Trump is an everpresent menace and danger to the nation until he officially leaves office on Jan. 20, she had to join her Democratic colleagues in impeaching him this week for "inciting violence against the government of the United States," the second impeachment of his only term in office.

"He is not above the law and should not be." However, make no mistake. With the FBI now warning of the prospect of armed protests in capital cities across all 50 states, in addition to another violent event between now and the inauguration, Adams says there is now a "special urgency" to make the next few days safer, certainly safer than the riotous events of January 6 at the Capitol.

Rep. Adams says she was scheduled to be on the House floor at 1:15 p.m. during the joint session certification of Joe Biden's electoral college votes, but, upon going to the Capitol, was essentially turned away because the crowds from Trump's "Saving America" rally had already begun forcefully entering the building.

She and her staff returned to her office in the Rayburn Building a short distance away, where they were startled by computer alerts and sirens to "Stay in place" as the siege at the U.S. Capitol escalated.

The pro-Trump mob had penetrated the Capitol, and all Congress members not there yet were advised to stay in their offices and lock their doors until further instructions.

Adams recalls getting emotional and upset yet doing her best to remain stoic as not to upset her young staff. "I was frightened, I was scared," she

recalls as she watched the live television coverage, coupled with the growing commotion just a few blocks away.

"It was just chaos everywhere, I couldn't believe it. It looked like a war zone....it was a war zone. They had declared war on the U. S. Congress," she said, recalling how the Capitol Police had earlier assured the Democratic Caucus during several meetings that security would be adequate.

"There is no reason why this shouldn't have been caught," Rep. Adams says. "There was a failure in terms of our security..."

It wasn't long before officers came to get Adams, and take her to a secure location in the Capitol via the secure connecting tunnel system, along with other Democrat and Republican House members. However, once there, some Republican members, ignoring the mandatory COVID-19 precautionary measures, refused to wear masks, forcing leadership to order that they do.

Adams, already rattled by events around her, now had to try to isolate herself from her "colleagues from across the aisle." She was scheduled to receive her COVID-19 vaccine shot the next day and wondered if she could avoid infection until then.

On Monday, the day after this interview, Adams' fear was realized when a 75 year old House colleague announced that she had coronavirus, most likely contracting it from an infected Republican House member during the siege.

During their sequestration together, House members agreed they must complete confirming the electoral votes that night. "...Otherwise, [the pro-Trump mob] would have been the winners," Adams said, noting that her family was not pleased when she informed them.

Furthermore, that's what both chambers of Congress did. Despite the now well-documented attempts by Trump, his attorney, Rudy Giuliani, and the pro-Trump mob of thousands, who had been cleared out by 8 p. m., when Congress reconvened, the certification process continued through the night, and Joe Biden was officially declared the winner of the November 2020 presidential election by 4:00 the next morning.

American democracy was delayed but not denied. Looking back, Rep. Adams is indeed chilled now by what she didn't know at the time. Five people died, including a Capitol Police officer. A truck with guns and bombs was found nearby, and a fast-thinking Black Capitol Police officer lured an angry group of White Trump rioters away from the Senate chamber, thus saving lives there.

"It was an incredibly frightening situation," Adams now says.

She agrees with Democratic Whip Jim Clyburn of South Carolina that planning by the pro-Trump mob resulted in sensitive areas of House Democratic

leadership being invaded that are not generally known to the public, proving that it was, according to Clyburn, "an inside job."

Indeed two Capitol Police officers were suspended Monday for allegedly aiding and abetting the mob, while Democratic members expressed concern about a Republican freshman who reportedly was texting the whereabouts of Speaker Nancy Pelosi during the siege.

Pelosi was reportedly a target of the mob, along with Vice Pres. Pence, who had refused to do Trump's bidding of stopping the certification process he constitutionally presided over. As video shows, the fever-pitched mob wanted his blood too.

Rep. Adams dismisses the statement by Wake County Republican Chairwoman Donna Williams, who, after coming back from Washington, D.C., wrote in a letter she doesn't believe "patriotic Republicans started the riots."

"I personally observed who appeared to be professional agitators inciting violence from the crowd," Williams said.

Even if the GOP chair was talking about the violent Proud Boys group, who have been confirmed as being part of the mob who "started the riots," there is little question, Rep. Adams said, that Donald Trump "gave permission" at his rally for his followers to use any means necessary to stop Congress from validating Biden's victory, likening it to a battle.

"I do not believe these were professional agitators." "...This was a riot," she says, adding that Republicans have to take responsibility for the fact that they tolerated Trump and his antics for four years.

"[Republicans] should be ashamed of themselves. I don't know how you live with yourself knowing you were part of this conspiracy."

Adams also had choice words for the kid gloves with which Capitol Police handled the pro-Trump mob, versus the reinforced, fortified paramilitary presence that greeted peaceful Black Lives Matter protestors last summer after the killing of George Floyd.

It is not lost on Rep. Adams that the country is at such bitter loggerheads as it is about to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this weekend. If the civil rights leader were still here and witnessed all that has gone on, what would he say?

"Knowing Dr. King's work and works as I do, clearly he would not be happy at all," Rep. Adams said upon reflection. "This is a dark day...a dark time in our country. He would encourage us, plead with us, to take the road of community...a peaceful community."

Editor's Note - Afrique Kilamanjaro of the Carolina Peacemaker newspaper in Greensboro contributed to this report.

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FORMER NC CHIEF JUSTICE BEASLEY HAS NEW JOB

[RALEIGH] The former chief justice of the NC Supreme Court now has a new job. It was announced this week that Cheri Beasley, the first Black

woman ever to serve as NC chief justice, is now a partner in the law firm of McGuire Woods. Beasley is working out of the firm's Raleigh office in its litigation and appellate groups. Beasley lost a razor-thin race to keep her seat on the state's High Court.

FAYETTEVILLE REMOVES BLACK LIVES MATTER MURAL
 [FAYETTEVILLE] Citizens

were shocked to see city crews Monday removing the "Black Lives Matter - End Racism Now" mural from in front of the historic Market House. There was no warning from Fayetteville city leaders, and given how the country is still reeling from the attack on the U.S. Capitol just last week, people felt the timing was way off. Mayor Mitch Colvin says the mural was never to be permanent, and the decision to remove it

was made in November. It was installed after the May 2020 shooting death of George Floyd.

COOPER, COUNCIL OF STATE SWORN-IN TO START NEW TERMS
 [RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, was sworn-in for his second-term last Saturday in front of the Executive Mansion in downtown Raleigh with a limited crowd due to

COVID-19 restrictions. Also sworn-in, was Mark Robinson, Republican, and the first African-American to be elected as NC lieutenant governor. The rest of the Council of State, including NC Attorney General Josh Stein, took their oaths of office as well. Stein is now serving his second term.

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AN ANALYSIS

The Capital siege: Historic racism was at its root

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Since last week's horrifying and violent breach of the U.S. Capitol by thousands of White fever-pitched pro-Trump supporters, much of what we've heard - though compelling - has missed the point. The bottom line to the attack on our nation's Capitol building by White supremacists is race.

This guttural social temper tantrum has happened in our nation's history before, and, from what we're hearing, is very likely to happen again in the very near future.

Why? History tells us it's all about White belief in coveting control for the sake of maintaining racial power and the fear of losing it.

That is the common theme that runs through every historical instance of White American violent and political insurrection. Naturally, thanks to a jaundiced misinterpretation of the Bible, Whites of earlier centuries thought of themselves as God-made superior beings, placed here to rule the earth, and, consequently, non-Whites, who lacked the power to successfully resist domina-

tion. That credo led to American slavery, and the resulting nation building off the backs of cheap African labor. However, it wouldn't be long before the growing tension between White America's "Declaration of



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Independence" from European rule and Black former slaves' increasing demand for freedom and opportunity would repeatedly clash, with Whites ultimately using violence and corruption to draw a line of control to maintain power. To be clear, violence was just one of the many tools at the disposal of White civic and political leaders to minimize Black citizenship and equity. Convincing lower class

Whites that Blacks were taking rights from them, thus resulting in their dire circumstances, was also effective at harnessing anti-Black political power. However, violence, when deemed necessary, was most effective. November 10, 1898, Black people had built a strong political and economy base in Wilmington, N. C., so much so that Whites became disturbed, burned down the Black newspaper, killed Black citizens at random, confiscated Black businesses and property, and took over Wilmington City Government at gunpoint.

The 1898 Wilmington insurrection was designed for the purposes of eliminating the African American vote and to rearrange the political power in North Carolina," says Attorney Irv Joyner, vice-chairman of the 1898 Wilmington Race Massacre Commission. "Those purposes were successful and, as a result, Democrats held the reins of political power in North Carolina for more than a century, and the ability of African Americans to vote was effectively suppressed until the 1980's. Joyner then compared

the nation's only successful coup d'etat in history, with last week's nearly successful attempt to decapitate the U. S. Government. "The underlying focus of the January 6, 2021 attempted insurrection was a national effort which was orchestrated by Donald Trump and his right wing supporters to undermine the exercise of the right to vote by African Americans and other people of color. This coordinated national effort to attack the African American votes which were cast in Atlanta and its surrounding area; Detroit and its surrounding area; Philadelphia and its surrounding area and Milwaukee mirrored, in real time, that 1898 voter suppression campaign and was designed to convince the public that African Americans and people of color were unqualified and had illegally voted against Donald Trump." Ironically, just four years ago, then Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, having lost a close re-election, also falsely claimed Black voter fraud, and before either McCrory or Trump, the Republican majority in the NC General Assembly has

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Republican Party around us here in Brunswick County and in the surrounding counties.

When newly elected Republicans are put in control, usually, Blacks are demoted or replaced without any reason. However, when election time comes again, these elected officials become persons of great moral standards. We must remember that they have done little or nothing for Blacks while their terms lasted. What are they going to do next term? We must let them know we will try our best to replace them! Our help must come from inside of us! If we don't fight, the riots at the White House will be at our house.

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OUR VOICE PLAYTIME IS OVER

We sincerely hope that anyone who hasn't taken the perilous times in which we live seriously before has now had a change of heart. White supremacists are, once again, seeking to violently take over the reins of power in this country by force, and they've made it clear that they will spare no one in the process. That's what the Trump-inspired terrorist riots at the U. S. Capitol last week were all about.

Black people, least of all, can ill afford to ignore this clear and ever-present danger. Our very lives, in addition to what little civil liberties we have, are at stake, and when we say "we," we're talking about ourselves, our families and our communities, all that we, as Black people, care about.

Based on our history here, we are experts when it comes to surviving the wrath of White supremacy.

From slavery to the 1898 insurrection to the Wilmington Ten to the firebombing of this very African-American newspaper, Black people here have had to fight to survive the historic onslaught of hate-filled White supremacy.

The *Wilmington Journal* is still fighting that onslaught, doing our best to survive in a world where the Black Press is no longer respected for reporting truth to power and is denied the same opportunities for advertising and wealth building as our White counterparts.

Keep in mind that the primary objective of hate-filled White supremacist terrorism, to which Black people here in Wilmington can speak with authority, is to make it clear that we don't have the "power".

They do...and it should stay that way, and that's why, when we strategically build multiracial coalitions, and, led by Black people, leverage our collective power of the vote like they masterfully did in Georgia recently, we are despised.

"That's not supposed to happen," Grandmaster Trump and his supremacist rioters say. Indeed, the fact that the Black vote came together to elect Democrats Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to the White House, in addition to delivering the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives, thus now giving us more "power," is such treachery and blasphemy in their eyes. It was worth violently threatening the very existence of the United States Government to regain control.

Now the rest of America can join the African-American community of Wilmington in knowing what the tragic results feel like, what it feels like to have your community targeted for death, what it feels like to have the wealth of your community stolen, what it feels like to have your community's leadership either killed or chased away, what it feels like to have your community's political power denied for virtually a century, what it feels like to have the families and businesses of your community historically struggle, and what it feels like having to survive pure evil!

For those of us (which means all of us) who weren't here during the 1898 Wilmington [White supremacist] Massacre, one look at video from last week's U. S. Capitol siege and seeing the sheer madness and hate in the eyes and on the faces of the White pro-Trump mob rioters and hearing them call for the blood of Democratic leaders and Republican "traitors" is probably close enough.

This insidious hate has now gripped the nation, and it's not leaving when Donald Trump leaves office on January 20. Just like 1898, it is buried deeply in the hearts of his followers and the Republican Party, which still sees fit to defend and protect him because Trump represents the kind of racist hatred they crave.

So playtime is over, community! We can ill afford to take anything for granted anymore! It's time for ALL of us to understand that, in order to survive what is now a very dangerous America for us, we're going to have to work together better, support each other and our institutions (like the Black Press) better, and strengthen our community better in order to survive.

It "ain't" going to be "no picnic" now. However, Black people built this country on our backs and with our blood.

Wilmington is still our city, and this is still our country. Playtime is over, community! It's time to stand even stronger!

And we know how to do it!

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RAINBOW COALITION

Scientific community must reach out to African Americans to bolster confidence in vaccine

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On Friday, I received my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. I was honored to be accompanied by Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, the brilliant African-American viral immunologist who is a rock star in the field of immunology science.

From Dr. Corbett's post at the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, she led the team that performed the scientific miracle of developing and testing the Moderna vaccine in record time. Now she is working to overcome the widespread hesitancy in the black community about vaccination. Vaccination is imperative to save lives, particularly for African Americans, disproportionately the greatest victims of the virus. COVID-19 cases and deaths — now numbering over a staggering 375,000 in the U.S. alone — continue to shatter records on a daily basis.

The rampaging pandemic has exposed once more the extreme disparities in our nation. The black community has suffered a hospitalization rate 3.7 times greater and a death rate 2.8 times greater than the white community. This reflects the harsh reality of inadequate health care in

African-American communities. Many impoverished urban communities are health care deserts with hospitals and clinics unavailable. African Americans disproportionately work for employers that do not provide health care. Those who make too much for Medicaid eligibility are particularly at risk.

African Americans are also disproportionately essential workers — the nurses, bus drivers, transit workers, grocery store clerks and others — who must go to work and are at far greater risk. The mass incarceration of African Americans, which continues to this day, also creates far greater risk, since prisoners — like those in nursing homes — are at far greater risk. Now the vaccines offer the potential of staunching the march of the pandemic and saving millions of lives. For understandable reasons — remember the infamous Tuskegee experiments? — African Americans harbor suspicions about scientists and vaccines. A survey by the

Kaiser Family Foundation found that nearly one-half (48 percent) of Blacks and over one-third (38 percent) of Latinos were not confident that their needs had been taken into account in the development of the vaccines. "We know our history, and we understand from where this hesitancy comes," Dr. Corbett told the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

"On the one hand, we are the communities most plagued by the pandemic. On the other hand, we are communities least likely to get vaccinated." Corbett's role in leading the development of the Moderna vaccine in itself should calm some of the fears. Both of the vaccines currently approved for emergency use — the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines — have proven to be greater than 94 percent effective at preventing COVID-19 and even more effective at preventing severe cases. The clinical trials involved tens of thousands of participants, including people of diverse backgrounds, races, ages, gender and those with other ailments like diabetes. One in 10 of those tested were Black, numbering in the thousands. That reality enables scientists like Corbett to have confidence in treating African Americans with the vaccine.

Racial violence plagues this

country to this day. For the country to reach herd immunity, more than three in every four persons must be vaccinated. If African Americans or Latinos decline to be vaccinated, all will remain at risk. The past cannot be erased. But the present offers hope with Dr. Corbett's leadership providing reassurance. To help provide education on the need for vaccination, Rainbow Push has partnered with the National Medical Association, led by its president Leon McDougle. NAM is the largest national organization representing African-American physicians and their patients.

What's clear is that the scientific community and community leaders must reach out and work hard to ensure that African Americans gain the confidence to get vaccinated. This won't be easy. But with the leadership of Dr. Corbett and others, and with a new administration getting serious about providing the resources for mass vaccination and for outreach into the communities most impacted, lives can be saved. I was honored to receive my first dose, and I strongly urge others to join me.

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



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

White Terrorism - The enemy within must be dismantled

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The mob in the streets, the Republican mob in the Senate, and assorted police are partners in the coup at the Capitol.

The glue holding this band of brothers together is black disenfranchisement and a pledge to white Supremacy. Remember Tulsa, the Black Wall Street massacre of 1921. Police deputized white thugs to destroy this black town, burn and lynch hundreds of black people because they were gaining economic and political security. The courts never punished them for their crimes. In the 1960s, civil rights activists knew they were fighting the Klan, who often took their sheets off and donned police uniforms.

In like manner, the white terrorists who took part in the insurrection at the Capitol were almost treated like they had been invited to a tea party. Thousands of angry Trumpers were gathering and marching toward the Capitol.

No large platoons of police were present, but when much smaller groups of Black Lives Matter protested peacefully well-armed police were everywhere.

Moreover, there were scores of detailed plans on the Internet flaunting the mobs' anger at those who would not go along with the Big Lie of Trump winning the presidency.

Inside the Capitol with the terrorists chanting slogans about murdering Vice President Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and with scores of legislators cornered, massive numbers of police were missing in action. The protestors showed no fear of the police during or after the assault, even though no similar assault on the Capitol had occurred since the British burned it in 1812.

While some overpowered Capitol police fought valiantly, there were also reports of some taking selfies with the rioters.

So, we are supposed to believe that Washington, the home of the world's most powerful governmental body and the most powerful military presence could not have prevented the assault nor arrested the rioters on the spot. One FBI official said his hands were tied in monitoring the mobs' actions because legislatively they were not considered "terrorists." Yet reports show the FBI had no problems playing a role in neutralizing and killing scores of Black Panthers, as well as playing a role in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,

When the smoke of this disgrace clears, the same old demons will be found. Trump, the mob and the GOP Trumpers are fighting to maintain white privilege and supremacy. They understand that in the recent elections black voters rescued America

from a corrupt, evil empire, where black and brown people are rising in influence and representation. So, the bloody war is on, where five people, including a capitol police officer were murdered, joining the hundreds of black people who have been killed by white cops and protected by white legislators.

Unless this band of brotherhood is broken, much more bloodshed will follow. Security, no doubt will be efficiently organized to protect President Biden and Vice President Harris. But will the police be there if the white terrorists, who the President called "patriots," turn their attention to black voters, churches, and their communities. It is time white America look in the mirror and see what is rising in their backgrounds.

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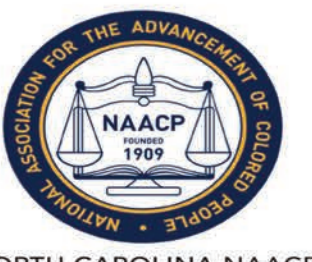
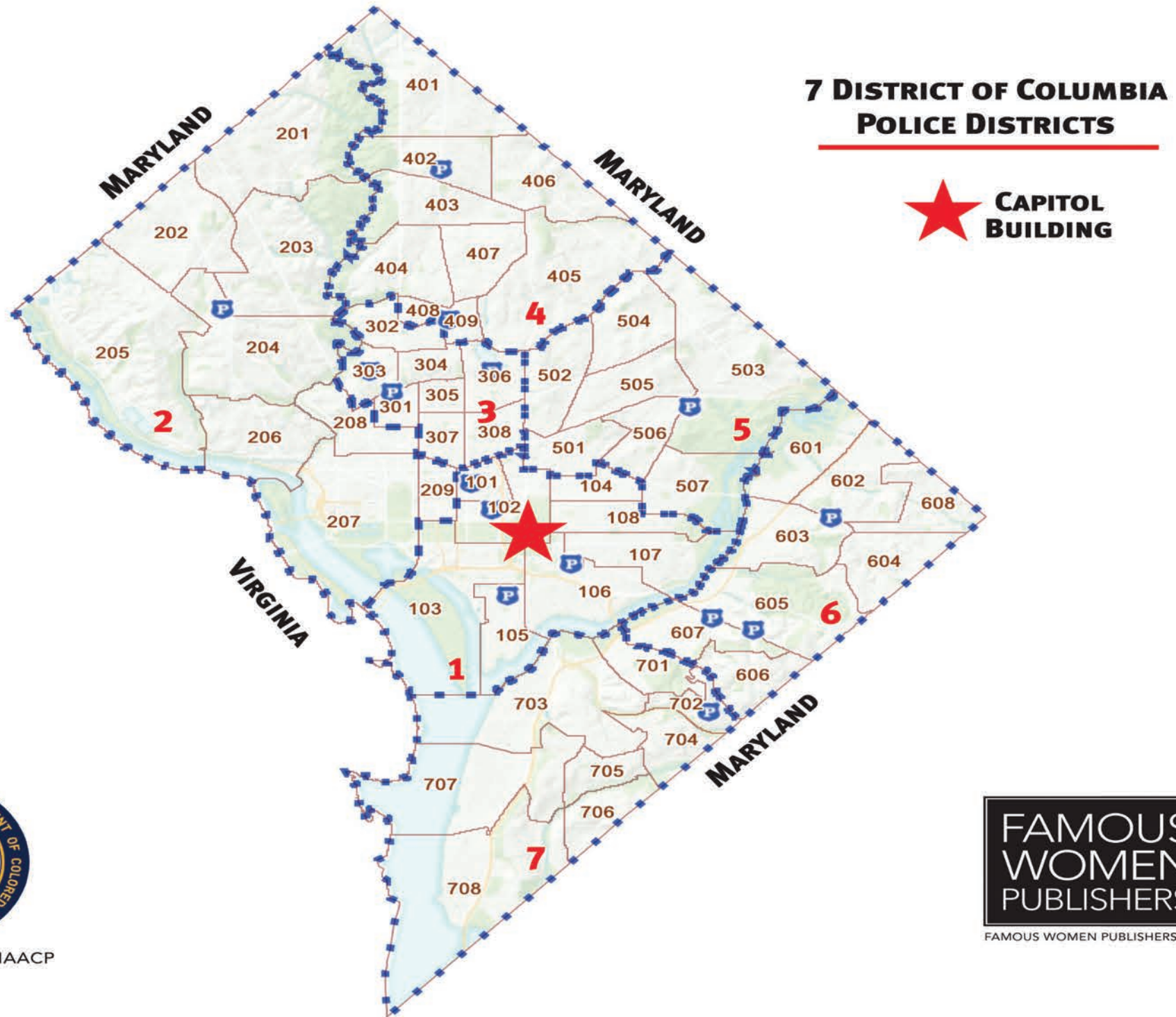
Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

Dr. King, who I worked with, would have been 92 this January 15, 2021. He was murdered when he was 39, by a conspiracy that stripped black law enforcement officers of the Lorraine Motel parking lot for 5 hours, allowing those involved in the Plot several hours to set up the shot and get away. Trump and his assassins stripped the Capitol of adequate police protection for 5 hours, while Capitol Police were murdered and crushed. Pres. Biden, and former Criminal Prosecutor VP Harris take power in five days, and they organize a 911-Type Commission; keep this 5 hour Delay for the assassination plot in mind. The Plot, and the Plot line are quite simple. Forward Together. Not one step back. Att. McSurely worked in the Civil Rights Movement from 1960 to 1968, when his family's home was dynamited in Eastern Kentucky. Margaret Herring and he were charged with overthrowing the Government of Kentucky by building moral fusion alliances with Appalachian coal miners and Black voters. He became a lawyer after 15 years of apprenticeship to Bill Kunstler, Arthur Kinoy, and Morton Stavis while they fought off charges of sedition and contempt. He earned his law degree from NCCU Law School and has been suing racist institutions ever since. He has worked closely with his friend, Bishop William J. Barber II. Five years ago, he married O'Linda Watkins, President of Moore County NAACP Branch.

VP Pence Failed Pres. Trump's Loyalty Test

January 6, 2021

- 11:50 am Thousands of white men at President Trump's Save America Rally heard his exhortation: "...and after this, we're going to walk down there, and I'll be there with you, we're going to walk down . . . to the Capitol and we are going to cheer on our brave senators and congress[people.]"
- 12:55 pm VP Pence wrote, "I do not have authority to decide which electoral votes to accept or reject." Then he joined House and Senate members in the large House Chamber to carry out his Constitutional task at 1 pm.
- 2:24 pm Trump tweeted: "Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones."
- 1:10-1:18 pm Hundreds of Breach-Mob members arrived at the foot of the Capitol Steps. Seeing only about a dozen Capitol Police at the top of the steps, within seconds the Mob had rushed the police before they could secure the Capitol Doors. A second Breach-Mob ran to the side of the rotunda and used internal confederates letting down scaling ropes to breach a second front.
- 1:18 pm Capitol Police issued a Lock Down Order: "Internal Security Threat. Move Inside Office/ Lock Doors, Seek Cover and Remain Silent."
- 1:18 pm Pres. Trump and family members enjoyed watching the Breach on White House TV.
- 1:18 pm Democratic leaders Pelosi, Hoyer and Schumer called Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. Rep. Hoyer told Gov. Hogan the leaders had been "spirited off to an undisclosed bunker, and the Capitol Police were overwhelmed." Hogan told Hoyer he was trying to send the Maryland National Guard, but was being denied by the Department of Defense, and the same was true of D.C. Mayor Bowser.
- 1:18 pm-4:04 pm Ten Capitol Police were left to die and be beaten during what appears to be an intentional delay in releasing nearby reinforcements, before "acting" Secretary of Defense Chris Miller finally released the hold on them. During the 2-hour or more delay, the violent Breach-Mob took over Statuary Hall that separates the House and Senate.
- 1:46 pm Rep. Elaine Luria tweeted Trump's supporters "are trying to force their way into the Capitol."
- 2:11 pm Breach-Mob was joined by a second column of trained assault mob, with confederates inside helping it scale a vertical wall and enter through open windows.
- 2:22 pm VP Pence was escorted from the chamber, as threats to kill him are chanted.
- 2:24 pm Trump tweeted: "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones which they were asked to previously certify. USA demands the truth!"
- 2:38 pm Trump tweeted: "Please support our Capitol Police and Law Enforcement. They are truly on the side of our Country. Stay peaceful!"
- 2:38 pm-3:03 pm Several murderous attacks are surfacing of Breach-Mob violently assaulting Police. Respiratory hoods were issued for fire-chemical protection. "Shots fired," texted by Republican Congressman.
- 3:13 pm Trump tweeted, "I am asking for everyone at the U.S. Capitol to remain peaceful. No violence! Remember, WE are the Party of Law & Order - respect the Law and our great men and women in Blue. Thank you!"
- 3:34 pm CBS reported a member of the Breach-Mob was in critical condition after being shot in the neck.
- 3:51 pm & 4:04 pm D.C. and Maryland get permission to send their respective National Guards the few blocks that separated their jurisdictions from the Capitol grounds
- 4:17 pm Trump issued a video of his reading a message to the Breach-Mob: "I know your pain. I know you're hurt. We had an election that was stolen from us. It was a landslide election and everyone knows it, especially the other side. But you have to go home now. We have to have peace. We have to have law and order. . . . So go home. We love you. You're very special. . . . I know how you feel. But go home and go home in peace."
- 5:00 pm The DC reinforcements quickly restore Order. Leaders decided to clean their larger Chamber and proceed with the Pence-led ceremonial acceptance of the State's Electoral Votes. Several Republicans continued to insist that Trump had won and kept everyone at work from 7 pm Wednesday to 3 am Thursday morning.



GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Get those coins right!

It is the beginning of a new year and if the goal is to let this be the last year you renew a lease, then your attention must be on budgeting. Even though some have not received their last year's tax refunds yet, it's about to be tax refund time again. Those stimulus checks are rolling out. The company bonuses are being distributed. So many ways families are about to get an increase, and all I can say is that you must Save, Save, Save to start the home-buyer process.

Let me remind you that there are 4 pots of money you must be aware of when purchasing so you can get those finances in formation and go Get That Deed for your family. When buying a home, there are 4 pots of money you need to prepare for. Also, you must make sure all monies you plan to use for the purchase, that can be tracked as to where it came from. Do not put ran-

dom cash in the accounts, unless you can prove where it came from with a paper trail. That includes gift funds from family. They must show bank statements for 60 days showing they had money in the account to give. Proving,



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tracking where the money came from is called "Sourcing Funds." So, start keeping good deposit habits because the lender will require the last 60 days of bank statements. Any monies in there prior to 60 days will not be questioned. Let me break this down a bit more so you can get yourself prepared. When purchasing a home there are 4 pots of monies you will need, and the bank wants to know if you have enough money to com-

plete the purchase. These monies can be either come from your bank account, 401k account, gift funds from family, Organization, or Non-profits.

(1) DOWNPAYMENT: Depending on the loan program you are applying for, you may or may not have a down payment. There are several 100% financing options out here so definitely see if you can qualify for one of them. Otherwise, the next most popular for 1st-time buyers is an FHA loan with a 3.5% down payment or a Conventional 3% down payment.

(2) PREPAIDS: This is a collection of fees like Earnest deposit/Due diligence fees (upfront monies paid to take home you like off the market so no one else will get it). NOTE: There is no set amount in NC what those fees should be, it's negotiable but lately I'm seeing about \$1000+.

(PS. If all goes well and you make it to the closing table, then both Earnest deposit and Due diligence fee will be applied towards whatever closing cost you owe at the end) .. Then home/pest inspections to make sure home doesn't have any major problems, that's \$400-450, and bank appraisal, this gives the bank a certified report from an appraiser certifying the home is worth the amount of money you are asking the bank to lend for it, that's \$550-600.

(3) CLOSING COST: The closing cost will be paid at the end of the transaction at the closing table. These fees are a buyer's responsibility but can get help at times from the seller, just case by case. These fees are lender fees, Attorney fees, 1-yr insurance paid up front, the start of the tax/insurance escrow account, etc. The closing cost varies depending on the loan,

price of the house, etc but typically they can range between \$5000-7000. The good news is that a Realtor can try to negotiate for the seller to pay some of this but when a home is very popular and have multiple offers coming in, the less you ask the seller to pay, the stronger your chances are of outbidding your competition.

(4) RESERVE: are funds that will be left in your account after the down payment, prepaid and closing cost are out of it. The bank wants to know that you have at least 2-3 months of the new mortgage amount left in case you can't work for some reason. All they care about is if they give you this money, will they get paid, afterward.

Now I know this is a lot of funds to come up with but here is where pre-planning and budgeting will come in. As stated, if you have a 401K or other assets that could be sold to get funds you need to

purchase, all these things will help you. Your other option is gift funds. Lenders will allow immediate family members to give you funds for any of these pots of money, but those relatives must be willing to prove that they had the money in their bank accounts for at least 60 days prior to giving you the funds. Relatives must also sign a statement saying the funds are indeed a gift and you are not expected to pay them back. Sit down, strategize, and get your monies up and then go ahead and Get That Deed.

Until next time, please share this information with at least 3 people, and reach out for your free game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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Full Belly Project lives on in New Economic and Workforce Development Scholarship at CFCC

WILMINGTON, NC — The Cape Fear Community College Foundation is among the five organizations to receive funds from the Full Belly Project after the local nonprofit, dedicated to developing simple tools to improve lives around the world, announced its dissolution this past December.

Fully Belly Project's gift to CFCC of \$10,000 established the Full Belly Project Technology, Innovation, Service and Agriculture (TISA) Scholarship for CFCC Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) students. The scholarship is now available to students in CFCC's EWD programs who live in Wilmington's Youth Enrichment Zone (YEZ) and/or are a participant in or graduate of the Voyage program (formerly known as the Blue Ribbon Commission). This scholarship will reimburse students for registration fees and up to \$500 annually in books and supply fees (\$250 per

semester). CFCC Career Readiness Coordinator, Buc Brownlie proposed the idea of a scholarship to the Board at Full Belly Project, providing the opportunity for a unique and long-lasting way to support the community and honor the legacy of this important community organization.

CFCC's Economic and Workforce Development division provides job training and career readiness opportunities for Cape Fear region citizens. With program offerings such as diesel mechanics, truck driver training, welding, and more, CFCC's EWD division offers over 730 classes to thousands of students annually to assist those looking to improve their lives through education and training. The Full Belly TISA Scholarship will support students in these short-term, high-impact programs, ensuring that more under-supported students are given full access to these life-changing programs.

"The Full Belly Project want-

ed to leave a lasting legacy of local impact. Fortunately, in working with the CFCC Foundation, we could do that through the TISA scholarship's creation and initial funding. The empowerment of local communities has been key to the Full Belly mission. We understand just how important continuing education is to building resilient communities with relevant skills in today's economy. We hope that our longtime supporters, and the community in general, will help to continue this scholarship program in perpetuity through future giving," says Dr. Lesley Daspit, Board Chair of the Full Belly Project.

"We are honored that the Fully Belly Project has chosen CFCC as a recipient of these proceeds and are delighted to be able to build upon the legacy that it began in Wilmington," said Shane Fernando, CFCC Vice President of Advancement and the Arts.



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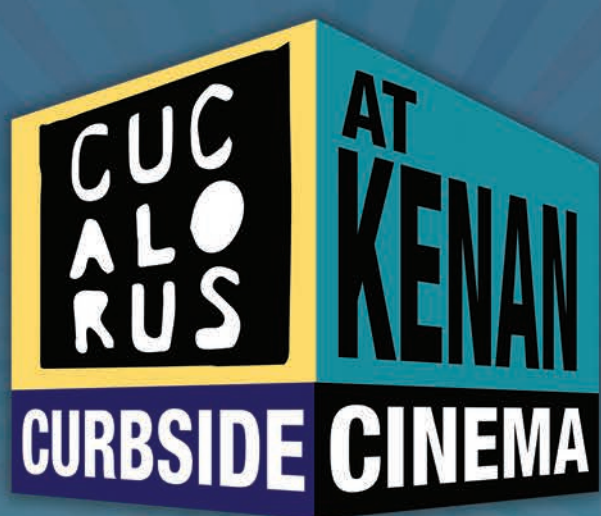
From left to right are Shane Fernando, CFCC Vice President for Advancement and the Arts; Logan Thompson, CFCC Director of Philanthropy; and Dr. Lesley Daspit, Board Chair of the Full Belly Project.

The Full Belly TISA Scholarship was created with a single \$10,000 gift from the Full Belly Project, but with the community's support, the scholarship can live on fore-

er. The public is invited to support the Full Belly TISA Scholarship — especially those members of the community who so strongly supported the good work of the

Full Belly Project in the past. Donors may contribute to the CFCC Foundation, honoring the Full Belly Project's incredible legacy by visiting cfcc.edu/give.

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UNCW Public Health Assistant Professor Sabrina Cherry receives prestigious Peace Corps Award

UNCW Assistant Professor Sabrina Cherry has won the 2020 Franklin H. Williams Award. The Franklin H. Williams Award recognizes ethnically diverse returned Peace Corps volunteers who demonstrate a lifelong commitment to civic engagement, service, diversity, inclusion and world peace to the Peace Corps' Third Goal of promoting a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. Cherry is one of six recipients of the award.

"The awards spotlight the commitment of these champions of service, those who unselfishly put others before themselves," Director Jody Olsen said at the virtual event. "We celebrate those whose journeys of service often began with their own service as Peace Corps Volunteers."

Cherry has worked for nearly 20 years in public health. Her professional experience started as a Peace Corps volunteer in The Gambia, West Africa from 2001-03. She realized her love for the field of public health while living and serving in Gambia, where she focused on creating sustainable income for women. To this day, community-based work is at the center of what she does, and her work continues to be shaped by diversity, as well as equity.

As a public health practi-

tioner, Cherry collaborated on community health needs assessments for the Greater Atlanta affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure and two rural Georgia hospitals; provided technical assistance to faith-based mini-grant recipients in Southwest Georgia; and worked on a food insecurity and medication-adherence pilot study for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Cherry joined the public health faculty at the College of Health and Human Services in 2017.

"Peace Corps remains the gift that keeps giving," Cherry said. "At UNCW, I use my experience as a volunteer to encourage students to travel-if even domestically, study abroad, pursue nontraditional routes of post graduate education and training and learn about other cultures. Receiving this award 20 years after I submitted my Peace Corps application is an honor and a reminder of the work we get to do in fulfilling the third goal of the U.S. Peace Corps: to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. What a timely reminder to recommit to the understanding of other people."

Cherry earned a Master of Science Public Health (MSPH) degree from the University of South Carolina, a Master of Theological

Studies (MTS) from Emory University and a Doctorate of Public Health (DrPH), as well as a Certificate in Interdisciplinary Qualitative Research from the University of Georgia.

"Dr. Cherry's focus on real-world public health issues embodies the College of Health and Human Services' vision of enhancing health and the quality of life of local and global communities," School of Health and Applied Human Sciences Director Steve Elliott said. "Dr. Cherry doesn't just talk the talk; she walks the walks. She is an inspiration and role model to our students who have seen how she is able to infuse her Peace Corp experiences into her teaching, scholarship and community engaged service work. She is very deserving of this award and we are extremely proud of her."

"Way to go Dr. Cherry," CHHS Dean Charles Hardy said. "I was so happy to be able to attend the 2020 Award Ceremony. She is truly a public service hero."

The Peace Corps sends Americans with a passion for service abroad on behalf of the United States to work with communities and create lasting change. Volunteers develop sustainable solutions to address challenges in education, health, community economic development, agri-



UNCW ASSISTANT PROFESSOR SABRINA CHERRY

culture, the environment and youth development. Through their Peace Corps experience, volunteers gain a unique cultural understand-

ing and a lifelong commitment to service that positions them to succeed in today's global economy. Since President John F. Kennedy


established the Peace Corps in 1961, more than 240,000 Americans of all ages have served in 141 countries worldwide.

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As we pause to remember Martin Luther King Jr. and his achievements, let's also remember that it's our turn to carry the torch in realizing Rev. Dr. King's vision of justice, equality and peace for all.


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Please note, *The Wilmington Journal* will be closed for business on Monday, January 18th in honor of the

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



A LEGACY TO CELEBRATE

Tywan Parsley

Tywan Parsley died December 30, 2020. Graveside service was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Melba Lockwood

Melba Lockwood died December 31, 2020. Graveside service was held on Friday, January 8, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Melba was born in Tela, Honduras on July 4th, 1935 to loving parents, Levi Christopher & Hyacinth Hylton. Melba was the 6th of 10 children, who all loved and supported each other. Life in Tela was far from extravagant, but the family worked hard to ensure everyone was cared for. At the age of 7 Melba lost her mother. This tragic loss drew the family closer together and that bond has never been broken. At the age of 21, Melba gave birth to her first daughter, Lorna. The Hylton Family decided to relocate to the United States in order to provide opportunities not available in Honduras. The Family came to the United States in small groups, as resources did not allow them to travel together. In 1957 Melba, and her sister Pearl, arrived in the U.S., and along with Melba's eldest sibling Berzil, found an apartment at 450 Logan Street in Brooklyn New York. One night at a social event, Melba met the love of her life, Ronald Lockwood, a New York City bus driver from Brooklyn. On April 21, 1961, they were married by Ronald's Father, the Reverend George B. Lockwood, at the family home in Queens. After the marriage, they moved into the same building Melba shared with her sisters on Logan Street. There the family grew with the births of Regina, Rhonda, and Ronald Jr. Shortly after the birth of their youngest child, they moved to Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Over the next 19 years Melba created a beautiful, loving home where family and friends were all welcomed with love, laughter, food and conversation. In 1983, Melba and Ronald moved to Wilmington, North Carolina to enjoy retirement in the house they had built on the waterfront in Seabreeze. The house quickly turned into a home where many gatherings filled with food, music, conversation, laughter and countless games of spades, bid whist and dominoes were enjoyed by all. Especially rememberable was when her niece Sandra Mitchell and lifelong friend Grady Hampton made their yearly visit and also when her sister Marva Murray and her husband Carlos made their many visits. Melba was always happiest when she was surrounded by her family and friends. In between the many visits, Melba and Ronny sailed the high seas and enjoyed a total of 18 cruises. Those were her most cherished moments. Her caring and love for family radiated like the warmth of the sun on a Spring day. After the passing of her husband in 2010, Regina and her husband, Ron, moved in with Melba to comfort her and assist in maintaining the property. Deeply grieving the loss of her husband, Melba's family and friends did all they could to comfort her. While the grief impacted her terribly, she always showered her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and siblings with

the love and admiration which she seemed to have in endless quantities. In 2014 Melba sold her home and moved with Regina and her husband to Charlotte, North Carolina. A few years later she moved with her daughter, Rhonda, in Brooklyn, New York. Then in February 2020 Melba moved back to Charlotte where Regina was able to care for her until her demise. Melba Lockwood, age 85, passed away on December 31, 2020 at the Charlotte Medical Center Main. Her last days were filled with love, care and laughter.

Left to honor Melba and remember her are her four children, Lorna and her husband (John Saltibus), Regina and her husband (Ronald Key), Rhonda Lockwood, and Ronald Jr. and his wife (Merle Lee-Lockwood); eight grandchildren, Chevonne, Sheena, Carol, Bercia, Charene, Nicole, Joseph, and Jade; nine great-grandchildren, NeShawn, N'yaia, Ayame, Jaden, Niyi, Amillianna, Kahil, Jeremiah, and Samya; brother, Wesley (John); and sisters, Gloria, Marva, Pearl; and many nieces and nephews, all of which Melba loved dearly. Melba was preceded in death by her beloved husband, her parents, & brothers and sisters; Betty, Tony, Henry, Berzil, Lilla. Melba will always be remembered as a shining light, a warm soul, a lover of music and dancing, and a dedicated wife and mother, loved by all. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Linwood Austin

Linwood Austin died December 31, 2020. Graveside service was on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Linwood "Lin" was born on May 14, 1931 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Willie Mae Austin and Joe Cooper. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System. As a young man, he moved to Detroit, Michigan, joining the US Army and serving in Korea from June 1951 to June 1953 and receiving an honorable discharge.

Linwood is survived by: his wife, Cynthia Austin; son, Carl Story of Detroit, MI; stepson, Jermaine (Shonta) of Wilmington, NC; eight grandchildren, James, Vivian, Otis, Angela, Ashley, Cynthia, Cologeno, and Rodney; ten great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Kah'si, Amari, Jalaya, Dorisel, Jason, Alaiaz, Aniya, Madison, and Kaden; sister, Louise Brown of Wilmington, NC; six sisters-in-law, Annie Ruth (Rev. Larry) Smith, Mary Lillie, Margie (John), Robinson, Claudette, Barbara (William) Toney and Florence; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including special friends, George Hill and William Toney. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie Simpson, Jr.

Willie Simpson, Jr., died January 1, 2021. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Willie was born on May 7, 1937 to the late Willie and Viola Simpson in Pender County, NC. He was respectfully known as "Mr. Willie" and affectionately known as "Buddy" to all. In 1958, Willie married Catherine Clark and had 5 loving children. He

worked in various positions before starting his own business as a mechanic. For over 40 years, Simpson's Garage specialized in automatic transmission and engine rebuilding. He was known as one of the best mechanics in Pender County. Later in life, Willie accepted Christ and became a member of St. Matthews United Holiness Church of Burgaw, NC where he became a Deacon. He dedicated his life to Christ, his family and his love for automobiles.

Willie Simpson, Jr. departed this life on Friday, January 1, 2021. He was preceded in death by his sister, Thelma Miller and brother, Winfred Simpson (Mary). He leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Lee Simpson (Laverne); four daughters, Jennene Hewett, Carolyn Spencer (Johnny), Carolyn Flowers and Laura El-Amin (Daawud); grandchildren, Latasha Simpson, Martez Simpson, Bryan Faulcon, Ronta Brown, Erica Saldivar, Alexis Hawkins (Phillip) and Alexander Smith; great-grandchildren, Toni Foye, Taylor James, Gloria Flowers, Bryson Faulcon and Mila Hawkins; sisters, Mae Ola Simpson and Doris Woodie (Freddie) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Tonia DeBose

Tonia DeBose died January 3, 2021. Memorial service was held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Clarence Wrenn

Clarence Wrenn died January 6, 2021. Services were held on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ernestine Simpson

Ernestine Simpson died January 8, 2021. Graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at John's Chapel Cemetery, Castle Hayne, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ursula Peoples

Ursula Peoples died January 9, 2021. Graveside service will be held 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery. Visitation is from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021 at Shaw. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ernest H. Bellamy

Ernest H. Bellamy, age 79, of Supply passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Bellamy's life was held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia. Interment followed at Galloway Cemetery.

His love and memories will be held in the hearts of his children, Natalie Bellamy of Supply and Jonathan Bellamy (Kishawna) of Shallotte; sister, Martha Davis (Ivory Davis, Sr.) of Forestville, MD. 5 grandchildren and a host of other family 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.

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Harvie B. Hooper

Harvie B. Hooper, age 61, of Navassa, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his siblings; Johnny A. Mosley of Wilmington and Lori Ann Mosley of Raleigh 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.

Daryl I. McDonald

Daryl I. McDonald, age 68, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his children; Jacqueline Thomas (Baylis) and Daryl McDonald, Jr. both of Ontario, CA; brother, Anthony "Tony" McDonald of Detroit, MI; nephews, Pookie and Marlon; niece, Iteeah (John); first cousins, Carol Young, Charles (Lula) and Veronica Lacewell 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.

Boyd W. Battle

Boyd W. Battle, age 78, of Riegelwood, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2021. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church Cemetery.

Boyd Winfield Battle was born on January 22, 1942 in Columbus County, North Carolina to the late Beulah Mae Waddell and Samuel J. Battle. He was reared

in the Armour community.

Boyd attended Mount Pleasant African Methodist Episcopal Zion in Riegelwood, North Carolina. He was a faithful member. He graduated from Armour High School in 1959. After graduation Boyd moved to Brooklyn, New York.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers: Lemuel and Samuel and one sister, Gwen.

Boyd leaves to cherish his precious memories: his two aunts, Lossie Lanear W. Burgess and Emily Ruth Waddell (Morse, deceased); one great uncle, Al Sutton (Martha); a nephew, Johnathan Ellison 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.

Thomas E. Dortch

Thomas E. Dortch, age 84, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 1311 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, NC. 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.

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TELL SOMEBODY

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." Psalm 33:12

Trust - Confident expectation in something or someone

The United States of America is a blessed nation. History shows us that there were God fearing men who used their influence openly with the intention of placing America under the divine protection of God, by putting the name of God in full public view. In July of 1956, the 84th. Congress passed a joint resolution which was approved

by President Dwight Eisenhower. As President, he signed into law the inscription which required , "In God We Trust" to appear on American currency both paper and coin. The first paper money was printed in 1957.

The constitutionality of this law had been in question, but federal courts have consistently upheld this national motto. In God We Trust. The Preamble to the



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"In God We Trust"

Declaration of Independence gave honorable mention to God, our "Creator", who has endowed us with certain unalienable rights among which are Life, Liberty, and pursuit of Happiness. Proverbs 3:5,6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Morality and faith in God cannot be legislated into the hearts of men, but godly influence has gone a long way in paving a path for our nation's prosperity. God has shed his grace and his mercy on America many times over, and we should give him the glory for his goodness toward

us. Trusting in God, and acknowledging him in prayer, praise, and worship, has made America great! Our nation's forefathers also had the wisdom and godly reverence to consider the poor, the needy, We are not without fault, and because of Jesus Christ, we are not without hope.

We as a nation can do better spiritually, socially, economically, and politically. Our strength lies in our unity. The fact remains, that countless Believers still embrace, "In God We Trust" as a statement of faith, and not just a national, slogan or motto.

There is a short poem inscribed on a plaque at The

Statue of Liberty which reads, "Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Proverbs 19:17 shows that kindness to the poor, gets God's attention and his favor. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.' We all know our nation is not perfect in all our ways. Yet we are a nation of givers exercising kingdom principles of reciprocity (reaping and sowing) (giving and sharing) . We have generously poured aid to the needy not only in America but also countless countries around the globe.

We also enjoy freedom of religion. We have so many

ways and so many opportunities to praise, worship, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, because we believe in our hearts, without a doubt these words..... "In God We Trust." Tell Somebody!

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A WORD FROM THE LORD

The call to repentance! The Hypocrisy of a Nation and the hypocrisy of the Church to condone behavior that's anti-God and secondly anti-America leads to the downfall or the destruction of the society, if not corrected. Let's defined hypocrisy, the pretense of virtue; failure to follow one's own expressed moral principles. It is the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform. "Prov. 14:34, (KJV) Righteousness exalts a nation. Sin brings disgrace to a nation. Psalms 9:17, (KJV) 17The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God. The Problem or conditions are perpetuated when men and women and their leaders fail to live by the standards of the Word of God. America and its political parties are becoming more anti-God. This kind of behavior is described in the Bible and the downfall of one of the greatest nations in the

world. Listen as God described this nation as an example for the nations of the world and especially America.

Isaiah 1:2-7 (KJV)2Hear, O heavens, and give ear; O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. 3The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider: 4Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. 5Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. 6From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds,



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The call to repentance!

and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. The call to repentance: Vs.16-20, "16Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. 18Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." "For the most part, politicians and rulers at every level of government-whether kings, governors, presidents, prime ministers, or officials- seek what will best prosper and exalt their nations. In the end, however, only one factor determines whether a nation rises or falls: righteousness. Nations that follow God's

standards-that are governed by His Holy Word-are great nations. Countries that embrace selfishness and sin over righteousness suffer disgrace and shame. World history repeatedly proves this to be true. The most obvious illustration is Israel. When Israel obeyed and followed God, she became the greatest nation on the face of the earth. But when she forsook God for idols and all manner of sins, she fell. To this day, Israel has yet to be restored to her former glory. And, sadly, Solomon, the king who wrote this proverb, actually set Israel's decline in motion. This emphasizes the critical importance of individual righteousness and responsibility. Israel had reached her peak of greatness during Solomon's reign but then began her downward slide when the king stooped to living in brazen and unrestrained immorality with 1,000 women. To make matters even worse, Solomon exposed his nation to the false gods of all these foreign women." (POSB-C) "Keep therefore and do

them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statute and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?" (De.4:6-8). Jeremiah 5:18-24 (KJV) "18Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you. 19And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours. 20Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, 21Hear now this, O foolish people, and without under-

standing; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: 22Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which has placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? 23But these people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. 24Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest." Father, in the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ, forgive us of our failure to trust you rather the man who have not the knowledge of your word in their hearts and lives. Amen. Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

Coup d'état or Insurrection – What's Good for the Goose...

"Our nation was founded precisely so that the free choice of the American people is what shapes our self-government and determines the destiny of our nation – not fear, not force, but the peaceful expression of the popular will." Republican Senator Mitch McConnell – Jan 6, 2021 "This temple to democracy was desecrated, its windows smashed, our offices vandalized...I want to be very clear: Those who performed these reprehensible acts cannot be called protesters – no, these were rioters and insurrectionists, goons and thugs, domestic terrorists." Democratic Senator Charles Schumer – Jan 6, 2021 Wednesday, January 6 in Washington, D.C. began with Trump supporters attending a demonstration at the Ellipse. Trump's supporters had been convinced by lies spun by the right-wing media, Republican lawmakers and the President that they were the victims of election fraud, aka "The Big Lie". Protesters came to the demonstration to object to the joint session of Congress that was convening to perform the pro forma task of counting electoral votes and confirming that President-elect Joe Biden won the Nov. 3 election. Trump and members of his entourage spoke to the crowd, inciting them to take action. Trump Jr. directed his ire at

Republican members of Congress who did not back "The Big Lie" with his warning: "We're coming for you". The president once again called the election "this egregious assault on our democracy," and directed those in attendance to "walk down to the Capitol." As the crowd made its way to the Capitol steps it became a riotous insurrectionist conflagration. They breached the Capitol doors and made their way into Statutory Hall, some waving the Confederate flag. From there, they made their way onto the floor of the Senate in an attempted coup d'état. Their stated intent was to prevent the Senate from performing its constitutional obligation of certifying the winner of the election. Five people died as a result of this treasonous insurrection, one of which was a Capitol Police officer, Brian Sicknick. Some members of Congress described the insurrection as a coup. "Coup" is an abbreviation for the French term "coup d'etat". A coup d'etat, is the forceable removable of an existing government outside of the bounds of the legal structure of the country, by a political faction, a military, or a dicta-



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tor usually through violent means. Senator Warren (D-Mass.) Tweeted: "The violence at the Capitol today was an attempted coup and act of insurrection..." Representative Markey (D-MA) Tweeted, "Donald Trump is responsible for today's coup at the Capitol and the attack on our government and democracy..." This was an insurrection, defined as a violent uprising against an authority or government. The language of the President and members of his entourage such as Don, Jr. and the President's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani was seditious, conduct or speech inciting people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch. The attack on the Capitol was in fact an attempted coup d'état, an act of domestic terrorism. To quote Senator Schumer, "Those who performed these reprehensible acts cannot be called protesters – no, these were rioters and insurrectionists, goons and thugs, domestic terrorists." These acts were horrific, inexcusable and all of those involved; even the members of Congress such as Senator Ted Cruz who contributed to the incitement of the perpetrators should be punished. But, here's the real question, if what Senator McConnell says is true (and it is), "...the free choice of the American people is what shapes our self-government and determines the destiny of

our nation – not fear, not force, but the peaceful expression of the popular will..." and if what just transpired in our capitol desecrated the American "temple to democracy" as Schumer said (and it did), then under what authority (moral or otherwise) does the American government have the right to foment, finance, back, instigate and execute coup's against democratically elected governments in other countries? What's good for the goose should be good for the gander. In 1953 in Iran the US executed a coup d'état that overthrew of the democratically elected Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh, replacing him with the monarchical rule of the Shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. This was done in order to ensure the West's access to Iranian oil. In an effort to generate more revenue from Iran's oil resource and raise the standard of living for his people, Mosaddegh wanted to charge crocodile tears about the more money per barrel. The West refused to pay and the CIA fomented the coup that removed him from power. In 1954 in Guatemala the CIA backed a coup d'état that deposed the democratically elected Guatemalan President Jacobo Árbenz on behalf of the United Fruit Company (UFC). President Árbenz introduced a minimum wage and near-universal suffrage, turning Guatemala into a democracy. The UFC was opposed to paying higher

wages and higher taxes on revalued land, so they appealed to President Eisenhower to have Árbenz overthrown. Eisenhower obliged. In more recent history, the US attempted a coup d'état to remove democratically elected Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in 2002. Chavez was removed from power for 47 hours before having his presidency restored. As with Iran, Venezuela's oil supply was the motivation for the attempted coup. In 2019 in Bolivia, Evo Morales, the first indigenous president of Bolivia, was overthrown by the military in a US backed coup. In Venezuela in 2020 a US backed a coup attempted to infiltrate Venezuela by sea and remove democratically elected President Nicolás Maduro from office. The self-righteous American indignation exhibited by elected officials such as Pelosi, Schumer, McConnell, et al as they cry crocodile tears about the insurrection targeted against this government is hypocrisy. It rings hollow when all of them have voted for and expressed their support of American interventionist activities against other democratically elected sovereign governments and leaders simply because the US is opposed to socialist democracies. It's not just the elected officials that display this hypocrisy; it's also American mainstream media as well. Here's a message to the mes-

sengers. As the late great Gil Scott Heron wrote, if you know enough to transmit information, be sure you know the real deal about past situations and ain't just repeating what you heard on other local TV stations. Sometimes they tell lies and put them in a truthful disguise. But the truth is, that's why we said the revolution wouldn't be televised. The attack on the capitol was a treasonous, seditious attack on American democracy. But, as we call the perpetrators of this heinous act, rioters and insurrectionists, goons, thugs and terrorists ask yourself; how do Libyans, Yemini's and Syrians view Americans as we have been involved in ongoing campaigns to overthrow their governments? If we are outraged at what took place at and in the US Capitol, we should be just as outraged at what our elected officials are doing to other capitols in our name and with our tax dollars. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Dr. Wilmer Leon is the Producer/ Host of the nationally broadcast call-in talk radio program "Inside the Issues with Leon," on SiriusXM Satellite radio channel 126. Go to www.wilmerleon.com or email: wjl3us@yahoo.com. www.twitter.com/drwlleon and Dr. Leon's Prescription at Facebook.com © 2021 InfoWave Communications, LLC

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